

Regarding Need for comprehensive measures to control production and distribution of narcotic and psychotropic substances in Kerala and other parts of the country-Laid

DR. SHASHI THAROOR (THIRUVANANTHAPURAM): I wish to draw the attention of the Hon^{ble} Minister of Home Affairs to the growing menace of illegal production, inter-State trafficking, and organised distribution of psychotropic substances in Kerala, particularly, increasing spread of synthetic drugs. There is a discernible shift in narcotics markets, with manufactured psychotropic substances like MDMA enjoying accessibility previously held by 'gateway' drugs such as cannabis. Official data points to a sharp rise in narcotics and related cases across Kerala over the past five years, with cases peaking in 2025 across multiple hotspots in the State. As per State Crime Records Bureau figures till October 2025, NDPS cases in Thiruvananthapuram rose to 3,882. Recently, in Thiruvananthapuram, seven persons, including a medical graduate and a dental student, were arrested with MDMA and Ganja during a joint operation by District Anti-Narcotics Special Action Force. Investigations revealed that contraband was moved through organised inter-State distribution networks, led by habitual offenders of narcotics trafficking cases. The accused reportedly adopted evasive distribution methods, including in-person transactions and avoidance of digital payment trails. I, therefore, urge the Hon^{ble} Home Minister to take stringent and coordinated measures to dismantle illegal production units and inter-state distribution networks of narcotic and psychotropic substances under the NDPS framework.

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