

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1484**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2020/ PHALGUNA 14, 1941 (SAKA)

STEPS TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING

1484. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two day conference has been organised under the aegis of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for sharing of best practices and trafficking trends in the world;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion held towards combating drug trafficking and its recommendations to control growing drug addictions in the country; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to combat drug trafficking in the various parts of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) organized a 2 day conference on combating of drug trafficking for Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Co-Operation (BIMSTEC) Countries on 13th & 14th Feb, 2020 at New Delhi. All BIMSTEC member countries viz. Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan including India participated in this conference.

(b) Four (04) Thematic sessions and one (01) Technical session were organized during this BIMSTEC Conference and following topics were deliberated during the

Conference:

- Maritime Trafficking of Drugs in the BIMSTEC Region.**
- Production and trafficking of Methamphetamine in BIMSTEC Region.**

- **Drug trafficking and dark net-courier and postal interdictions.**
- **Trafficking of Pharmaceutical Drugs containing Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances. Demand Reduction and Related Measures.**

(C) Government of India has taken various measures and steps at national as well as international fronts to combat drug trafficking in the country:-

- **For coordination among various Central and State Agencies, the Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) mechanism was set up by MHA in the year 2016 to conduct regular meetings with these agencies for effective Drug Law Enforcement. This NCORD system has been restructured into 4 tiers up to district level by MHA on 29 July 2019 for better coordination and cooperation.**
- **To monitor the investigation of large seizure cases, a Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) with Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) as its Chairman has been set up by Govt. of India on 19 July 2019.**
- **Financial assistance under the scheme Assistance to States for Narcotics Control is being provided by MHA to eligible States for strengthening their narcotic units.**
- **To keep check at the land and sea borders, Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Indian Coast Guard have been empowered under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS) for making interdiction of narcotic drugs in remotest and far-flung areas of the Country.**

- **Illicit cultivation is being addressed through use of satellite imagery and subsequent destruction of such crop in coordination with States.**
- **As a part of International co-operation, India has signed 26 Bilateral Agreements, 15 Memoranda of Understanding and, 02 Agreements on Security Cooperation with different countries for combating illicit trafficking of NDPS and Chemical Precursors as well as related offences.**
- **NCB also co-ordinates with various international organizations, such as SAARC Drug Offences Monitoring Desk (SDOMD), BRICS, Colombo Plan, Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD), BIMSTEC, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) etc. for sharing information and intelligence to combat trans-national drug trafficking.**
- **NCB also liaises with various Drug Liaison Officers of other countries such as Drug Enforcement Agency of the United States of America, National Crime Agency of United Kingdom etc for operational information.**
- **NCB organizes International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June every year all over country to spread awareness among the general public/students about the ill effects of drug abuse and drug trafficking.**