

new guidelines for the purpose of assessing the following specified disabilities in a person on 04.01.2018:

- (i) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
- (ii) blindness and low-vision;
- (iii) deaf and hard of hearing and speech and language disability;
- (iv) intellectual disability and specific learning disabilities;
- (v) mental illness;
- (vi) chronic neurological conditions;
- (vii) haemophilia, thalassemia and sickle cell disease; and
- (viii) multiple disabilities.

(c) and (d) The States/UTs have been advised on 12.01.2018 to follow these new guidelines for issuance of certificate of disability. As regards assessment of autism, they have been advised to follow the guidelines notified by the Ministry on 25.04.2016.

**Status of National survey on the extent and pattern of substance abuse**

2377. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the National Survey on the extent and pattern of substance abuse in the country;

(b) the measures being taken to create awareness among children and youth about substance abuse;

(c) the quantum of funds allocated to the scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse since 2015, year-wise; and

(d) the number of voluntary organisations provided funds under the scheme since then, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) The Ministry has, in the month of 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, AIIMS, New Delhi. The survey will provide national and state-level estimates of

proportion and absolute number of individuals using various drugs and suffering from substance use disorders.

The components of the National Survey include a Household Sample Survey (HSS) in the general population which would cover 6 Lakh individuals in 1.5 Lakh Households in 185 districts of the country. In addition to this, a Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) survey will be conducted in about two-third of the districts selected for the household survey.

At present, HSS data collection is ongoing in 22 States/UTs and RDS Survey data collection has been completed in Punjab and is ongoing in 17 States/UTs.

(b) The Ministry has issued an Advisory on 11.08.2016 to all the States/UTs on combating drug abuse which advises them to prepare an Action Plan which, *inter alia*, includes conducting sensitization and preventive education programmes in schools and colleges throughout the year.

The National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), an autonomous organization under this Ministry, conducts capacity building programmes, sensitization and preventive education programmes in schools and colleges on regular basis. During the year 2016-17, they conducted 54 capacity building and skill development programmes imparting training to 1332 persons. During the year 2016-17, they have also conducted 207 awareness generation programme covering 15516 beneficiaries.

Till now, during the year 2017-18, NISD has conducted 127 capacity building programme imparting training to 4488 persons. They have also conducted 247 awareness generation programmes in various Schools and Universities/Colleges covering 23006 beneficiaries.

Besides, the Ministry has undertaken the following initiatives:

- (i) The Ministry has, in the year 2016, conducted an awareness generation programme, in collaboration with Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY), to create awareness in children and youth about the harmful effects of substance abuse in 156 schools in 22 districts of Punjab covering about 52,800 students.
- (ii) The Ministry organized two Regional Workshops during the year 2015-16, in collaboration with National Service Scheme (NSS), at Shillong and Indore. The Coordinators of NSS from all the North Eastern States, Odisha and West Bengal attended the Workshop at Shillong and NSS Coordinators from Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan attended the Workshop at Indore. The Programme was also attended by a large number of students.

- (iii) The Ministry also uses print, electronic and social media for creating awareness. Information regarding ill-effects of alcoholism and drug abuse is also disseminated in regional languages through the All India Radio programme “Sanwanti Jayen Jeevan Ki Rahen” and also through advertisements in newspapers.
- (iv) The Ministry celebrates the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June every year by holding functions and organizing exhibitions to sensitize the people about the ill effects of drug abuse. National Awards are also conferred to individuals and institutions in order to recognize the efforts and encourage excellence in the field of prevention of substance abuse.
- (v) The Ministry has set up a National Toll Free Drug De-addiction Helpline Number 1800-11-0031 w.e.f. 07.01.2015 to help the victims of drug abuse, their family and society at large. The Helpline has been made functional on 24 x 7 basis w.e.f. March, 2017.

(c) This Ministry implements a “Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse” under which financial assistance is provided to eligible Non-Governmental Organizations, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies etc. for, *inter alia*, running and maintenance of Integrated Rehabilitation Centres for Addicts. The details of funds allocated under this Scheme during the last two years and the current year is given below:—

(₹ in crore)

Sl.No.	Year	BE	RE
1.	2015-16	20.15	36.15
2.	2016-17	35.00	46.00
3.	2017-18	46.00	46.00

(d) The number of voluntary organizations provided funds under the above Scheme during the last two years and the current year is given below:—

Sl.No.	Year	Number of Voluntary Organizations provided funds under the Scheme
1.	2015-16	289
2.	2016-17	35.02620
3.	2017-18 (as on 28.02.2018)	216