

# FROM ADDICT TO CONVICT

THE WORKING OF THE NDPS ACT IN PUNJAB

**VOLUME 2** 

Volume 1 of the Report presented an in-depth analysis of the NDPS Act and its application in Punjab. To supplement some of the observations in Volume 1, this volume graphically represents the data collated from 18 districts of Punjab. Our dataset contains 13,350 cases brought before Special Courts under the NDPS Act across Punjab between 2013 and 2015. The graphs represent the kinds of drugs recovered, the classification of offences under the Schedule of the NDPS Act, sentencing patterns, bail and custody trends, and ages of the persons convicted. Drugs have been divided into two broad categories: narcotic drugs and pharmaceutical drugs. While the NDPS Schedule lists all drug quantities in grams, the judgments in our dataset list the quantities of pharmaceutical drugs in grams, tablets, capsules, or millilitres (ml) depending on the form in which the drug is recovered. We have thus followed the latter convention in our graphs. We found that the most-commonly occurring narcotic drugs across districts are: poppy husk, opium, heroin and smack. The most-commonly occurring pharmaceutical drugs are: dextropropoxyphene, diphenoxylate, codeine, alprazolam and nitrazepam. Sometimes, drugs have been generically termed intoxicant powder, tablets, capsules or injections. This has been done where either the judgment did not mention the pure drug ingredient or where we were unable to extract the drug name from the judgment. This Report is an independent, non-commissioned piece of academic work. The authors would like to specifically thank the Lal Family Foundation for their generous support for the study, Vikram Bahure and Sandeep Reddy for their invaluable contribution in data-mining and analysis, Sakshi and Apoorva for their research inputs and contribution to data collection and Revathi Rao and Asees Jasmine Kaur for their research assistance.

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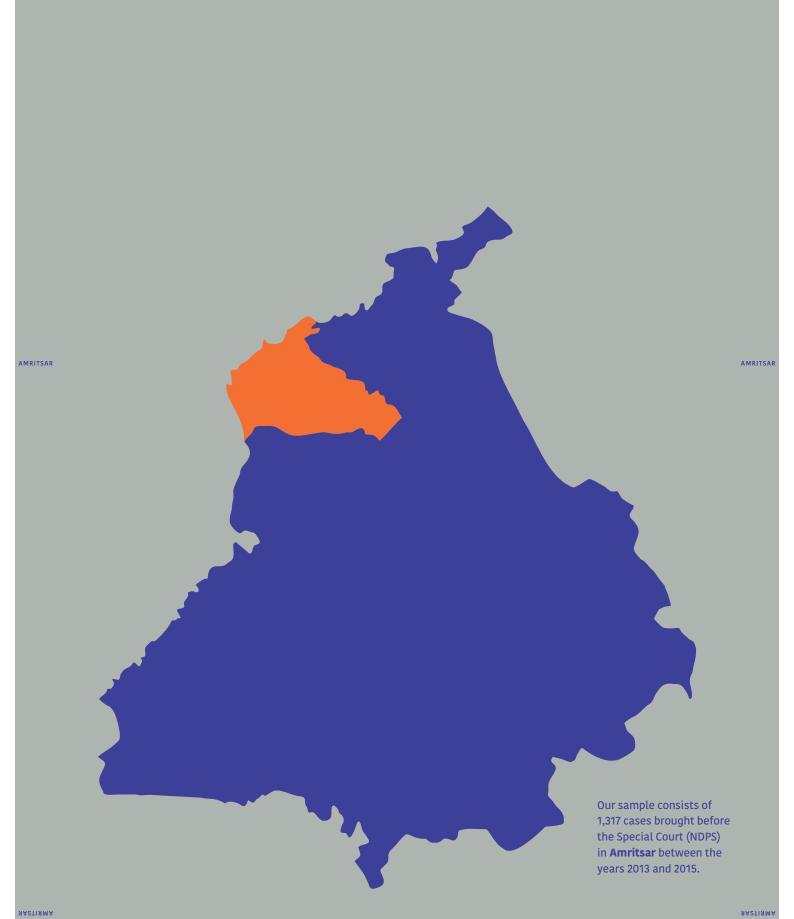
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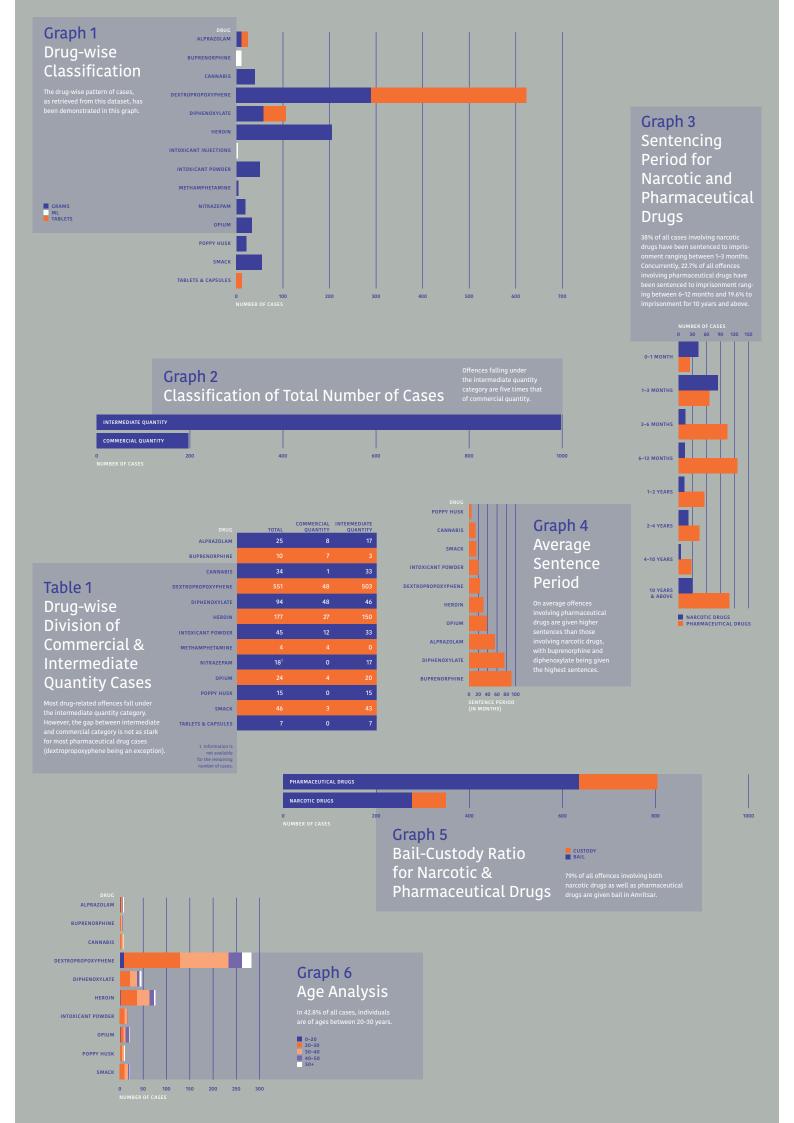
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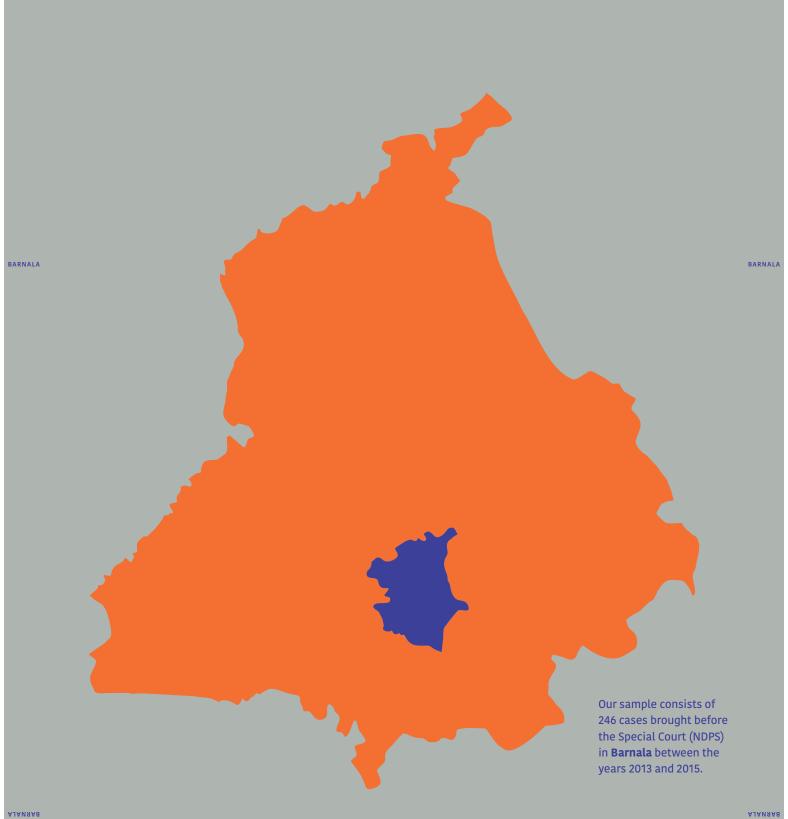
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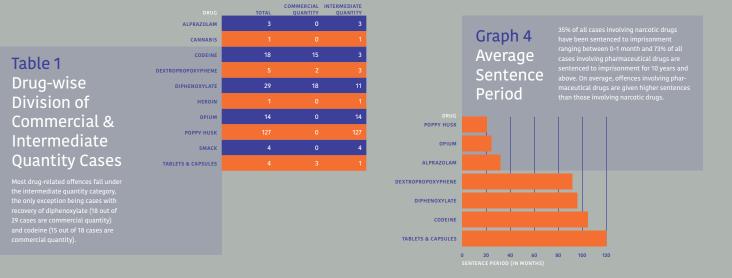
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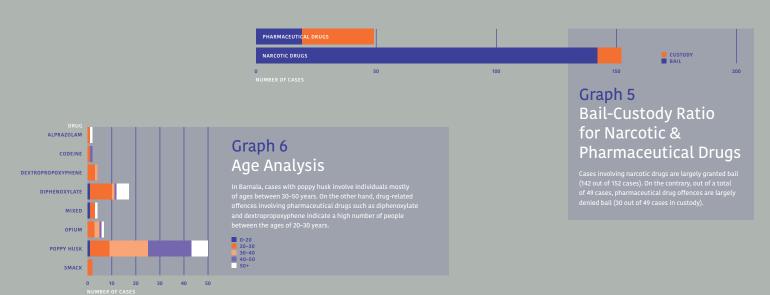


