

Drug Mechanism-Demand Supply and Remedies

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Abstract

Increasing demand for drugs leads to increase in supply. Increase in demand and supply of drugs in a nation is one of the major factors of concern. Consumption and addiction of drugs among youth not only destroy their life but also affect the growth and development of the nation. Now a day's Consumption of drugs in a Bollywood and people residing in high society is considered as a status symbol. Drug use is a strong subject, can be witnessed in all types of society. People from high society to slum area are under the influence of some or other types of narcotic drugs. Reason for use of drugs may vary from person to person but its ill effect remains same for all. Hence, it is one of the essential issues, need to be resolved by adopting measures to curb the demand and supply of drugs. This is not only a matter which affects one country, one individual, one society or one community; it's a global issue and hence can be resolved by uniting together. This paper is an attempt to observe the reason for increasing demand and supply of narcotic and psychotropic substances. Further this paper will reflect the illicit drugs trading and ill- effect on the growth and development of nation. In this paper researcher has used the secondary method of research. With the help of journals, books and articles, researcher will find out the objectives set herein after.

Key words

Demand, Mankind, Money Laundering, Narcotic & Psychotropic Substance, Supply

Introduction

Increase in consumption of drugs in South Asian countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Srilanka, Afghanistan and Maldives is a matter of concern. Increase in demand for narcotic drugs, psychotropic drugs and a synthetic drug has given boost to increase in supply. Demand and supply are having an important relationship, because jointly they control the prices of most goods and services. The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act came into force on 14th November 1985. This Act is amended three times i.e., in the year 1988, 2001 and in 2014. This Act is applicable to the whole of India. Cultivation, manufacture, sale, consumption, storage and possession of narcotic drugs are an offence. Essential narcotic drugs permitted for medical and scientific purpose, only by adhering the rules and conditions imposed by law.

In a developing country like India, Pakistan, Afghanistan etc. one can witness the demand and supply of narcotic drugs is rampant. Drugs like cannabis and opium is cultivated, distributed and consumed in most of the South Asian Countries. The major factor for increase in demand is, lack of awareness, bad habits, depression, high dreams not accomplished, financial issues, low standard of living, intention to earn quick money and many more. In order to fulfill the demand on time it is necessary to supply the required substances to the required person. Due to the increase in demand, it gives rise to high potential of earning; this makes it more attractive trade for transnational criminal organization and vice versa.

Even a pandemic of corona virus could not curb the consumption of drugs. Every now and then, news item covers a topic such as, selling of drugs, consumption, distribution and storage of drugs, catching of drug peddlers from many parts of the world etc. In spite of stringent law and punishment for illegal act prescribed under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, people involved in such illegal activity without having any fear of it. This fearless indulgence in cultivation, storage, distribution and consumption of non-permitted drugs is not only scary but at the same time can be proved one of the vital factors for committing crime in a society.

Drug mechanism, reason for its increasing demand and supply in the society

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances can either be cultivated or can be manufactured in laboratory with the help of chemicals. Natural drugs are bit costlier than the synthetic drugs. So, person belonging to any economic status can either buy for own consumption or for selling and making quick money out of it. Both male and female is involved in illegal trade of such drugs. Drug supplier is the prime character to increase the demand of drugs in society. Involvement of youth and their inclination towards consumption attracts their other friends. In order to raise the demand, initially small quantity of drugs is supplied at free of cost to a people in slum areas. Usage of such drugs shift them to another transit, for some time they feel calm, relaxed, pleasure, liveliness etc., they start enjoying drugs and eventually becomes slaves. They reach in a situation, where they cannot

see themselves without consuming drugs on daily basis. To fulfill their needs, they are ready to do any sort of work without any fear.

They get themselves involved in selling drugs to other people, sometimes they rob money from their own house, if not getting money they steal goods and sell them, only for purchasing drugs. Many of the times it is also seen that due to the drug addiction and under the influence of drugs, person commits heinous crimes. With this it is clear that supply of drugs eventually give birth to high demand. Hence one can observe that the demand and supply jointly raise the potential of raising the price of goods and services.

