

Charter of Narcotics Control Bureau

**Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)**

ORDER

New Delhi, the 17th March, 1986

S.O. 96(E) – Whereas the Central Government considers it necessary and expedient to constitute an authority for the purpose of effectively preventing and combating abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and illicit traffic therein;

1. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (61 of 1985), the Central Government hereby constitutes an authority to be known as the “Narcotics Control Bureau”, which shall, subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government and the provisions of this Order, exercise the powers and functions of the Central Government for taking measures with subject to the following matters referred to in sub-section (2) of the said section, namely:-

- (1) Co-ordination of actions by various officers, State Governments and other authorities under the principal Act, the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940) and any other law for the time being in force in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the principal Act.
 - (2) Implementation of the obligations in respect of counter-measures against illicit traffic, under various international conventions.
 - (a) the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961;
 - (b) the Protocol of 1972 amending the aforesaid Convention;
 - (c) the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and
 - (d) any other international convention or protocol or other instrument amending an international convention relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances which may be ratified or acceded to by India hereafter.
 - (3) Assistance to the concerned authorities in foreign countries and concerned international organisations with a view to facilitating co-ordination and universal action for prevention and suppression of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
 - (4) Co-ordination of actions taken by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the Ministry of Welfare and other concerned Ministries, Departments or Organisations in respect of matters relating to drug abuse.
- (2) The Narcotics Control Bureau shall have a headquarters at New Delhi with five zonal offices at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Varanasi.
- (3) The Bureau shall be headed by a Director General who will be assisted at the headquarters and in the zonal offices by such officers as may be appointed by the Central Government from time to time.