

Calling Attention Notice given by Mr. Surinder Choudhary, Hon'ble MLC.

“To call the attention of the Government towards a matter of urgent public importance namely the situation that has arisen due to rise in activities of drug mafia in J&K State and steps taken by the Government to curb this menace.”

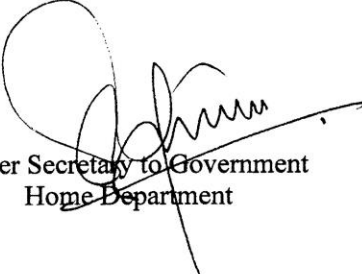
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1. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances continue to have several medical and scientific uses. Their permissible use worldwide is for medical & scientific purposes only. At the same time, these drugs & substances have tremendous potential for abuse. The approach towards Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances is enshrined in Article 47 of the Constitution of India which mandates that the ‘State shall endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption except for medicinal purposes of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health’.
2. The statutory control over narcotic drugs is exercised in the country through a number of Central and State enactments. A comprehensive legislation, “The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985” was enacted on 16th September, 1985. The Act is popularly known as NDPS Act. The NDPS Act prohibits, except for medical and scientific purposes, use, consumption, import inter-state, export inter-state, import into India, export from India, or trans-shipment of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
3. For the effective prevention of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and to provide for detection of persons concerned with it, the State of J&K has enacted a legislation “The Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988”. Section 3 of the said Act, confers power to make orders for detention of certain persons. The orders passed under the Act are required to be referred to the Advisory Board constituted under Section 9 of the Act for its opinion. A person can be detained for a maximum period of two years under the Act.
4. The position of cases registered, number of persons arrested, challaned and convicted during 2014 and 2015 in different districts of the State in connection with sale of various types of Narcotics is as under: -

Year	No. of cases registered	No. of cases challaned	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons prosecuted	No. of persons convicted
2014	400	355	533	504	06
2015	540	393	755	557	06

5. During the current year upto ending April, 2016, 248 cases have been registered, out of which, 115 cases have been challaned.
6. As on 10.05.2016, 38 persons were under preventive detention, in terms of the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988.
7. A number of measures have been taken to tackle the menace of narcotics use in the State. The measures, inter-alia, include: -
 - (i) Conduct of frequent raids/laying of Nakas and surprise checks to nab the persons involved in smuggling of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.
 - (ii) Strict implementation of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and Rules made thereunder.
 - (iii) Holding of Police Community Public Group (PCPG) meetings to brief/educate the participants about the harmful effects of these drugs.
 - (iv) Launching of anti-drug drives and distribution of printing material to generate awareness amongst the public.
 - (v) Organizing anti-drug rallies, sports meets etc.
 - (vi) Youth clubs and Gym Centres have been established with internet facility to channelize the energy of youth in positive and nation building activities.
 - (vii) 04 Drug De-addiction Centres have been established at Srinagar, Jammu, Anantnag and Baramulla by the Police Department where counselling and treatment is given to the addicted persons. A good number of patients have received treatment in these centres. Wide publicity has been made among the general public about these centres.

- (viii) A State Level Apex Committee has been constituted vide Government Order No.397-GAD of 2004 dated 16.03.2004 to eliminate the menace of cultivation of narcotic substances and drug trafficking from the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (ix) District/SDM/Tehsil level Committees consisting of Members from different departments have been constituted to check the menace of drug trafficking drug, addiction and cultivation of opium/Poppy/Bhang etc. in Jammu division.
- (x) Awareness programmes/seminars/rallies & other activities are being organized at district level by the Departments of School Education and Social Welfare and NGOs highlighting the ill effects of consumption of the drugs.
- (xi) The sale/purchase of intoxicating drugs by the Chemists in the market is being monitored by the Drug & Food Control Organization.
- (xii) The Home Department has also constituted a State Reward Committee vide Government Order No.Home-396 (ISA) of 2013 dated 18.09.2013 to consider and sanction reward amount for seizure of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in accordance with the guidelines and reward policy of the Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB).
- (xiii) Necessary precautions by way of conducting patrolling around Schools/Colleges are being taken by District Police to check the use of drugs.
- (xiv) Cultivation of cannabis/poppy is being destroyed by Police/ concerned authorities regularly and persons involved are being booked under relevant law.


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