

OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL PUNJAB

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To,

Her Excellency Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister, Punjab.

THROUGH PROPER CHANNEL

Subject: - ESTABLISHMENT ADEQUATE * NUMBERS OF REHABILITATION CENTERS AND A COMPREHENSIVE MECHANISM FOR REGISTRATION OF DRUG ADDICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 52 AND 53 OF THE CONTROL OF NARCOTICS SUBSTANCE ACT, 1997

Whereas, the Section 52 of the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997, clearly stipulates that the provisional governments shall arrange for a comprehensive mechanism for drug addicts and establishment of adequate numbers of rehabilitation centers in their respective province.

Whereas non-curtailing of causation of crime is more dangerous than the commission of crime. The poverty and lack of opportunity can drive the young individuals to become drug addicts in Punjab. Numbers of drug addicts are increasing day by day.

A comprehensive mechanism for registration of drug addicts is necessary for making further arrangements. Adequate number of the rehabilitation center cannot be ascertained without proper and compulsory registration of drug addicts.

Moreover, the private sector has established rehabilitation centers, but they are not up to the established standards. These centers are highly expensive and unregulated.

Therefore, it is statutory responsibility of the provincial government to provide adequate numbers of rehabilitation centers and to create a comprehensive mechanism for compulsory registration of the drug addicts using modern digital techniques.

In view of above, it is most respectfully requested that appropriate measures be taken by the relevant departments for curtailing the causes of drug and drug addicts.

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