

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
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DE-ADDICTION CENTRES

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

- (a) whether the consumption of drugs or use of illegal substances; is increasing in the State of Himachal Pradesh ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of de-addiction centres opened by Government in the State of Himachal Pradesh;
- (d) whether Government has any plan to combat drug abuse among the youth in the State of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

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(a) & (b) As per the Comprehensive National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India conducted by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment through National Drug Treatment Centre, (NDDTC), AIIMS in 2018, the Prevalence (in %) and estimated number of adults, who are currently users of various psychoactive substances is as under:

Himachal Pradesh	Age (18-75)	
	PREVALENCE OF USE (%)	ESTIMATED NO. OF USERS
ALCOHOL	10.1	5,31,000
CANNABIS	3.58	1,88,000
OPIOIDS	5.78	3,04,000
SEDATIVES	2.24	1,18,000
INHALANTS	2.91	1,53,000
COCAINE	0.04	2,000
AMPHETAMINES TYPE STIMULANTS	0.01	1,000
HALLUCINOGENS	0.00	-

(c) In the State of Himachal Pradesh, funds have been provided for three (03) Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCAs) at Kullu, Hamirpur and Una, one (01) Community based Peer Led Intervention (CPLI) Centre, Shimla, one (01) District De-Addiction Centre (DDAC), Kangra and one (1) Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF) in the Government hospital, Kullu.

(d) & (e) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is the nodal Ministry for drug demand reduction in the country. To tackle the issue of substance use, this Ministry formulated and is implementing National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) in the country including in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Six (6) Treatment and rehabilitation centres are being given funds under NAPDDR in Himachal Pradesh.

A Toll-free Helpline for de-addiction, 14446 is set up for providing primary counseling and immediate referral services to the persons. Till date, 1391 calls have been received from State of Himachal Pradesh.

Navchetna Modules, teacher training modules have been developed by MoSJE for sensitizing students (6th -11th standard), teachers and parents on drug dependence, related coping strategies and life skills. So far 25 Master Trainers from 05 districts have been trained on the Navchetna Module in Himachal Pradesh.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) was launched on 15th August 2020 by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and is now being implemented in all the districts of the country including all districts of Himachal Pradesh. Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan intends to reach out to the masses and spread awareness about substance use with focus on higher educational Institutions, university campuses & schools, identifying dependent population, focus on counselling & treatment facilities in hospitals & rehabilitation centres and Capacity building programmes for service providers. Following activities have been undertaken under NMBA in the State of Himachal Pradesh:

- i. more than 2.29 lakh people including 34+ thousand youth and 50+ thousand women have been reached out through NMBA.
- ii. Awareness through official Social Media accounts of the Abhiyaan on Twitter, Facebook & Instagram.
- iii. NMBA Mobile Application developed to gather and collect the data of NMBA activities and represent on the NMBA Dashboard at district, state and national level.
- iv. NMBA Website provides detailed information to the user/viewer about the Abhiyaan, an online discussion forum, NMBA dashboard, e-pledge.
