

## LEGALIZING CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA IN INDIA – WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE PENDING PRIVATE MEMBER BILL IN THE PARLIAMENT

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### ABSTRACT

The issue here is NDPS Act does not bargain similarly with ganja, charas, and bhang. As bhang isn't secured under the meaning of cannabis, it is devoured lawfully on a huge scale. Isn't this ambiguity intended to confound the natives of India? I trust that if there is a need to forbid the utilization of cannabis, at that point each kind of cannabis ought to be restricted, not just a couple. Further, the purpose of giving a special case to the therapeutic utilization of cannabis is exceptionally difficult to look for consent, for its medicinal and logical experimentation and purposes. The administration's strict prejudice strategy has blinded it from seeing its evident utilization and influenced it to lose its concentration from viably satisfying its obligations and duties. Ownership of any of the medications sorted illicit by the NDPS Act handles a client in prison with a 10-year sentence. Dr Gandhi alluded to the measurements from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), as indicated by which 88 percent of the medication related captures in India represent tranquilize clients and not specifically identified with the unlawful medication exchange. Just two percent of all captures are of traffickers and wholesalers. None of the captures were of agents or of those running the medication exchange at a huge scale.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

What is Marijuana? Weed is a medication made up of hemp plant called Cannabis Sativa. The cannabis plant is additionally used to influence paper, to fuel, cleanser, rope, maps, net, bind, jute packs, oil for lightning, paint, creature nourishment, salves, and so on. Creation of pot has been available in India since the antiquated period-the time of flourishing divine beings and goddesses. The present status of cannabis in India is characterized as an unlawful medication in light of the fact that if smoked and breathed in high measurements, it brings about mental or physical symptoms. Marijuana is only a plant whose creation helps in creating numerous valuable items for our day by day survival. For what reason should the administration boycott marijuana when it knows about the way that its generation helps in the make of numerous valuable items. In the end, there are states whose wage relies upon the development of cannabis. Remembering the first employments of cannabis, I trust that marijuana ought to be sanctioned in India.

## **AIM OF THE STUDY**

To know about the factors for legalizing marijuana

To know about its medicinal utility

To know about the content of the pending bill

## **HYPOTHESIS**

Legalizing marijuana in India would not be a major impact in pharmaceutical sector

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## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

### **1. THE BANNING OF MARIJUANA HAS BEEN A SWEEPING ACTION** by **Tathagata Satpathy**

This article explains about the recreational use, medicinal purpose, industrial usage, it helps people with cancer, it is way more cheaper than alcohol, where it is also a custom in odisha

### **2. CANNABIS IS POISONOUS FOR BOTH THE SOUL AND MIND** by **Arshad Hussain**

It is toxic for the brain harder substances, increased the vulnerabilities of the youths, increase n crime, businessman who hold revenue, to a cannabis free society.

### **3. MEDICAL MARIJUANA RESEARCH FIRM, BOHECO**

Research firm in India raised 6.25 cr from Ratan Tata, Rajan Anandan, monetary penalties, more than 50 US state done vomiting in the advanced stages of illnesses such a cancer and aids.

### **4. HEMP WITHOUT THE HIGH: LEGAL SIDE STILL SMOKY** by **Nandhini Rathi**

Cannabis has been recognized for its medical use in 29 out of 51 US states, Canada, Australia – 20 countries, opium cultivation, and medicinal usage.

### **5. TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS DRUGS IN INDIA** by **Gaur Rao**

This paper showed that UP showed the largest quantity of cannabis – 1934 – 35 i.e., with respect to Punjab, Bihar and odisha statistics.

## PHRASE OF PENDING BILL

Dharam Vira Gandhi, Member of Parliament from Patiala, Punjab, has been pushing for the authorization of marijuana or cannabis. At last, a private bill will be tabled in the Parliament amid the up and coming winter session. He got bolster from a portion of his associates, including performing artist diverted government official and BJP MP from Gurdaspur, Late Vinod Khanna. Gandhi's bill, which proposes the decriminalization and control of weed and opium, has

been passed by the administrative branch of the parliament and would be tabled amid the winter session as a private part's bill. Opiate Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act of 1985 makes ownership or utilization of medications culpable offense. It likewise enables the legislature to manage, control and create certain medications. The bill tries to make changes to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act of 1985, which was gotten request to meet Conventions on Drug Policy laid out by the United Nations.