Earning of money through illegal trade of narcotic drugs give birth to money laundering. Layering placing and integration of money is the steps for money laundering. Creating unhealthy competition in the market is also one of the reasons comes out of money laundering. Unhealthy competition will ultimately affect the stability and growth of economy. Person entered in the market with the intention to convert black money into white and not to get profit or use this competition for the welfare of society, it harms the honest and innocent business man's financial and mentally both.

Statistic data can also prove the consumption of drugs is increasing year by year.

Narcotics Control Bureau has registered 30 cases and arrested over 90 people in Mumbai and Goa in the past few months.¹ In 2016 Narcotics Control Bureau registered 23 cases and arrested 20 people, further, year 2017 Narcotic Control Bureau received 30 cases and arrested 38 people, further state that year 2018 Narcotics Control Bureau registered 25 cases and arrested 55 people, continued in the year 2019, 35 cases are been registered and 50 people were arrested by Narcotic Control Bureau.²

Drug use and its effect on the growth and development of nation

Good health and welfare of individual and society is the main component for the growth and development of nation. Excessive consumption of drugs among youth including male and female from their school days not only destroy their life but also disturb the life of their family members, closed, near and dear ones. No society accepts the drug addicted person. No neighbor would like to introduce themselves and maintain concern with such person. Eventually drug addicted person starts feeling isolated and its potential to contribute for the growth and development of society slowly diminishes and ultimately washed off. Youths are considered as future of the nation, and if they themselves do not have any future, they can't contribute for the nation's progress.

Narcotics Control Bureau has arrested 3 peddlers with synthetic drug in Mumbai from Andheri and Kurla³

Many of the time due to jealousy one misguides the other and manipulates mentally, in order to destroy the life of that person. Such things can be seen in society, family, friends, relatives, community and also in country. Good thoughts, skill, potential of individuals in society can be benefitted for the growth of nation, if few members of the society follow the wrong path and move towards illegal act, ultimately whole society has to suffer. It is also observed that one country having jealousy or intent to take revenge from another country, they supply drugs to that country at lower

¹India Today, 2nd January 2021

²Times of India 1st January 2021

³Times of India 1st January 2021

rate, in order to destroy the life of the people and indirectly it will affect the growth and development of that country. Hence, it is necessary to educate the youth, spread awareness, motivate and encourage them to apply their skill potential and knowledge for their self-development and for the development of nation.

With the help of real-life examples, researcher has tried to depict the ill impact of drugs use in the society, effects nation's growth and also lead to heinous crime.

Field Study

1. One lady in researcher contact was facing a great challenge, as her son was involved in taking drugs. The entire family tried their level best but of no use. Ultimately counseling with professional and experienced councilor has given result, but when the counseling of entire family members along with the drug addicted person is done, the result was amazing.
2. Another incident researcher has observed that in Navi Mumbai region many Philippine's and Nigerian is working as a drug peddler, as a cricket and football coach they arrange international tournaments for young children and eventually, they develop the habit of consuming drugs to this children's belonging to rich family. This is how their business flourish.
3. Another example researcher has observed is two foreigners who had been caught by Narcotic Control Bureau from Delhi airport, with bulk of hashish and cannabis. Both of them is imprisoned and are behind bars in Tihar Jail, with the effort taken by IPS Kiran Bedi, Vipashana meditation is been introduced for all the prisoners. With this Vipashana technique, it is surprising that the behaviour and though pattern of this accused is changed. And this accused is out of drugs and illicit business.

Position in other countries

In the United States of America some 200 to 300 new designer drugs were identified between 2009 and 2014, most of them manufactured in china.⁴ More than 650 new designer drugs have flooded into Europe in the past 10 years, some contain chemicals that have still not been completely identified, and whose effects on the human body and mind are unknown.⁵

Remedies can be adopted to reduce the demand and supply for consumption of drugs

1. Educating the large masses and spread of awareness among youth is one of the key remedies to reduce consumption of drugs.
2. Showing motivational movies, videos and documentary is also one of the ways to change the thoughts and emotions of an individual.
3. Vipashna meditation is one of the effective remedies provided to drug addict, with the help of meditation they can control their thoughts and with that they can easily control their extreme urge or inclination towards consumption of drugs.

