

## 7. TREATMENT SEEKING BEHAVIOUR AMONG INJECTORS

In Kolkata, about 50 per cent of the current injectors in the RAS component were in touch with the sub-lingual buprenorphine substitution programme and the programme appeared to be popular with them. In Mumbai, Imphal and Chennai, many male injectors preferred substitution treatment. Female injectors complained about programmes not recruiting and including female injectors for substitution treatment. Some others in Delhi preferred any treatment that would alleviate their withdrawal symptoms. In Imphal, about three-fourths (74%) opted for sub-lingual buprenorphine treatment for giving up injections. About 41 per cent wanted detoxification combined with rehabilitation.

### **Treatment Seeking**

- ♦ Very few are in treatment in Amritsar, Jamshedpur, Shillong, Bangalore.
- ♦ About a third are in treatment in Imphal and Chennai.
- ♦ Many are in treatment in Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram, Kolkata and Mumbai.

Many were dissatisfied with the available treatment facilities and their responses are highlighted below.

### **Reasons for Dissatisfaction with Treatment**

- ♦ Lack of infrastructure- Amritsar, Hyderabad,
- ♦ Expensive- Jamshedpur, Imphal
- ♦ Poor service delivery- Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai