**About the Board**

The “**HP Nasha Nivaran Board**” is an Apex Coordinating and supervisory body Chaired by the Hon’ble’ Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Jai Ram Thakur and is convened & advised by a Convener-cum-Advisor of the board. It comprises of the following official and non-official members:-

**Official Members of the Board:-**

1. Chief Secretary to the Govt., of Himachal Pradesh Member
2. Administrative Secretary (Home) Member
3. Administrative Secretary (Excise & Taxation) Member
4. Administrative Secretary (Revenue) Member
5. Administrative Secretary (Forest) Member
6. Administrative Secretary (Social Justice & Empowerment) Member
7. Administrative Secretary (Agriculture) Member
8. Administrative Secretary (Health) Member
9. Administrative Secretary (Education) Member
10. Administrative Secretary (Rural Development) Member
11. Administrative Secretary (Urban Development) Member
12. Director General of Police, HP Member
13. Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise (Member Secy.)

**Non-Official Members of the Board:-**

1. Shri Ashwani Sharma, Senior Journalist.
2. Shri Prakash Bharadwaj, Senior Journalist.
3. Shri Ajay Thakur, Arjuna Awardee and Deputy Superintendent of Police.
4. Shri Sanjay Bhardwaj, Retired Additional Commissioner Excise & Taxation Department.
5. Dr. Ravi Sharma, eminent Psychiatrist and former Director IGMC.
6. Shri Ankur Chauhan, CEO, Shriram Hospital, New Shimla.
7. Shri Birbal Sharma, Journalist Mandi, District Mandi.
8. Shri Bhanu P. Lohumi, Pr. Correspondent, The Tribune, Himachal Pradesh.
9. NGO- Institute for Narcotics Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.

The Excise & Taxation Department is the Administrative Department for the NDPS Act 1985.

**Objectives of the Board**

Being a high level body created for making strategies in response to the challenges associated with Drug proliferation in the state, its main objectives are to issue advisories & guidelines and monitor their execution from time to time in order to accomplish the Board’s Mission: “Nasha Mukt Himachal, Swasth Aivum Samridh Himachal” (Drug free Himachal, Healthy and Prosperous Himachal).

Briefly, the Board shall undertake: (a) Coordination of actions by various offices of the state government, central government, any other authorities for the time being in force in connection with the drug law enforcement under the existing legal framework. (b) Supervise the implementation of counter measures against the illicit trafficking under the National Policy on NDPS and the NDPS Act, 1985 and PIT NDPS Act, 1988 (c) Assists various state government drug law enforcement agencies for Prevention and Elimination of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances; (d) Coordinates actions by the other concerned line agencies related to the prevention of drug supplies reduction of drug abuse, treatment management and rehabilitation/social integration of addicts.

The Board also coordinates amongst various State & Central Govt. line agencies for collection of information/ data related to the seizures of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, arrests of persons in various age brackets, study the trends emerging from the extent and nature of illicit drug cultivation, production, abuse and modus operandi involved in their trafficking.