⁴DEA News: Huge Synthetic Drug Takedown, Drug Enforcement Administration News Release, May 7, 2014.

⁵Study by Recreational Drug European Network, 2013.

4. Establishment of rehabilitation center for transforming drug addict from negative to positive is also resulted into reduction in demand for drugs.
5. Proper care and guidance need to be given to drug addict time to time, must not keep them isolated, they should not be neglected or treated inhumanly. Instead, they must always be engaged in some productive work especially in their area of interest.
6. Drug addicted person must be treated by well-trained medical team.
7. Substitute work to be provided to the cultivators of cannabis and opium.

Benefit of Various International Conventions related to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

In the year 1972, Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 is amended. The reason behind amending this convention is the physical health and social welfare of society. Further the Convention supporting for the scientific and medical use of narcotic drugs is absolutely necessary for the relief of pain and suffering, for that sufficient provisions must be made in order to make narcotic drugs available for this purpose.

Various reports of the International Narcotics Control Board are also guided towards the risk and advantages of narcotic drugs in scientific, medical and educational purpose. Various benefitted action is been taken by the board for execution of international drug treaties.

Legislative framework and its practical implication

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 is been introduced. The object behind introducing this Act is to make stringent provisions for the control and regulation of actions related to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. It also regulates the law and prevents illegal trade, manufacture, cultivation distribution and storage of narcotic drugs. Provision related to forfeiture of illegally possessed property, search, seizure and penalty for wrong doer is also observed. Power of Central Government to regulate control the consumption, demand and supply of narcotic drugs is also clearly prescribed under the Act.

Overall, the legislative framework covers the entire provisions related to narcotic drugs, from manufacturing to storage distribution and sale. Further, it also covers the role of international Conventions and Treaties. The object behind this Act is to prevent and safeguard the individual from the usage of drugs.

Findings

1. Unemployment, depression, addiction, urge for earning quick money, bad habits, status symbol, fashion etc are the major reason for the increase in demand and supply of narcotic drugs in a society.
2. Drug addicted youth including male and female comes in the category of unproductive population. If population actively inclined towards consumption of narcotic drugs will eventually affects the remaining population. Resulted into decline in self-growth as well as the obstacle for the growth and development of nation.

3. Proper remedy or measures must be adopted by everyone. Only by introducing law without its implication is of no use, similarly only by government and other authority's contribution is not suffice, individual role is very important. One must take accountability and say No to drugs.
4. Implication of strict rules for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, is proved effective in order to curb or control the sale, transport, possession, consumption, cultivation, manufacture and distribution of narcotic drugs.
5. Illegal trade of narcotic drugs is a global issue. Hence, a measure adopted with the help of international convention on this subject is helpful up to a limited degree. Jointly all signatory countries must come together and adhere the norms, to make country free from narcotic drugs.

Conclusion

In this research paper, researcher had observed that law, rules and regulation is been framed and also international conventions is being signed by many countries, in order to manage the illegal trade, consumption, manufacture, distribution and storage of narcotic drugs. A country under the influence of narcotic and psychotropic drugs stands nowhere. Progress, growth and development of a country are always depending on the contribution of their citizen. One must understand the healthy mind and body of an individual will always be high in potential and skillful. Population rich in productivity with super capability and rich in skill will be the major population helpful for the progress of nation. For this it is very necessary to educate the youth, spread awareness in order to say no to drugs. Safeguard them by adopting remedial measures, instead of neglecting and ignoring drug addicted persons, protect them by educating and trained them in rehabilitation center. Shift in mind can shift in life. Transforming person from negative to positive will ultimately turned into productive work for the growth of nation.

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