

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2698**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2026/ SHRAVANA 13, 1948 (SAKA)

SPECIAL UNIT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKERS

2698. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a special unit of Narcotics Control Bureau in Himachal Pradesh with a view to take prompt action against international drug networks and to check drug peddlers effectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has forwarded any request to the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A Field Office of Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB) is operational in Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) since 21.01.2024. A request from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh was received for augmenting the presence of NCB in Himachal Pradesh due to the growing menace of drug related issues. Further, Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh has also requested to open a NCB Zonal Office at Shimla. Government of India has approved setting

up a Zonal Office of NCB at Shimla on 17.06.2026. The new Zonal Unit is expected to significantly enhance NCB's operational capabilities, improve intelligence collection and inter-agency coordination, facilitate faster response to drug trafficking activities and strengthen enforcement efforts across Himachal Pradesh.
