

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Drugs and narcotic substances network in Telangana

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

(a) whether Government is aware that a large drugs and narcotic substances network was unearthed by Telangana Government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the drugs and narcotic substances are easily available even to school and college students despite stringent laws and safeguards; and

(d) whether Government is considering to revise its policy and ensure safety of school and college children from the menace?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Government is aware about the seizure of Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD), Methylene dioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), Dimethoxybromoamphetamine (DOB), Ganja and Cocaine by the Department of Prohibition and Excise, Government of Telangana. A total of 12 cases have been registered in the matter and 21 persons including 3 foreign nationals have been arrested in these cases from July 2017 to till date.

(c) & (d): Trafficking of Drugs and Narcotic substances takes place inter alia through street peddlers/drug traffickers/courier parcels/chemist shops etc.

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Central and State agencies including State Police take legal action under various provisions of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act- 1985. Further, depending on the necessity, amendments are also made from time to time to strengthen the NDPS Act. Besides, destruction operations of opium and cannabis cultivation are undertaken regularly to control the availability of drugs. Intensive preventive and interdiction efforts are made in the drug prone routes. The Government is creating awareness among the youth through print, electronic and social media besides conducting workshops in schools/colleges about the harmful effects of drugs. In addition, the Government has set up a Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) at Central level to give a platform for all the State Governments, Central agencies and concerned Central Ministries to

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discuss Drug related issues.