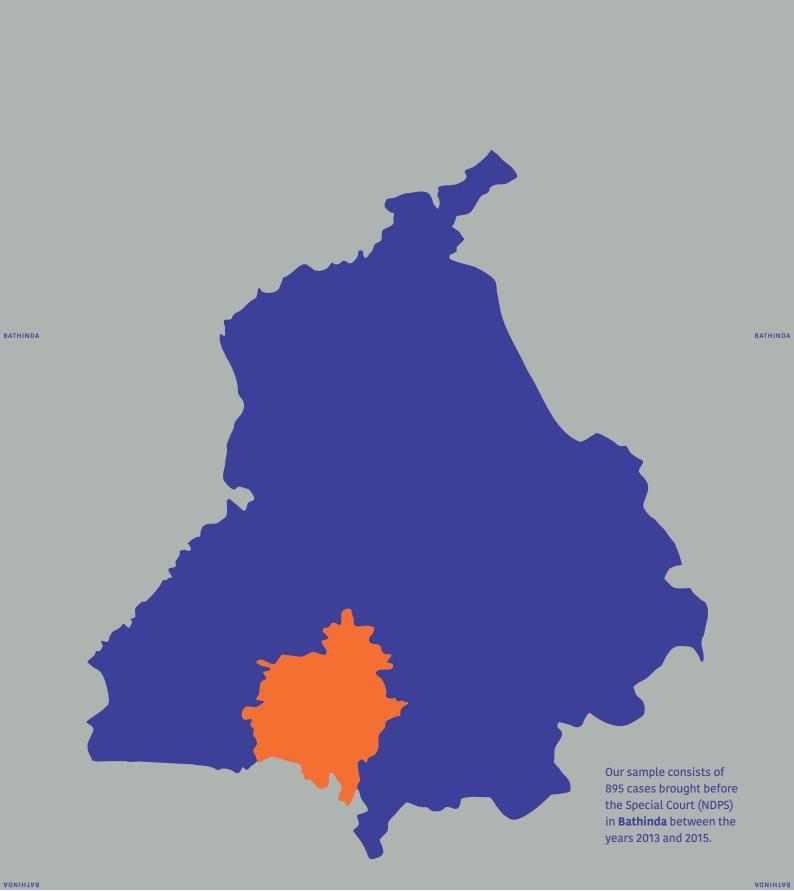


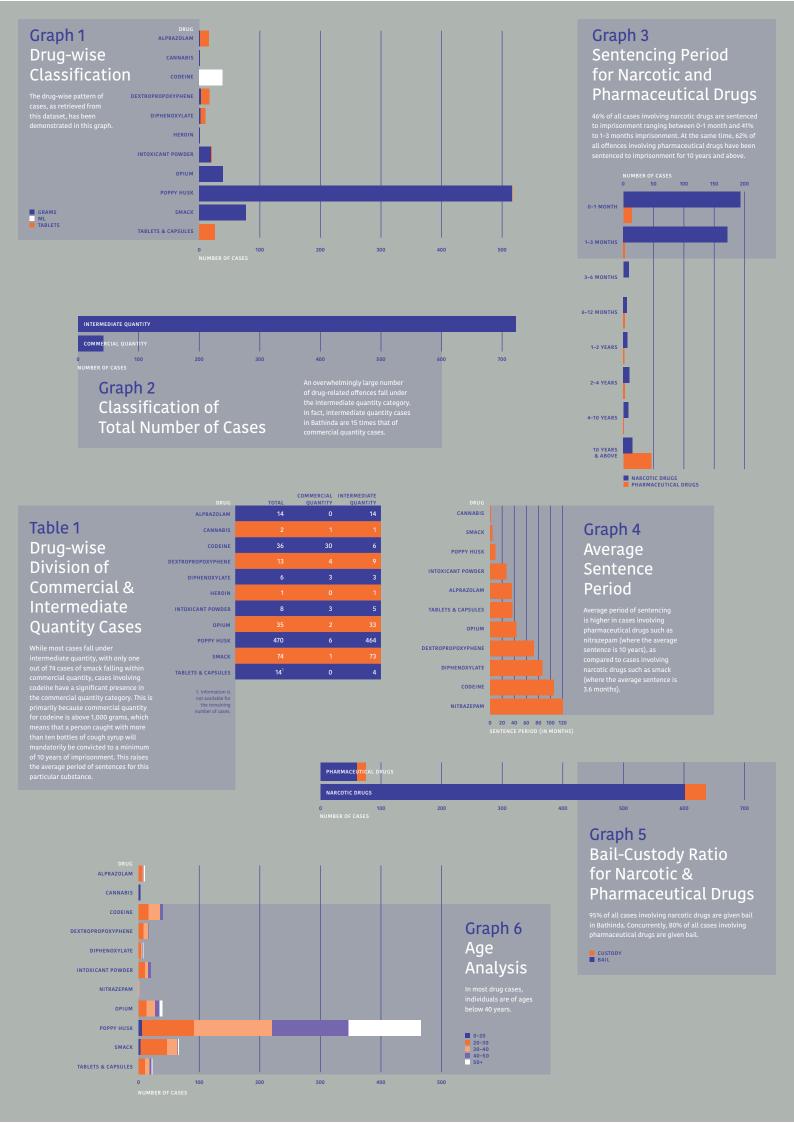


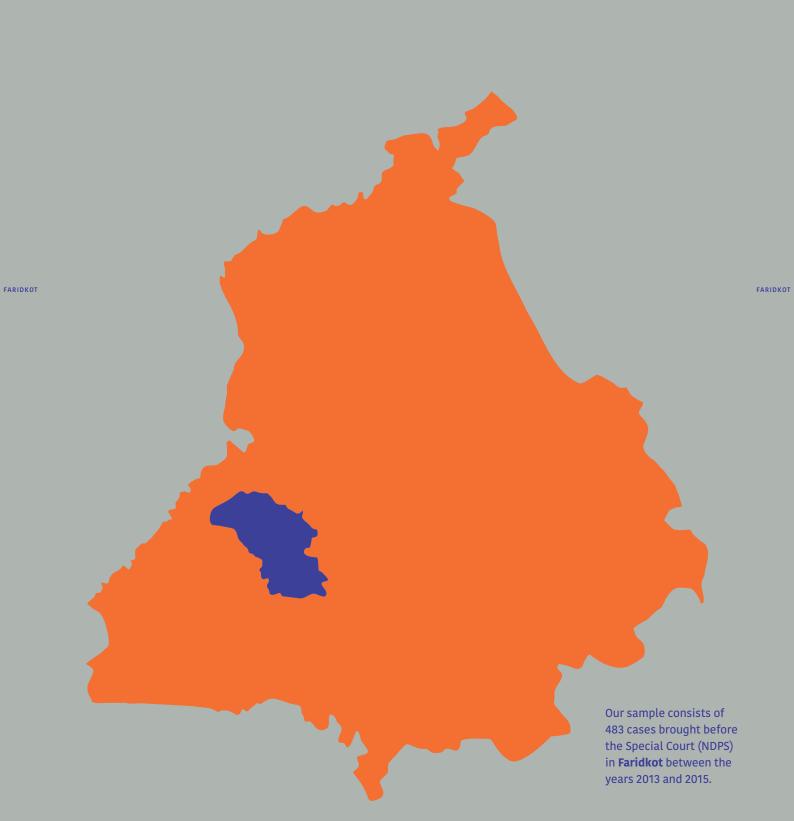




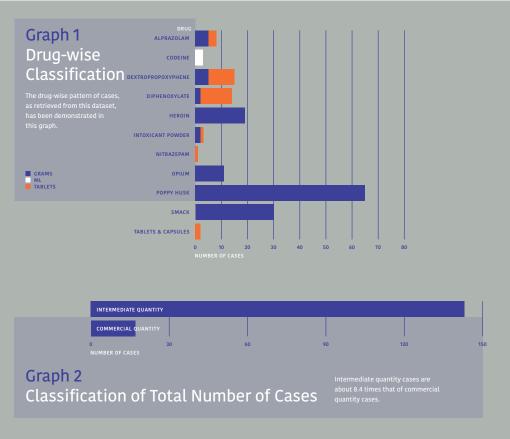


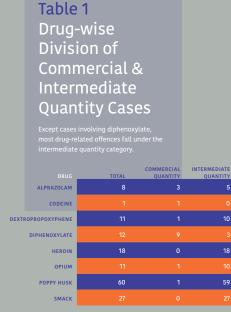


