

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO.70  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

**Network of Drug Addiction in Education Campuses**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the network of drug addiction is spreading in the education campuses which is causing several difficulties for the youth in completing their higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the names of the Universities/ University campuses which have been identified by the Government so far as places where drugs are sold and drug addiction is rampant; and
- (d) the various efforts made by the Government to address the issue?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR REPLY ON 23.07.2018 REGARDING NETWORK OF DRUG ADDICTION IN EDUCATION CAMPUSESASKED BY SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV AND SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY.**

(a) to (d): There is no confirmed report to conclude that the network of drug addiction in education campuses is spreading and causing difficulties for the youth in completing their Higher Education. Nevertheless, the Government is committed to create a drug free healthy educational environment in various education campuses. For this purpose, special awareness measures are taken in various educational institutions and especially on 26th June every year on the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to sensitize the students against drug hazards. The Government is creating awareness among the youth through print, electronic and social media besides conducting workshops in education campuses about the harmful effects of drugs.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has framed guidelines on 'Safety of Students on and off Campuses of Higher Educational Institutions'. These guidelines have been issued to all HEIs on 27th January, 2016 and are also available on the UGC Website, [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in). Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) should mandatorily put in place a broad-based "Students Counseling System" for the effective management of problems and challenges faced by students. It should be a unique, interactive and target-oriented system, involving students, teachers and parents, with the resolve to address common student concerns ranging from anxiety, stress, fear of change and failure to homesickness and a slew of academic worries. It should bridge the formal as well as communicative gaps between the students and the institution at large. Teacher counselors, trained to act as the guardians of students at the college level, should remain in close touch with the students though out the year, cater to their emotional and intellectual needs and convey their growth report and feedback on attendance, examination results etc. to their parents at regular intervals of time. Teacher counselors can coordinate with wardens of hostels and exchange personal details of students, academic record and behavior patterns for prompt pre-emptive or corrective action. University-wise details on drug abuse is however, not centrally maintained.

The UGC has issued a circular to all Vice Chancellors on 2nd April, 2013 (details available on [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)) regarding strict adherence to the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition Of Advertisement And Regulation Of Trade And Commerce, Production, Supply And Distribution) Act, 2003 and its Rules i.e. Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008. The UGC circular enjoins upon all concerned inter alia to display boards prominently stating that sale of cigarettes and tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards of the University is strictly prohibited, sensitization of teaching and non-teaching staff of the University and its affiliated Colleges and organizing competitions in promoting a tobacco-free campus. Another circular was also issued on 27th August, 2013 by UGC for implementation of the actionable points of the National Policy on Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS). Para 55 of the NDPS deals with steps to tackle the problem of sale of drug to school and college children.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) 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. MoSJE has issued an Advisory on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 to all the States/UTs on combating drug abuse which, inter-alia, includes preparation of action plan by all States/UTs. MoSJE is undertaking a National level Survey in collaboration with National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in August, 2016. 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 National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), an autonomous organization under MoSJE, conducts capacity building programmes, sensitization and preventive education programmes in schools and colleges on regular basis. MoSJE has been conducting awareness generation programmes, in collaboration with Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) also, to create awareness in children and youth about the harmful effects of substance abuse.

MoSJE celebrates the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26<sup>th</sup> June every year by holding functions and organizing exhibitions to sensitize the people about the ill effects of drug abuse. The Ministry has a Scheme of National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse in order to recognize the efforts and encourage excellence in the field of prevention of substance abuse and rehabilitation of its victims. MoSJE 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.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare runs Drug De-addiction Program (DDAP) under which financial assistance for affordable, easily accessible and evidence-based treatment for all substance use disorders are being provided in some Government hospitals/institutions vis-a-vis National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh and National Institutes of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. Besides these Institutions, 17 Drug Treatment Clinics (DTCs) are established under this Programme through National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC).

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, undertakes series of measures for spreading awareness among the masses. The measures include the following activities:-

- i. Visit of NCB representative to Schools for conducting awareness programmes.
- ii. Display Boards in School Buses, Pubs, Bars and Airports.
- iii. Drug Awareness Programmes at prominent places.
- iv. Rallies, Dramas are conducted regularly in association with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to spread awareness.
- v. SMS alerts of Drug awareness are flashed through mobile service providers.
- vi. Organization of workshops and seminars in coordination with various government agencies and NGOs in the country about ill effects of drug abuse and trafficking.

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