

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2725**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2025/ AGRAHAYANA 25, 1947
(SAKA)**

SMUGGLING OF NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the use of narcotic substances is increasing in the country;**
- (b) whether the incidents of smuggling of narcotic substances and seizures of major consignments are on the rise during the last five years;**
- (c) whether the problems like social alienation and mental health on the rise due to use of narcotic substances; and**
- (d) whether the Government is serious about such problems and if so, the steps taken to tackle this?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

- (a) To assess and know the magnitude of the problem of substance use in the country, a comprehensive national level Survey on the 'Magnitude of Substance Abuse in India' was conducted by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E) through National Drug Dependence Treatment Center (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi which was published in 2019. As per**

the Survey, the Prevalence (in %) and estimated number of adults and children who are users of various psychoactive substances is as under:

Substance	Children & Adolescents (10-17 years)		Adults (18-75 years)	
	Prevalence (in %)	Estimated no. of users	Prevalence (in %)	Estimated no. of users
Cannabis	0.90	20,00,000	3.30	2,90,00,000
Opioids	1.80	40,00,000	2.10	1,90,00,000
Sedatives	0.58	20,00,000	1.21	1,10,00,000
Cocaine	0.06	2,00,000	0.11	10,00,000
ATS	0.18	4,00,000	0.18	20,00,000
Hallucinogens	0.07	2,00,000	0.13	20,00,000

Source: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

(b) As per latest data published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) pertaining to the year 2023, the total quantity of drug seized during 2019 to 2023 is as under: -

Year	Quantity of Drug seized		
	Kgs	Nos	Ltrs
2019	1111646.073	20849422	11735699.605
2020	1316767.239	59255051	1104231.997
2021	1137145.702	48412687	895626.337
2022	2080575.536	17490971	4640749.099
2023	1035540.089	20905286	1969579.414

Source: Crime in India (NCRB).

(c) & (d) The Government is taking various measures to tackle the issue of use of narcotic substances, some of which are as under: -

(i) A National Narcotics Helpline No. 1933 “Madak-Padarth Nished Asoochna Kendra” (MANAS) has been created a 24x7 toll-free National Narcotics Call Centre helpline. Accordingly, MANAS has been envisioned as an integrated system providing a single platform for citizens to log, register, track and resolve drug related issues/problems through various modes of communication like call, SMS, Chat-bot, e-mail & web-link.

(ii) A Toll-free Helpline No.14446 for de-addiction is operated for providing primary counseling and immediate assistance to persons seeking help. Till date more-than 4.30 lakh calls have been received on the Toll-free Helpline for de-addiction.

(iii) Launched Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in all districts of the country. It has reached out to more than 24.9 crore people including 8.7 crore youth and 6 crore women.

(iv) Government is providing financial assistance to 349 Integrated Rehabilitation Centers for Addicts (IRCAs), 45 Community based Peer Led Intervention (CPLI) Centers, 76 Outreach and Drop In Centers (ODICs), 154 Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs), 139 District De-addiction Centres (DDACs) across the country.

(v) Government through its autonomous body National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) and other collaborating agencies like State Counsel of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), etc. provides for regular awareness generation and sensitization sessions for all stakeholders including students, teachers, parents.

(vi) Navchetna Modules, Teachers Training Modules have been developed by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) for sensitizing students (6th – 11th standard), teachers and parents on drug dependence, related coping strategies and life skills.