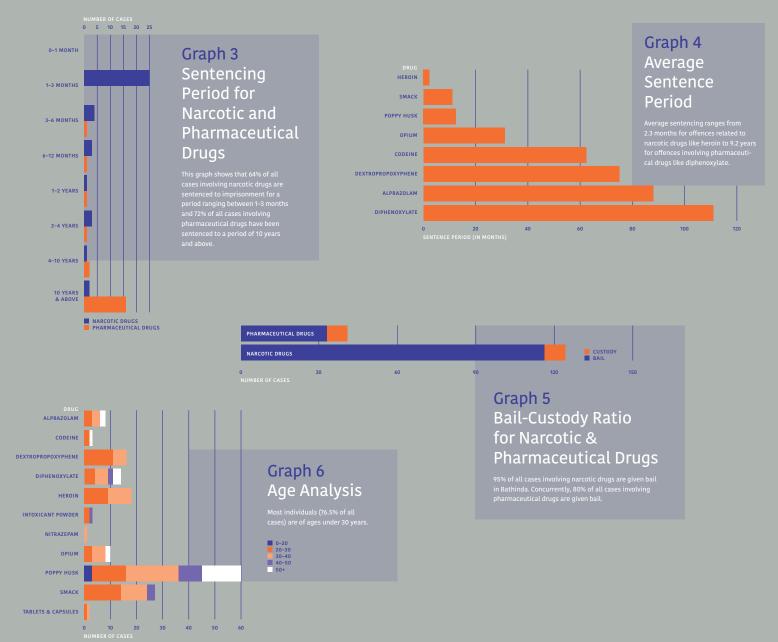




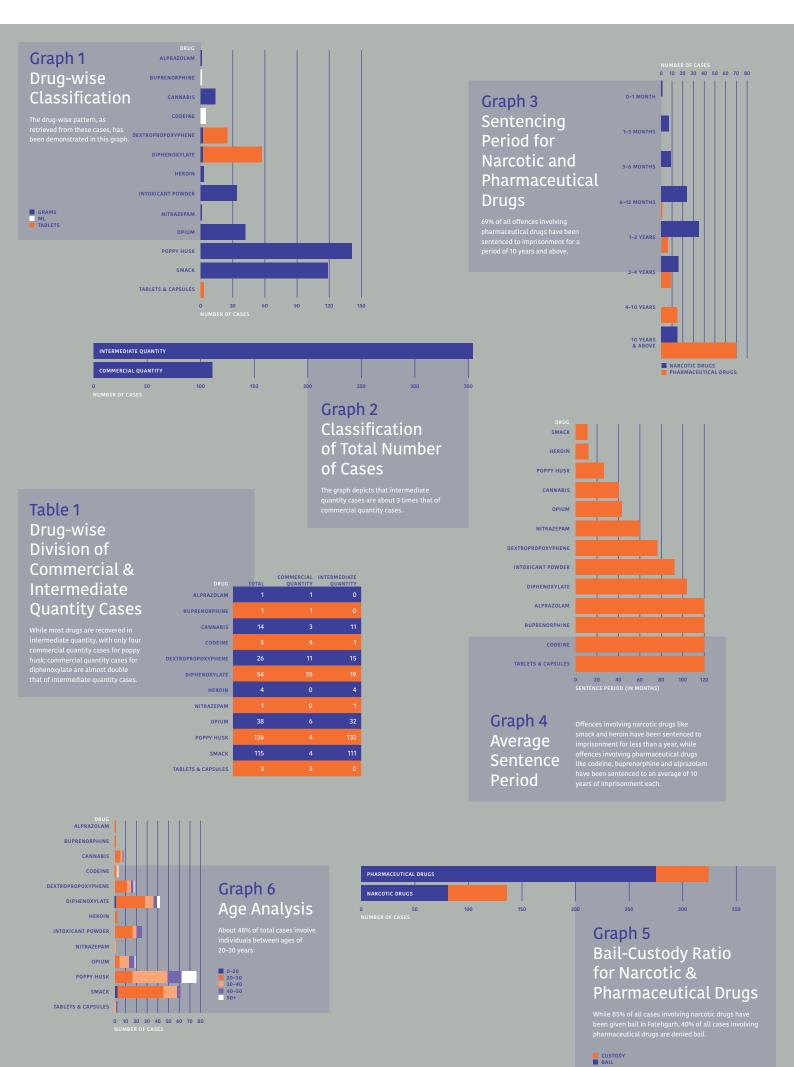
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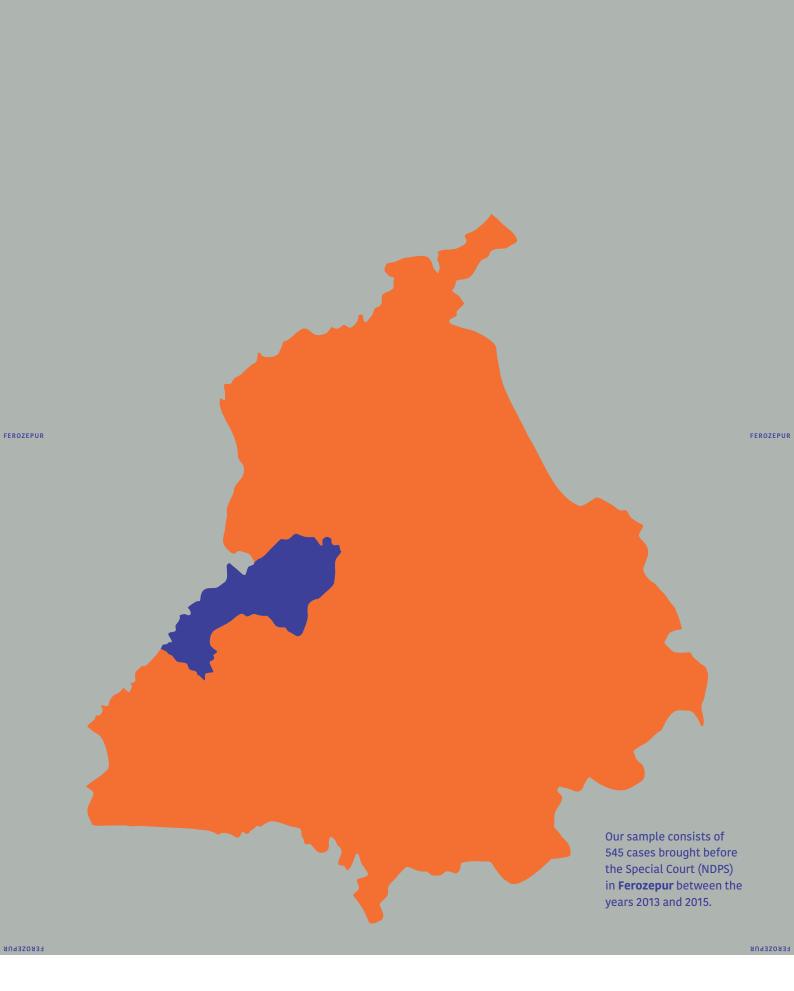




