

children. Some major findings of the study are as that more than 50% children living on the streets reported bad or very bad relationship or no relationship with the family; Tobacco and alcohol were the most common substances used by children, followed by cannabis and inhalants, pharmaceutical opioids, sedatives, heroin and opium and the percentage of inhalant users (lifetime, last one year and last one month) was higher in the children living on the street than in children living at home.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment implements Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse under which financial assistance is provided to eligible Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies etc. for running Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts (IRCA) to provide composite/integrated services for the rehabilitation of addicts including child drug users.

#### **Exemption of fees for competitive exams for women**

‡315. SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that women don't fill forms of various Central and State level competitive exams owing to the fees charged therefor; and

(b) whether Government is contemplating to exempt women from paying fees for all types of competitive exams?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) and (b) Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has informed that in order to encourage women to join Government service, women candidates have been exempted from payment of fees for competitive examinations by conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Ministries/Departments along with its Central Autonomous Bodies under them.

#### **Participation of women workforce**

316. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey by Pro-Eves, a gender diversity consulting firm has

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.