

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1897
ANSWERED ON - 10/03/2021

IDENTIFICATION OF DRUG ADDICTS

1897. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR

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

- (a) whether Government had identified persons who consume psychoactive substance pursuant to the finding of the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) No, the Government has not identified persons, who consume psychoactive substances based on the findings of the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use, as the purpose of the survey was to provide estimates of prevalence of Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders in India.

However, Ministry has launched Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) with an aim to create awareness about ill effects of substance use in 272 vulnerable Districts. District Level committees are formed in each District. One of the function of these district level committees is to identify victims and users taking them to rehabilitation centres/Hospitals for Counseling and Treatment. Also, Volunteers are being trained to identify and counsel such persons. The Ministry is putting in place an institutional mechanism to help such persons.
