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Title: Need to conduct a fresh survey on drug abuse and revisit the National Policy for Drug Demand Reduction, 2014 to prevent the increasing incidents of drug abuse among the youth.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA (HISAR): I would like to register here my deep concern about the condition of youth who are most vulnerable for drug abuse across the country due to lack of strong policy. The Government has formulated National Policy for Drug Demand Reduction, 2014 to bring about reduction of drug abuse in the country. In this recent draft policy, it is informed that there were approximately 8.7 million cannabis users and 2 million opiate users in the country as per the data available according to 2001 census. Now, some State Governments are also encouraging the sale of alcohol to enhance revenue. Therefore, I request the Government to conduct immediate fresh survey on drug abuse and the National Policy may be redrafted accordingly with effective rehabilitation programmes to protect the youth of the country. I also request the Government to instruct the State Governments to stop encouraging the sale of liquor in their respective States.