"Thirty years down the line, where do we stand? The truth is that the NDPS Act has bombed in accomplishing its maintained objectives, as well as this 'War on Drugs' has conveyed comes about specifically inverse to what it intended to accomplish," Dr Gandhi said in an announcement. The proposed changes in the Act try to empower restoratively administered and state-directed supply of customarily utilized regular medications for a typical client. It will isolate regular medications from the counterfeit and engineered ones. Presently, 'delicate' intoxicants, as bhaang (cannabis), afeem and bhukki (opium), are clubbed with manufactured 'hard' medications, for example, smack, heroin, break, and cocaine.

#### **THE METHOD OF REASONING BEHIND RESTRICTING IT IN INDIA**

Calendar 1 (Class 1) drugs are illicit on the grounds that they have high manhandle potential, no medicinal utilize, and extreme security worries; for instance, opiates, for example, Heroin, LSD, and cocaine. Marijuana is additionally included as a Class 1 tranquilize regardless of it being lawful in a few states and it being utilized as a restorative medication in some states

#### **BOYCOTT IN THE UNITED STATES**

Harry J Anslinger, in 1930 was delegated as the chief for the as of late made Federal Bureau of Narcotics and his first battle was to put a conclusion to the utilization of weed in the US. Utilizing broad communications as his instrument, he crusaded to limit to the utilization of marijuana. Because of his forceful reports and the terrified response of guardians concerning the strength of their youngsters, US government put a prohibition on weed classifying it with hard medications. Joined Nation Convention against unlawful trafficking of medications was held in 1988 and thusly the US restricted marijuana and different medications as well. Other than this, the US constrained different states to put a prohibition on their lawful utilization of marijuana and other such medications and control their medications demonstration likewise.

## **FOR WHAT REASON DID INDIA BOYCOTT MARIJUANA**

Utilization of bhang and charas was lawful in India, however the US had been compelling India to put a prohibition on their generation cannabis since 1961. At long last, in 1985, the Indian government passed the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and put a restriction on the creation and offer of cannabis gum and blooms. Be that as it may, government allowed the utilization of leaves and seeds enabling the states to manage it as needs be.

## **STANDARD USE OF CANNABIS IN INDIA**

With regards to standard use of cannabis, the principal thing which clicks our psyche is Lord Shiva. The celebration of Maha Shivratri is commended by offering cannabis to Lord Shiva. The celebration makes utilization of Bhang adequate as it is expressed in the Hindu sacred writings that bhang is utilized to filter the remedy of life Lord Shiva which he made from his body. Hence, weed was totally legitimate in the recorded period, and there was no policing done to its usage

## **USES AND IMPACTS OF WEED**

In the twentieth century, restriction on utilization of pot. It ended up being a limitation on ownership, utilize, and offer of cannabis arrangements containing psychoactive cannabinoids by and by prohibited in many nations over the globe, especially in India; the UN has previously mentioned that cannabis is the most usually utilized illegal medication on the planet. Cannabis has psychoactive and physiological impacts once expended. Other than that a subjective adjustment in observation and, most outstandingly, inclination, the first normal short-run physical and neurological impacts which exemplify expanded heartbeat rate, raised hunger, brought down circulatory strain level, hindrance of here and now and managing misbalance of substance and coordination. Long-run impacts are less clear. In people, similarly couple of antagonistic clinical wellbeing impacts is archived from interminable cannabis use

Weight reduction – According to a 2011 by the American Journal of Medicine, bloatedness is bring down in those individuals who utilize cannabis in contrast with nonusers. In creature tests, the medication moreover affected the measure of fat inside the body and additionally its reaction

to interior discharge. Cannabis mixes were appeared to lift digestion in rats, bringing about lower levels of fat in the liver and lower cholesterol. Human trials are being directed to search out a medication focusing on heftiness related diseases.

**Medicinal Usage** – Weed and restorative science share an old association with each other. It's recommended to malignancy patients when they experience chemotherapy. As indicated by an investigation in the UK it has been discovered that pot can stop metastasis in some forceful tumor. Analysts likewise say that utilizing marijuana can murder growth cells in leukemia patients. It's additionally valuable in curing AIDS, brought down intraocular eye weight, and additionally broad pain relieving effects.

**PSYCHOACTIVE DRUG** – It falls in the gathering of antidepressants, stimulants, offering alleviation to the individual from all kind of torment for couple of hours. Marijuana is a blend of every one of these properties making it most chased after. THC is normally considered as the key segment of the cannabis plant; different logical examinations have recommended that specific different cannabinoids like CBD may likewise assume a noteworthy part in its psychoactive effects.

**Headaches** – Cannabis has mitigating properties which help in giving alleviation to the patient. Truth be told, the impacts are said to be a "thousand times more successful than that of ibuprofen." Doctors in California have treated more than 3, 00,000 or more than that headache cases with the use of therapeutic marijuana. It has brought about viable treatment of a large group of sicknesses and conditions, for example, different sclerosis, rheumatoid joint pain, and Alzheimer diseases.

**Addictiveness** – according to the examination led by National Institute of Drug Abuse on the relative addictiveness of couple of substances in particular cannabis, caffeine, cocaine, liquor, heroin and nicotine. Weed was positioned the minimum addictive and caffeine the second slightest addictive.

#### **DESTRUCTIVE ASPECTS OF MARIJUANA**

**Tar Build up** – It is a gigantic one. Be that as it may, it is conjointly a hazard that might be altogether maintained a strategic distance from on the off chance that you select to attempt

and do as such. Tar development happens once you breathe in smoke from pot. Despite the fact that it's troublesome to check with the exposed eye, smoke from dried herbs contains a great many little-consumed plant particles. Once these particles interact with each other, they settle, and collect. These particles at that point create a tar-like natural compound which is unsafe to lungs.

Entryway to drugs – This hypothesis expresses that the usage of less unsafe medications could make a future danger of exploitation a considerable measure of hazardous prescription. Cannabis, liquor, and tobacco are ascribed to the present hypothesis. Some logical investigations demonstrate that the utilization of cannabis can likely anticipate a noteworthy higher hazard for the following utilization of "harder" unlawful medications, though extraordinary examinations demonstrate that it can't. A ten-year long examination led in Australia found that grown-ups of twenty-four years utilized a medication alluded to as amphetamines which were gone before by the work of cannabis. In 2006, a counter-ponder was directed on rats, in Sweden, that analyzed the brains of the rats while dosing them with cannabis and found that THC adjusts the opioid framework that is identified with positive feelings, which reduces that impacts of sedatives on the rodent's cerebrum and accordingly makes them utilize a ton of heroin. The rats were given tetrahydrocannabinol at the youthful age of twenty-eight days. It is difficult to extrapolate the consequences of this investigation to humans

Diminishment in REM rest – Cannabis clients may get a great deal of profound rest; anyway they also invest less energy in REM rest. REM remains for Rapid Eye Movement. Once we're in this rest stage, our body is busy's closest to being alert. Obviously, REM is the last area of the hour and a half rest cycle. Fortuitously, REM rest is the time you're equipped for having striking dreams and bad dreams. Specialists still don't comprehend why this rest cycle is useful to our wellbeing. However, one driving hypothesis is that it gives certain parts of our mind a rest, to be specific, the segments which emit serotonin and histamine.

As per segment 2 (iii) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985- cannabis (hemp) means, charas, that is, the isolated sap, in whatever frame, regardless of whether rough or decontaminated, acquired from the cannabis plant and furthermore incorporates concentrated readiness and tar known as hashish oil or fluid hashish; ganja, that is, the blooming or fruiting highest points of the cannabis plant (barring the seeds and leaves when not joined by

the tops), by whatever name they might be known or assigned; and any blend, with or with no nonpartisan material, of any of the above types of cannabis or any drink arranged from that place;

Presently according to NDPS, the definition does not cover bhang. This expresses utilization of bhang can be taken as legitimate. So yes, offering of bhang on bubbly events is authorized by the Indian government. It is for the most part sold in religious urban communities or ghats in Northern India by exceptional sellers allowed by the state government. The state offering bhang needs to keep an eye over the venders as bhang can be utilized to plan more intense intoxicants. [

On account of Arjun Singh v State of Haryana[12], the Chandigarh High Court expressed that considering the NDPS Act, bhang isn't "cannabis (hemp)" under the demonstration, however it is a "cannabis plant." Under the impediments of the law, it's in this manner not unlawful to expend cannabis leaves, but rather creation of a plant is illicit.

Further, Section 8 states that nobody should develop the opium poppy or any cannabis plant with a special case for medicinal or logical capacities inside the way and to the degree gave by the arrangements of this Act. Medicinal utilize and research of marijuana are, in this way, lawful in India according to this area; recreational use is entirely disallowed and unlawful.

#### **UNIVERSAL STATUS OF MARIJUANA**

Portugal was the first nation on the planet to decriminalize the utilization of each medication. They consider tranquilize clients as debilitated as opposed to hoodlums. Utilization is decriminalized up to 25g for weed, 5g for hash and 2.5g for THC oil.