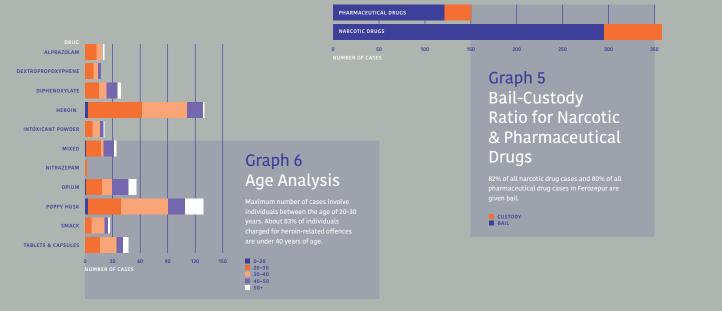


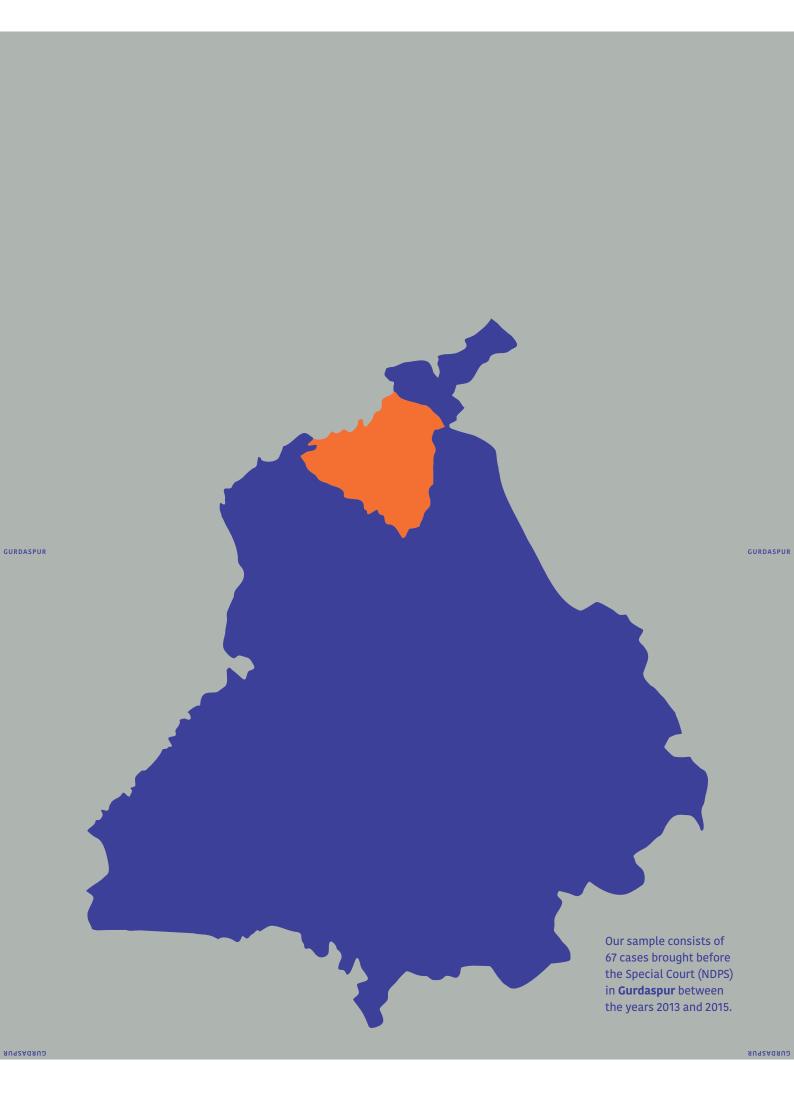


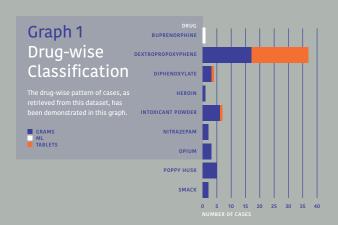


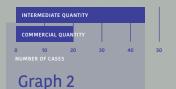






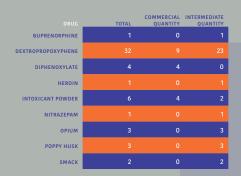


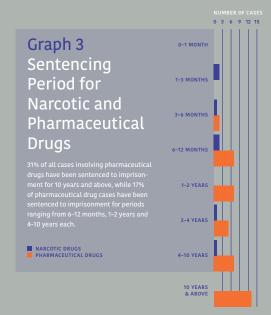




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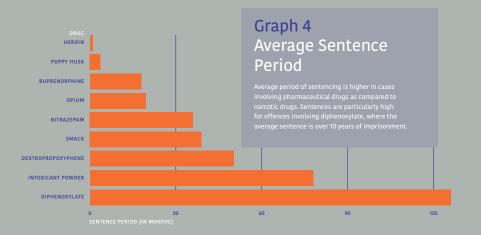
The graph demonstrates that intermediate quantity cases are 2.2 times that of commercial quantity cases.

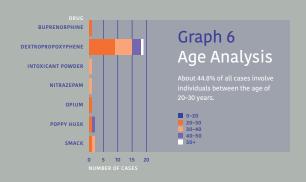


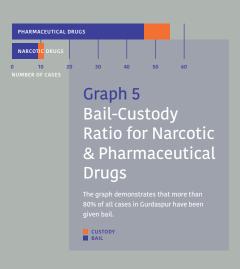


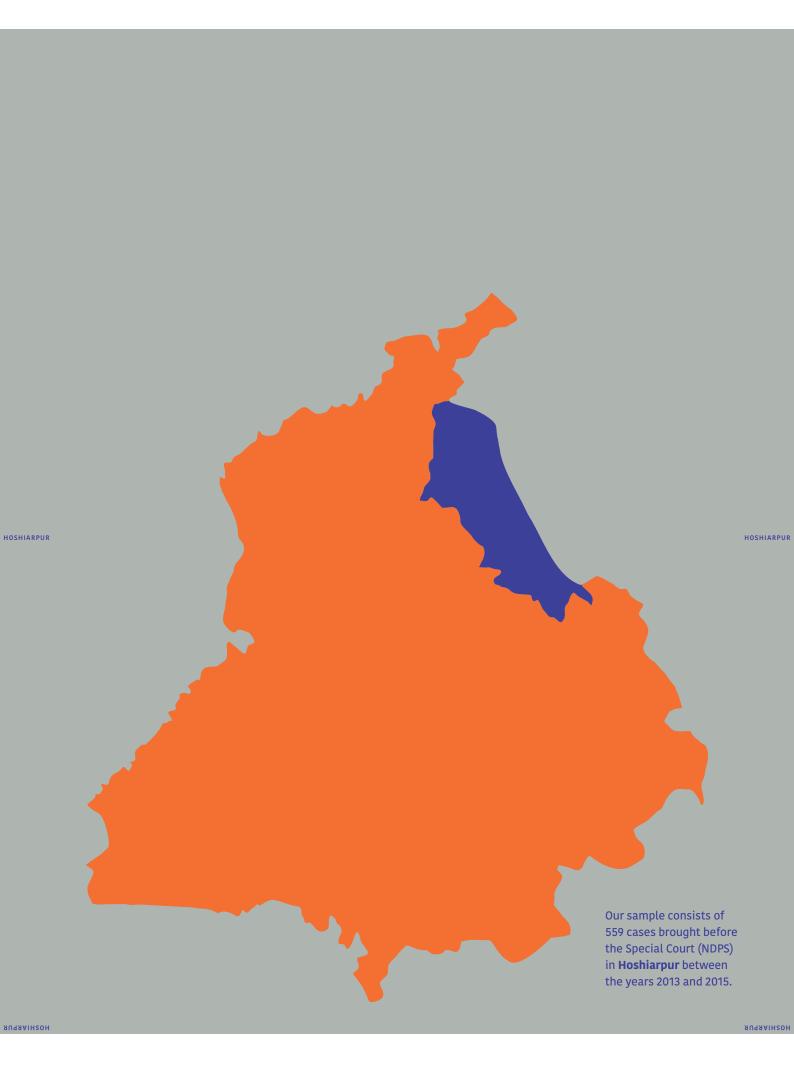
## Table 1 Drug-wise Division of Commercial & Intermediate Quantity Cases

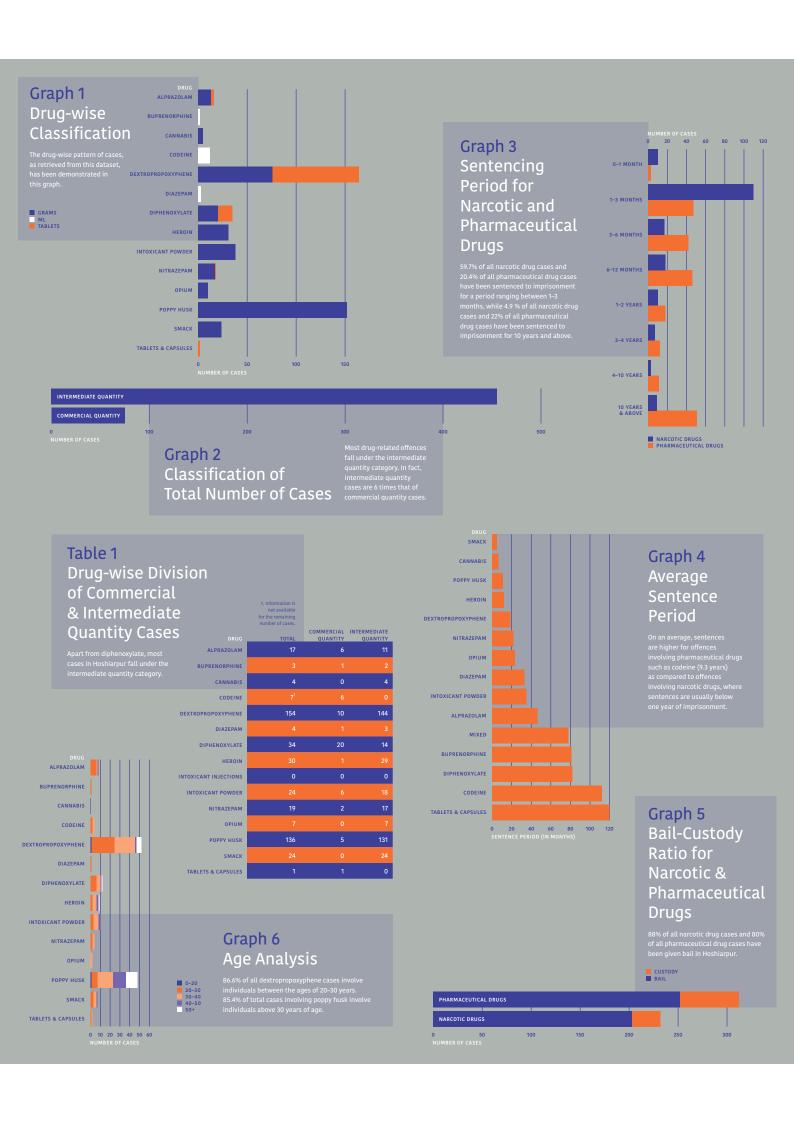
The table shows that apart from diphenoxylate, most cases in Gurdaspur fall under the intermediate quantity category.



