

Recommendations of NCBC for Creamy Layer

3320. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of recommendations made by National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) with regard to Creamy Layer; and
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the Creamy Layer limit to ₹ 20 lakhs and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) National Commission for Backward Classes has submitted a report on the Creamy Layer in March, 2015 and a supplementary Report in October, 2015 recommending enhancing of the income limit for determining the Creamy Layer besides modification in other determination factors.

- (b) Periodical enhancement of Creamy Layer ceiling is determined on the basis of Consumer Price Index and other relevant factors as may be decided by Cabinet.

Rehabilitation centres for victims of drug abuse

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan currently under consideration of the Government to develop parameters to quantify the consequences of drug abuse in India as drug addiction related suicides are the only reliable all-India statistics to gauge the extent of drug problem;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether drug-related hospital emergency rooms have been established, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is considering establishment of more affordable rehabilitation centres for the victims of drug abuse and if so, what is the total budget earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) and (b) The Ministry has, in August, 2016, assigned the work of conducting the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India to National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi. The survey would, *inter-alia*, provide national and State level estimates of