

CHAPTER II

MENACE OF DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING

2.1 The use of narcotic drugs for scientific and medicinal purpose.

The use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for scientific and medicinal purpose is indispensable. For the preparation of a number of life saving drugs like morphine, pethadine and tranquilisers, these drugs and substances are required. India is one of the leading producers of opium in the world for medicinal and scientific purposes. Due to the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for scientific and medicinal purposes, the production of the same cannot be banned altogether, but the production can be controlled and regulated by the government to prevent illicit trafficking and illicit use of the same.

2.2 The menace of drug abuse.

Drug addiction has become one of the curses of our times a menace which threatens public health and results in the dissolution of human personality, promoting conditions for various forms of human degradation, whose consequences spread to crime and lawlessness. One of its tragedies lies in its morbid assault on youth resulting more often than not