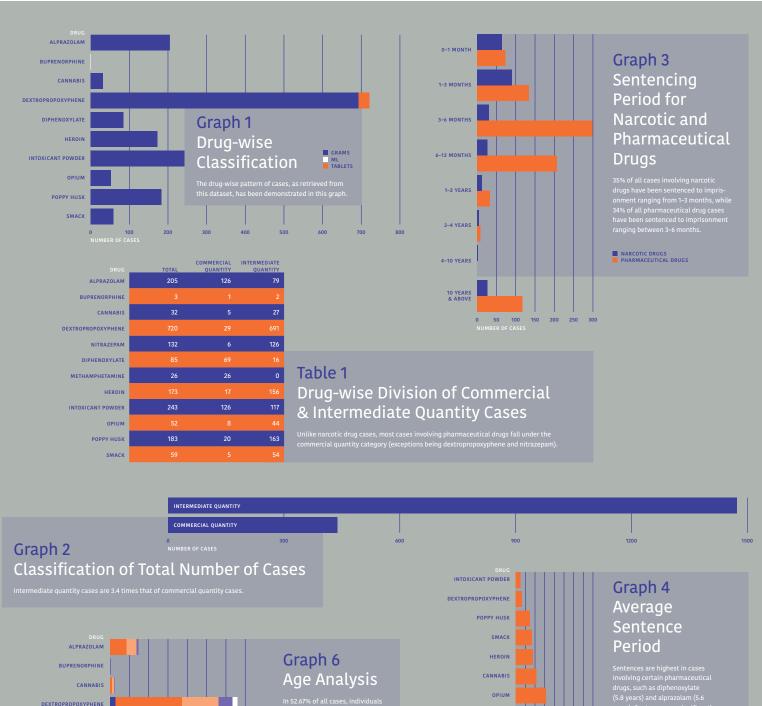


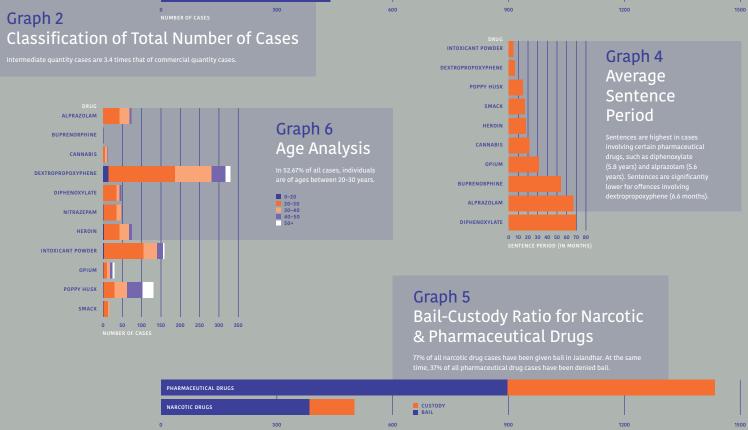


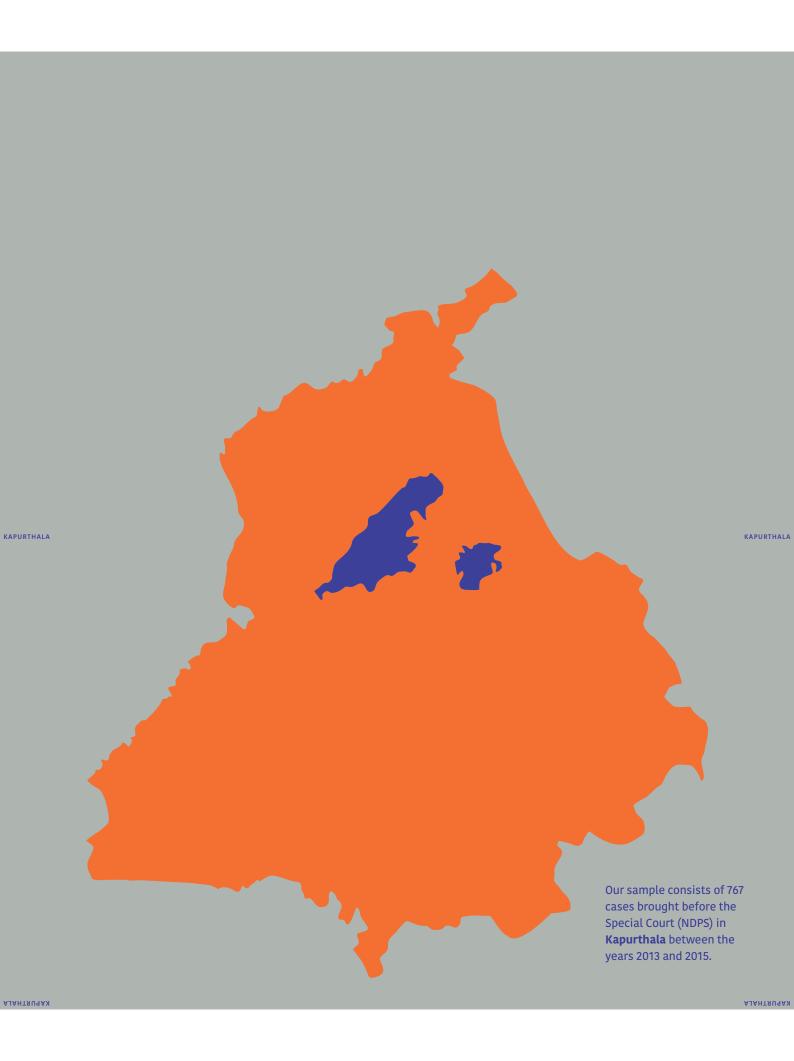


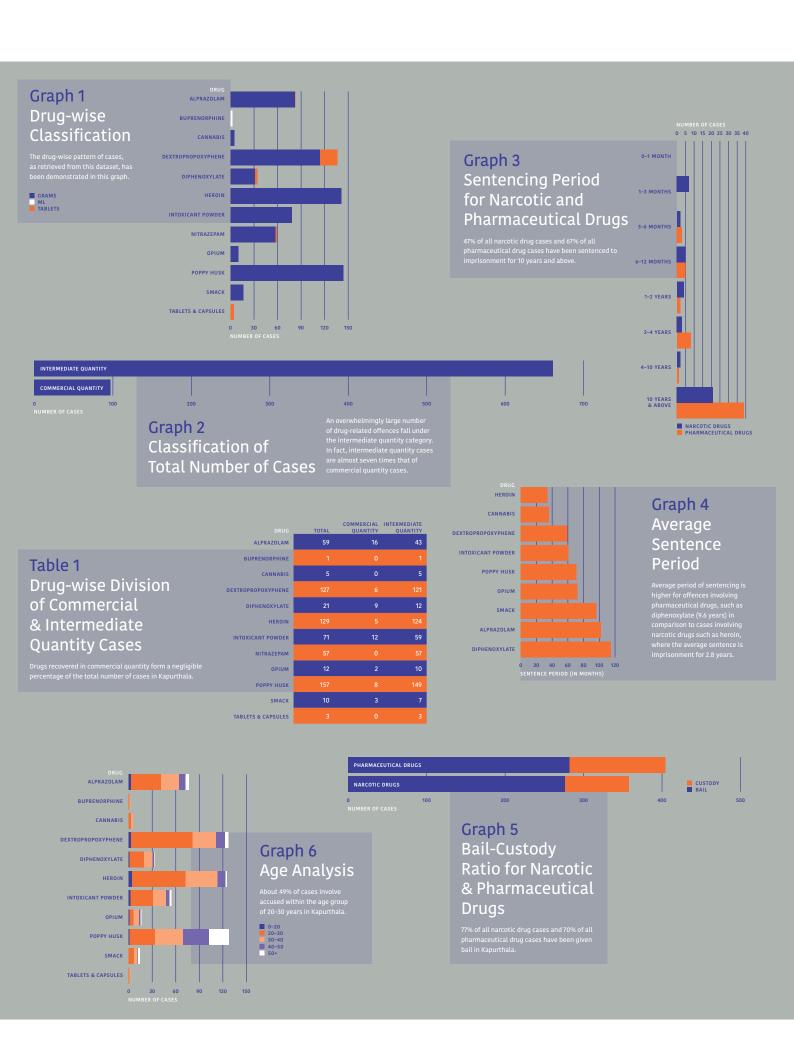




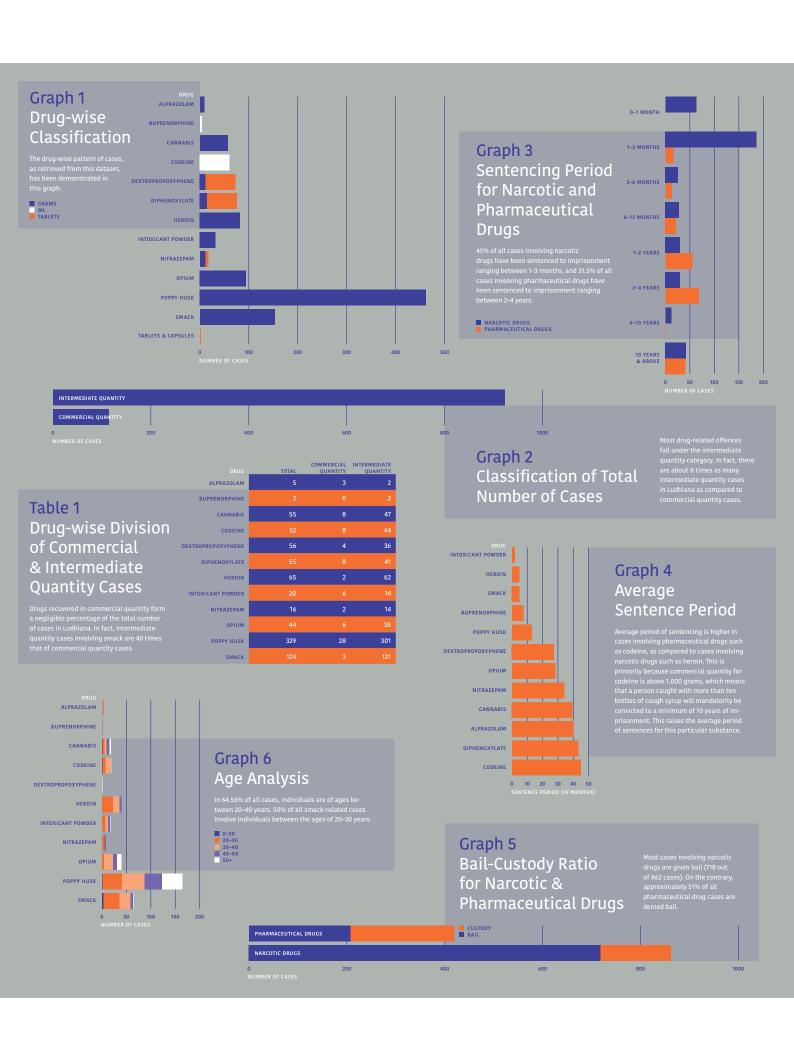


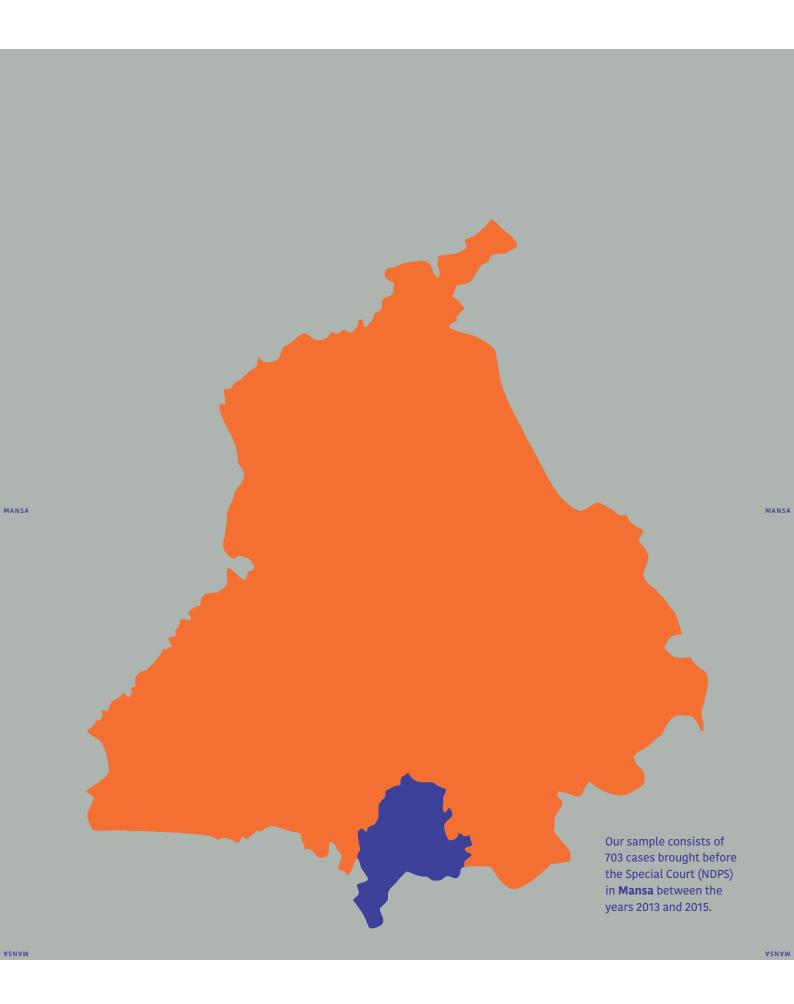


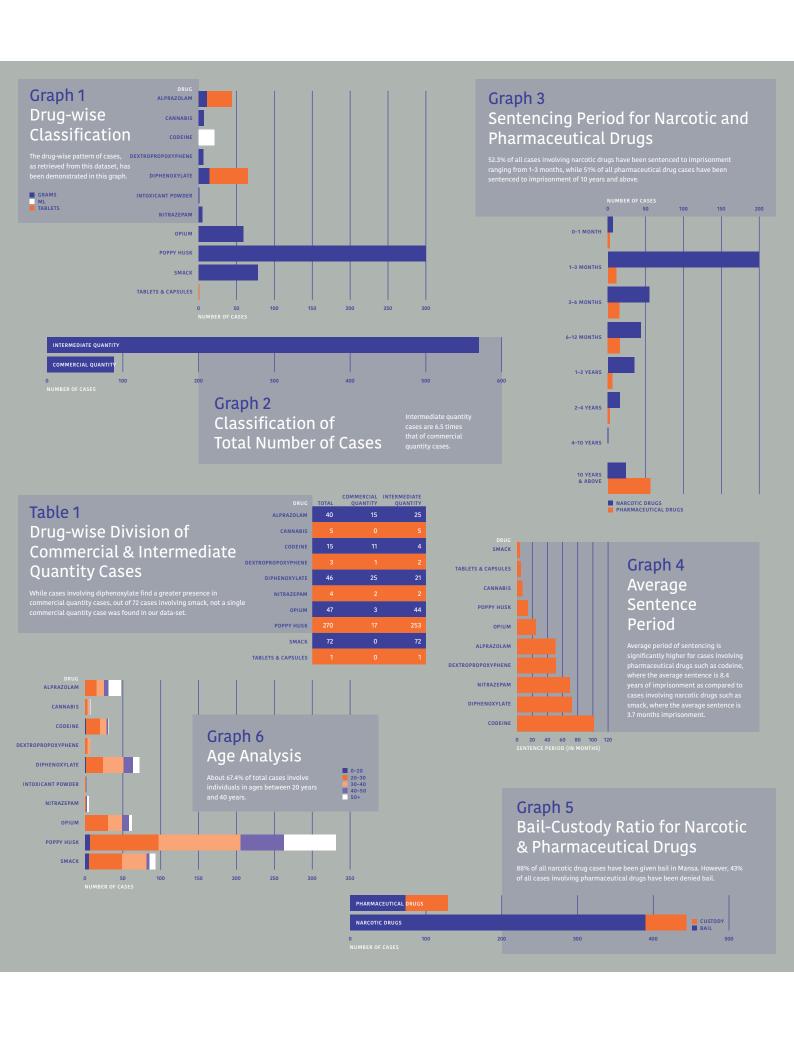


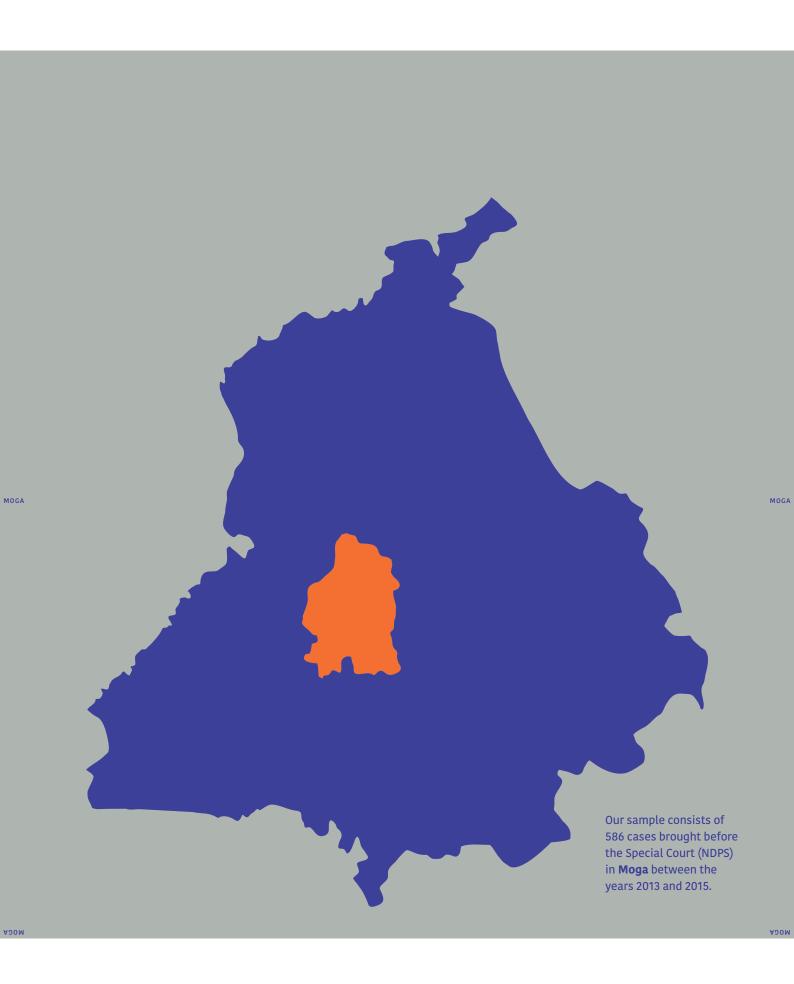


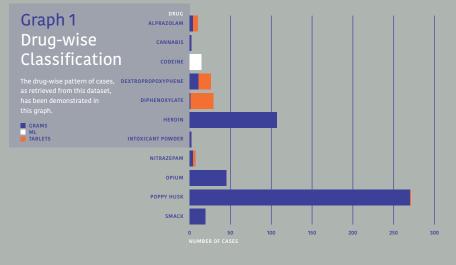














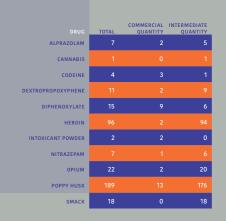
Graph 2
Classification of
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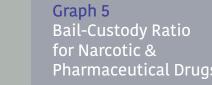
