

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 557**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2026/ MAGHA 15, 1947 (SAKA)

STEPS TO STRENGTHEN ANTI-NARCOTICS UNITS IN BENGALURU

557 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified Bengaluru as a high-risk city for narcotics trafficking and substance abuse;**
- (b) whether Government has taken note of repeated drug seizures in Bengaluru despite ongoing enforcement drives;**
- (c) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of anti-narcotics units operating in Bengaluru city and suburban areas; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to strengthen anti-narcotics units operating in the city, details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b) City-wise data of drug seizures are not being maintained. However, the details of seizures, cases and arrests in Karnataka as reported by all Drug Enforcement Law Agencies to Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) during the year 2022 to 2025 (up to November) is as under: -

Year	Drug seized (in Kg)	Cases	Arrests
2022	8,755	5076	6884
2023	10,810	2738	3843
2024	10,005	1544	2420
2025 (up to Nov.)	6,946	1613	2495

(c) & (d) State Government of Karnataka vide notification dated 02.08.2025 constituted an Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) having 66 sanctioned posts headed by Additional Director General of Police. The “Police” and “Public Order” are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, accordingly, the responsibility to maintain law and order, investigation and prosecution of crimes etc. rests with the State Government. Accordingly, review of functioning of State Anti-narcotics Units working in Bengaluru comes under purview of Government of Karnataka. However, Government of India in various forums like ANTF conferences, NCORD meeting, meetings with State Governments etc. emphasize the need for effective functioning of State Anti-narcotics units and also gives necessary suggestions to all ANTF Units to enable them to improve their performance in the drive against narcotics menace.