Switzerland has decriminalized the utilization of pot to some degree. In 2012, the Cantons Vaud, Neuchatel, Geneva, and Fribourg allowed the developing and development of weed up to 4 cannabis plants for every individual trying to check unlawful road trafficking.

In Netherlands, the medications are arranged in two classifications – hard medications and delicate medications, where cannabis is characterized under delicate medications. Utilization of delicate medication for individual utilize has no dynamic arraignment. Dutch has its own 'Strategy of Tolerance' for such employments. In view of this resilience arrangement, cannabis

cafés are being built up in Netherlands where offer of weed for individual utilization is endured by neighborhood Police Officers, particularly in Amsterdam. Dutch government keeps a beware of neighborhood smokers to indicate ID and enlistment in a database called the "cannabis card" to control tranquilize related issues. Utilization of hard medications is limited in Netherlands. The offer of cannabis in little sum is permitted just by authorized espresso shops.

### **FINANCIAL ADVANTAGES OF MARIJUANA**

The assistance of neighborhood individuals – In states like Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, where cannabis plants develop, and pot is the main wellspring of pay for some local people. In any case, being a prohibited substance, the ranchers are compelled to pitch it at a low cost to the street pharmacists, and they confront extra weight from the police, who are paid to decimate the cannabis estates. Legitimizing weed will end this 'war on medications' focusing on our countrymen.

Development in GDP – Legalizing of Marijuana will prompt an ascent in the development of GDP. Forcing charge on offering of pot will in any case help in keeping a control over its creation, and it would be an assistance to the Indian economy. Such Marijuana in Netherland contributes \$3.2 billion with a yearly gross.

Forbiddance is neglected to control the generation of weed as states like Himachal Pradesh totally rely upon the creation of marijuana. They have no other source salary aside from this. So for what reason not authorize it, as legitimizing pot will make openings for work for some individuals.

Authorizing will guarantee that marijuana is appropriated in great quality to purchasers Further as a recommendation, India ought to take after the laws of Netherlands that have decriminalized the individual use of weed, and the result was an amazing outcome. The Dutch experience, nearby those of some elective nations with minor arrangement changes, gives a modestly keen observational case that evacuation of criminal denials on cannabis ownership (decriminalization) won't build the commonness of pot or the other unlawful medication; the contention for decriminalization is so sturdy.

Besides, people have their attentiveness on bhang and other substance like liquor and tobacco. At that point for what reason to put a restriction on pot? Do our pioneers imagine that we are juvenile or inept or would they say they are escaping their inadequacy and absence of duty? Once the preclusion is planned the wrongdoing level raises at a disturbing rate. It's found that one among the important activities of those medications is to calm and stun the individual, so there's no propensity of brutality, just like the same in instances of alcoholic inebriation. In this manner, we can state that approval of weed can encourage in the supervision of medication wars and other criminal activities

### **DIRECTION LATTICES**

The Dublin-based Health Products Regulatory Authority's Cannabis for Medical Use—A Scientific Review in 2017, which depended on an expansive scale study, drew closer 48 nations and arranged the nations in view of their use. They found that in a few nations, the guidelines were stricter and the utilization was more controlled. Nations like Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Norway and Poland among a few others are working towards setting up a legitimate system to screen the utilization of medicinal weed. While, nations like Czech Republic, Italy, Australia, Israel, the Netherlands, Canada and a few states in the US have officially extended or set up the entrance programs for therapeutic pot. An investigation by Cato Institute, a Washington DC-based research organization, found that preclusion of medications makes an underground market, rather than destroying the medication showcase. The denial, actually, prompts penetration of low quality medications in the market expanding the danger of overdose and harming.

Kofi Annan, previous Secretary-General of the United Nations, says that "underlying patterns demonstrate to us that where cannabis has been authorized, there has been no blast in medicate utilize or tranquilize related wrongdoing... We have to deliberately thoroughly consider what needs managing, and what does not. While most cannabis utilize is incidental, direct and not related with huge issues, it is in any case unequivocally in view of its potential dangers that it should be managed".

### **REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGES**

The NDPS Act was brought into impact in 1985, preceding which there was no enactment marked down or utilization of opiates in India. The 1985 demonstration was met with

feedback in the Parliament for classifying hard and delicate medications in a similar classification, however the then Rajiv Gandhi organization disproved the feedback guaranteeing that delicate medications went about as entryway drugs.