An overwheimingly large number of drugrelated offences fall under the intermediate quantity category. In fact, intermediate quantity cases are about 9.5 times that of commercial quantity cases in Moga.

### Table 1 Drug-wise Division

of Commercial & Intermediate Quantity Cases

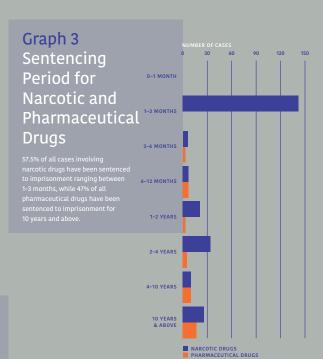
Most drug related offences fall under the intermediate quantity category. So much so that intermediate quantity cases involving heroin are 47 times that of commercial quantity cases. On the other hand, offences involving codeine and diphenoxylate, have a higher presence under commercial quantity.

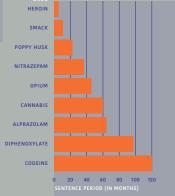




drugs and 78% of all cases involving pharmaceutical drugs have been given bail in Moga.

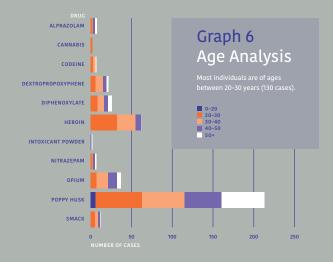


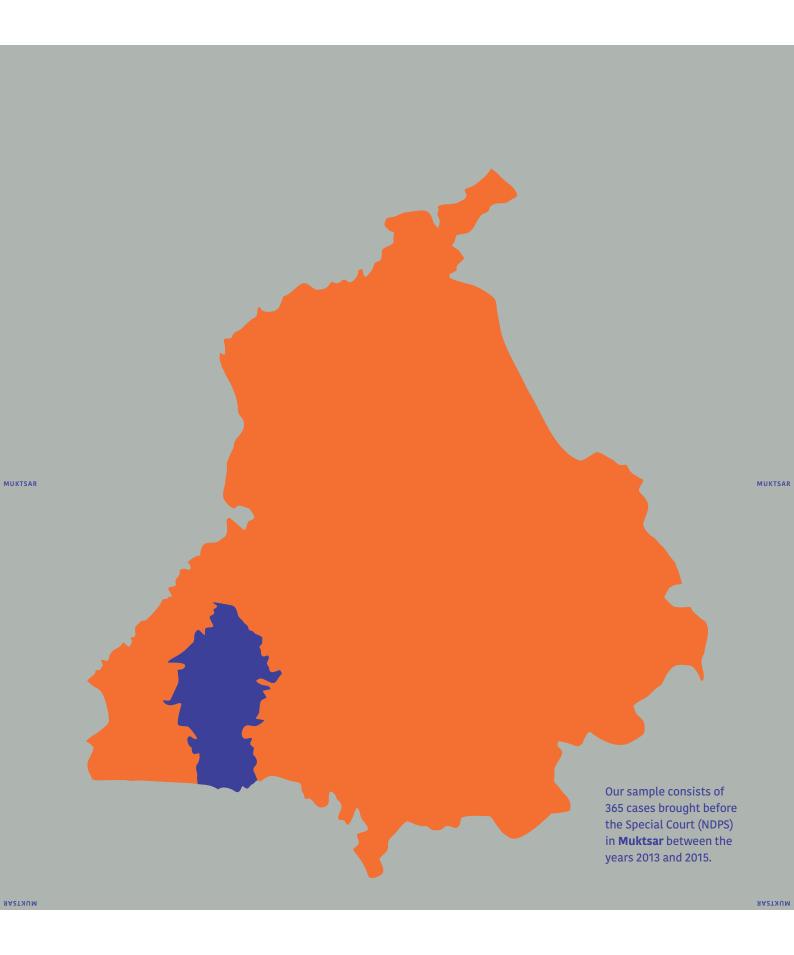


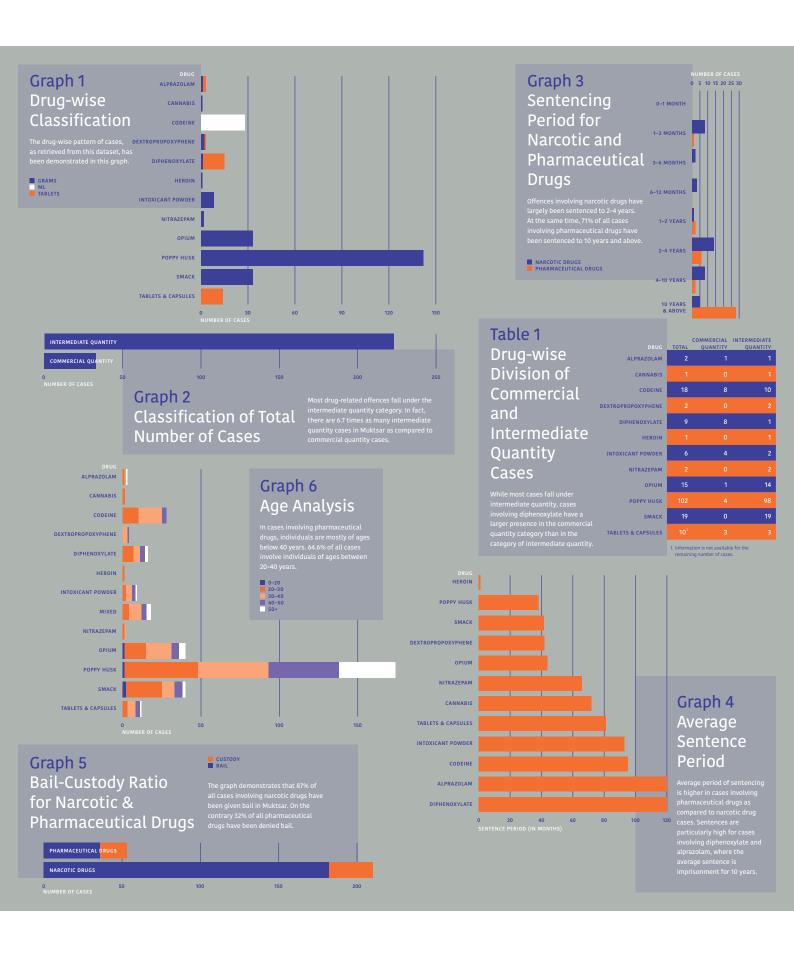


### Graph 4 Average Sentence Period

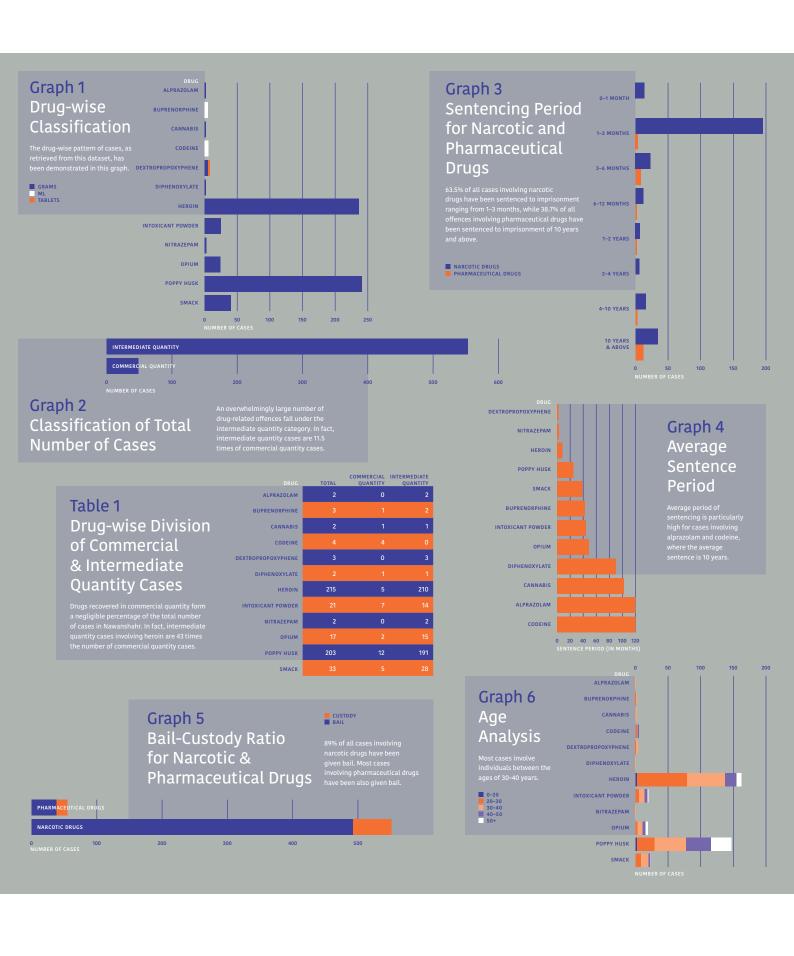
Average period of sentencing ranges from 5.3 months for heroin to a significantly higher sentence of about 8 years for diphenoxylate and 10 years for codeine.

