

As a future Member of Parliament how can you develop the country by reducing the harm done by cannabis, heroin and other drug use?



As a candidate of the upcoming general elections, you and your political party now have the opportunity to present to the public your plan to reduce cannabis, heroin and other drugs.

What you should know about cannabis..

Experts around the globe have shown that use of cannabis also known as marijuana, weed, KG, increases the risk of heightening the severity of an existing mental disorder or causing a mental disorder in people who were previously healthy

Several mental disorders linked with cannabis

1. Cannabis Induced Psychosis
2. Schizophrenia
3. Bipolar Disorder
4. Depression

Additionally,

- Lethargy
- Loss of youthfulness
- Sexual impotence
- Cancer
- Heart Disease
- Paralysis, has been linked with cannabis use.
- It also increases injuries and road traffic accidents as it depresses brain activity similar to alcohol.



Despite this, the pro cannabis legalization groups hide the truth and spread various myths to give the impression that cannabis use is beneficial.

These include, boosting creativity, brings spiritual peace, no harm to health, induces calmness.

Pro cannabis legalization groups are using certain journalists, artists, traditional doctors to spread these baseless myths and mislead children, youth and the general public.

Hidden manipulators of cannabis legalization

Currently, there is an ongoing large-scale campaign within Sri Lanka and the world for legalization of cannabis. Several groups can be seen taking various efforts to create the background for legalization.

Towards that they use below strategies:

- Use Facebook and other social media.
- Attempts to create discussion around the topic.
- Publish articles on newspapers.
- Launch books on cannabis.
- Present these launched books to politicians.
- Obtain media space to talk about cannabis.



In the world, majority of the legal cannabis industry is bought by multinational tobacco corporations. It is clear that tobacco companies are pumping huge amounts of money for cannabis legalization. Among these companies are British American Tobacco (BAT) and Philip Morris USA (branch of Altria).

What actions can you take as a Member of Parliament to save the people and the country from the cannabis promotion trap?

1. Protect the country from the cannabis legalization trap and stand against it at all times.
2. Enforce and implement current laws and regulations.
3. Adopt and enforce new policies enabling action against all types of media which promote cannabis use.
4. To free current cannabis users from use, guide them to effective services.
5. Develop a programme to create public awareness on cannabis harm.
6. Without concealing, expose information on the cannabis campaign and trafficking to the public.

Why is taking action to prevent heroin use and freeing current users necessary?

Heroin is,

A substance which depresses the person. It has been scientifically proven that heroin contains chemicals leading to an exhausted uncomfortable sensation in the body.

Your responsibility as a public representative to work towards reducing heroin use..

1. Without concealing, expose information on heroin trafficking to the public.
2. Enforce and implement current laws and regulations.
3. Expose politicians connected to heroin trafficking regardless of political party.
4. To free current heroin users from use, guide them to scientific, effective services.
5. Within rehabilitation centres, provide guidance for entrepreneurship and new industries which are needed for personal skill development.

By reducing cannabis, heroin and other drug use,

1. Strengthening the economy,
2. Decreasing health sector expenditure for prevention of substance related diseases,
3. Creating a strong work-force, and
4. Creating a healthy population of Sri Lankans, are the benefits which can be won as a country.

You possess the responsibility of implementing the above-mentioned propositions and freeing Sri Lankans from drug traffickers, leading the people to a healthy lifestyle.



It is crucial that you and your party competing in the upcoming general elections, communicate your plan to reduce use of cannabis, heroin and other drugs to the public. There is a considerable voter base who take decisions based on these issues, vigilantly awaiting to hear your stance.

For further information refer the below sources.

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