The US, which once led the worldwide war on drugs, began legitimizing weed in 2014. Of the 50 conditions of the US, 29 have legitimized the restorative utilization of cannabis. This has prompted expanded incomes, lessened wrongdoing rates, and lesser medication related captures. The Newsweek distributed an article examining the impact of authorizing the medication in the province of Colorado where destitute populace and rents expanded, because of a deluge of populace from close-by states. Sanctioning has additionally prompted more young people getting dependent on the medication.

Kofi Annan, who filled in as the Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2006, composed an article on Huffington Post, supporting a conclusion to war on drugs at the worldwide scale. Clarifying how the war on drugs prompts ascend operating at a profit market and medication related brutality, he upheld for decriminalization of individual medication utilize, end of criticism, and more noteworthy help for checking and restoration of dependent clients. He composed, "While most cannabis utilize is periodic, direct and not related with huge issues, it is regardless accurately due to its potential dangers that it should be managed."

Two advancements give crisp stimulus to the way that the utilization of pot (Cannabis) for restorative purposes might be sanctioned in India. A year ago, Member of Parliament (MP), Dharamvir Gandhi, moved a private part's bill in the Lok Sabha to sanction weed. Association Minister of Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi additionally recommended legitimizing pot at a gathering of a gathering of clergymen, which was analyzing the draft bureau note on the National Drug Demand Reduction Policy. At display, ownership, exchange, transport and utilization of pot is prohibited under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and is a criminal offense.

### **THERAPEUTIC MEDICINE**

In spite of the fact that the World Health Organization has recorded various ailments related with the utilization of cannabis, incorporating disability in psychological working, aviation route damage, bronchitis and lung aggravation, it additionally says that few

examinations have exhibited its helpful impacts to regard sicknesses, for example, disease, AIDS, asthma and glaucoma. In any case, it has called for more research to set up its medicinal utilization.

Throughout the years, investigate has attempted to set up the medical advantages of pot. Studies have demonstrated that Cannabidiol (CBD), a part of marijuana, has been fruitful in giving alleviation to perpetual torment without causing major psychoactive symptoms. Naveen Salins, supervisor of the Indian Journal of Palliative Care and partner teacher at Tata Memorial Center, Mumbai, says CBD connects itself to receptors in the body to deliver positive outcomes.

CBD treatments have been controlled to epilepsy patients. An investigation distributed in *Epilepsy and Behavior* in 2017 says that the treatment had positive results particularly on account of kids revealing lower occurrence of seizures. As indicated by an examination distributed in *Natural Products and Cancer Drug Discovery* in July, 2017, CBD can possibly be a hostile to disease tranquilize. It not just gives help with discomfort to patients after chemotherapy, however clinical analyses have demonstrated that it restrains the development of tumor cells.

## **SUGGESTION**

Given underneath are a couple of the suggestions for future direction of laws if pot gets decriminalized –

- Focal Government should settle an age for utilize recreational cannabis as 25 years is the legitimate age to expend liquor, a similar kind of thing ought to be done here moreover.
- Just authorized shop will be permitted to offer weed, and dark promoting ought to be punished.
- State government should make it obligatory to give a card to each buyer as indicated by the age settled.
- The section ought to be made on each buy of weed by the vender.

There ought to be a breaking point on acquiring of pot per individual, for example, a give of just 5 to 6 grams of cannabis for every individual.

Well as indicated by the investigation of worldwide laws and their result, decriminalization of weed would be gainful for India. It's a great opportunity to understand that the harder we push

the more we deplete our vitality. We have to annihilate our dread that weed is the entryway to harder medications. It's not the first run through when cannabis is being created Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act in our nation it's there since old period and utilization of bhang amid happy seasons in any case make it harder to check its use.

## CONCLUSION

Consequently, we can presume that authorizing marijuana will at any rate spare time and endeavors of the legislature. On the off chance that weed is given in a constrained amount, it will help in diminishing its utilization. Weed is similarly less dangerous than different genuine medications, for example, heroin, cocaine, LSD, ayahuasca, and so on. Concentrates likewise say that more often than not utilization of medications prompts forceful viciousness though weed works giving alleviation and quiet to the faculties. Other than legitimizing weed will likewise prompt the development of GDP in Indian Economy as it will be a guide to additional pay for as of late authorized wholesalers and merchants. It will help in creating charge incomes as well. The lay relies upon how the administration needs to see the utilization cannabis in one's life and the economy of the state

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