

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Funding of terrorist activities

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that illicit funds generated from the sale of drugs are being used for funding terrorist activities and illegal arms trade;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to tackle this menace; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that our young generation does not fall prey to drug mafias?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a)& (b): Although, no clear terror link has been identified from the illicit funds generated from the sale of drugs however, it has a potential to be used for terror funding and illegal arms trade.

(c): The following steps are being taken by the Government of India to ensure that the young generation does not fall prey to drug mafia:-

(i) Strengthening of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act (NDP S Act 1985) by notifying nine new substances of drug abuse recently.

(ii) Regular destruction operations with additional support of satellite imagery, to detect illicit cultivation of opium poppy and cannabis.

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(iii) Strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points.

(iv) Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes.

(v) Special efforts to deal with drug trafficking by Internet Pharmacy, Methamphetamine Labs, and Courier parcels, etc.

(vi) Financial assistance to eligible States for strengthening their anti-narcotics units.

(vii) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment celebrates International Day against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June every year by holding functions and sensitising people

about the ill effects of drug abuse.

(viii) Bilateral Agreements/ MoUs, MLATS/Extradition treaties with many countries for mutual cooperation and assistance in all drug related matters.

(ix) Spreading awareness among the masses, which inter-alia includes, visit to schools/colleges by Narcotics Control Bureau representatives, display board at public places, SMS alert on drug awareness, involving NGOs in the campaign against drugs etc.

(x) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has set up a National Toll Free Drug De-Addiction Helpline Number 1800-11-0031 to help the victims of drug abuse and their family.
