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SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI (SULTANPUR): The National Youth Policy was released in February, 2014 to define the vision of the Indian Government for the youth of the country. They bracketed the youth between the ages of 15 and 29 which constitutes roughly about 28 per cent of the population. The first step in the implementation of this Policy was the creation of a plan of action across various Ministries and Departments within six months of the introduction of the Policy, followed by the constitution of a Youth Council, which will have exceptional young people from across various fields who would not only oversee the implementation of this Policy but also would look after and formulate a set of short-term and long-term success indicators for this Policy.

However, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, it has been almost a year, is still in the process of formulating this plan of action. It has still not been done. These delays are extremely detrimental to the overall implementation of this Policy because the National Youth Policy calls for a status report after two years. It has been half their time and it has not even started. I just want to raise two issues. One is the implementation of this Youth Policy, the creation of these Youth Councils in States and in Centre; and also the target setting that we measure certain targets and a plan to achieve the same. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Shivkumar Udasi, Shrimati Poonam Mahajan, Kumari Shobha Karandlaje, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and Dr. Kirit P. Solanki are allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Feroze Varun Gandhi.