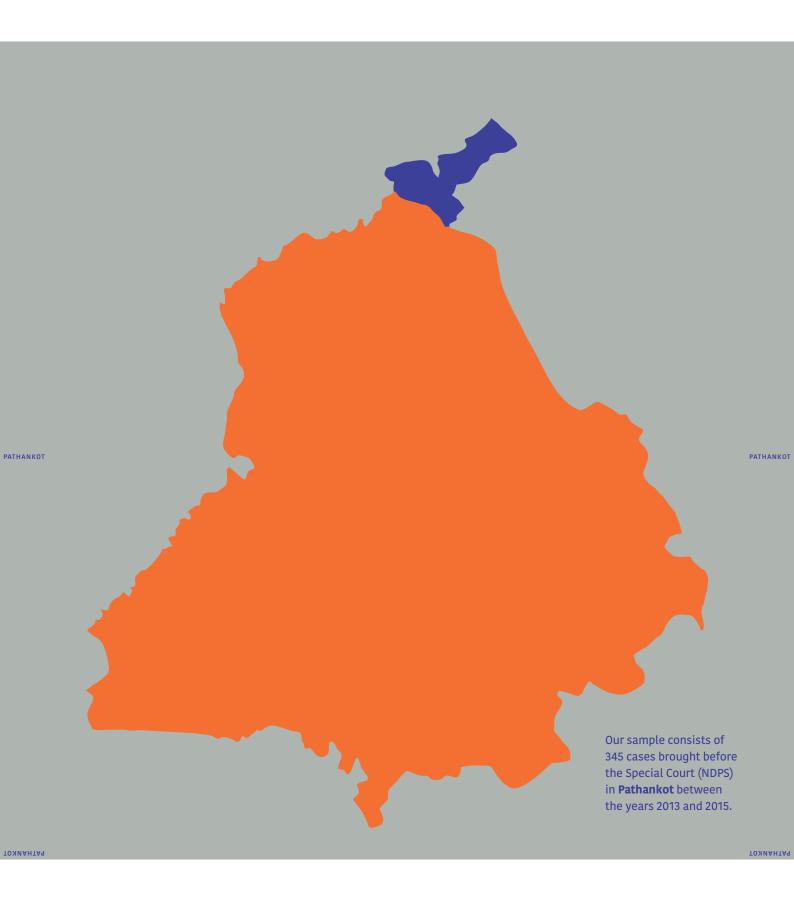


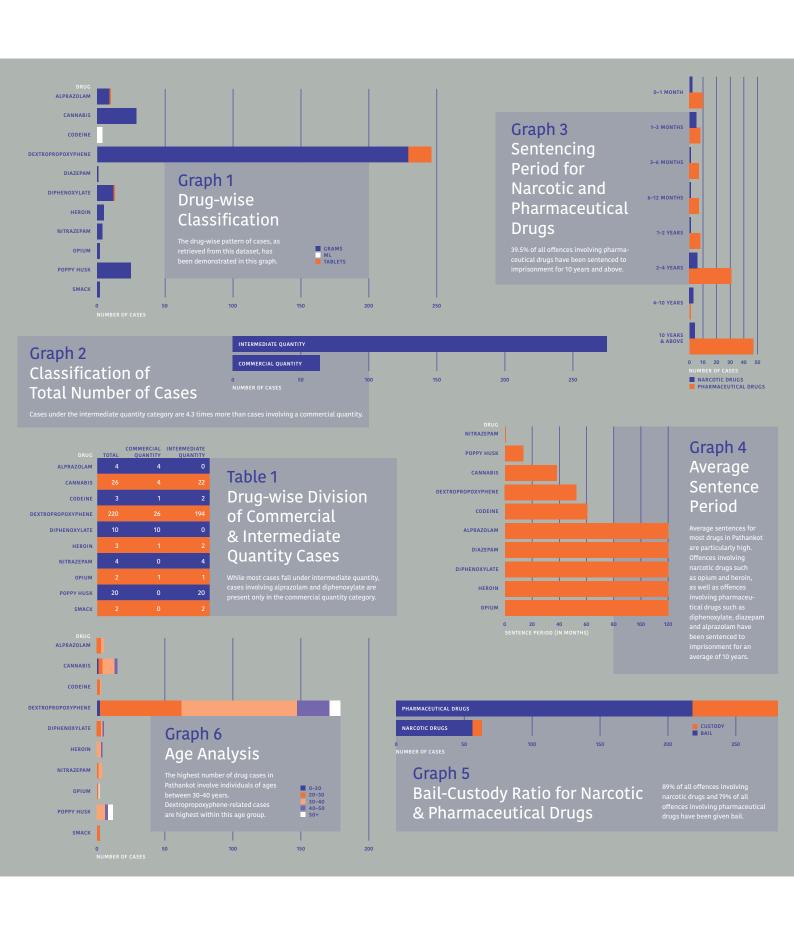


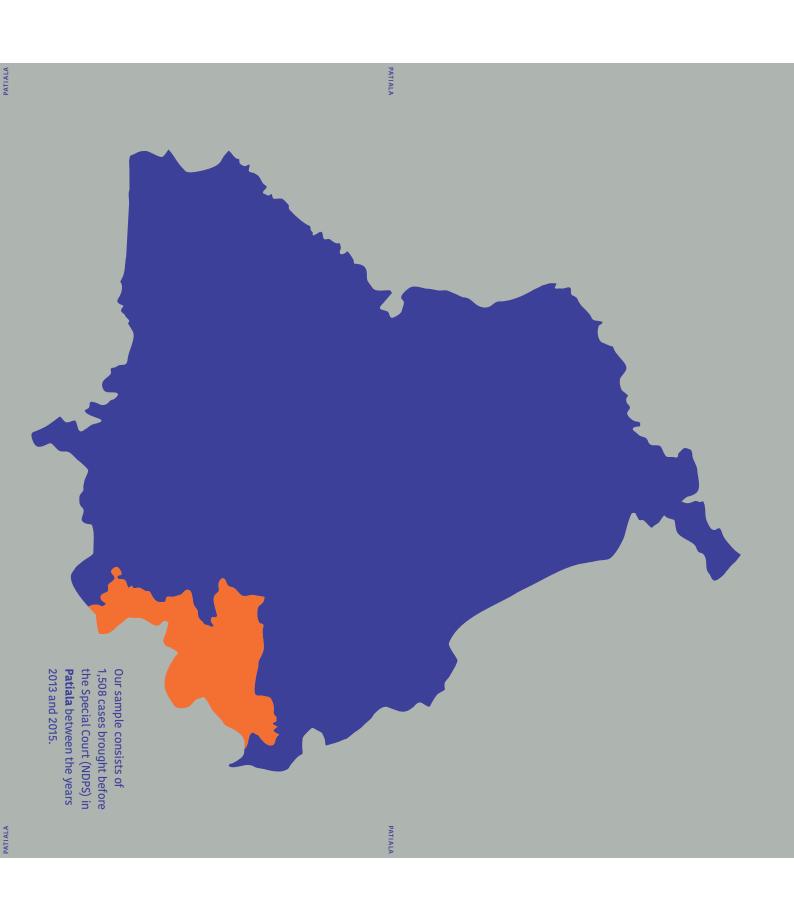


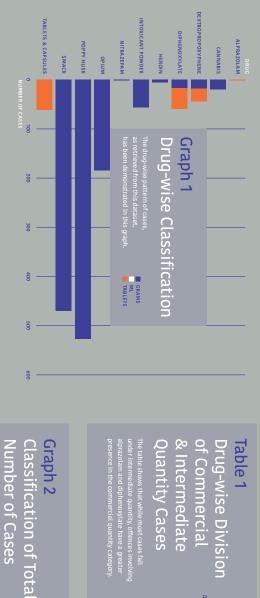












INTERMEDIATE QUANTITY





6-12 MONTHS

4-10 YEARS

10 YEARS & ABOVE

300

600

900

E BAIL

Drugs

TABLETS & CAPSULES

& Pharmaceutical

