

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3757
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8.12.2016**

Contribution of Youth in Policy Making

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of any programme in various Ministries in the country whereby the youth can contribute directly in the process of policy making;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to devise some mechanism so as to enable the youth to participate/contribute in the said process?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) to (c) The National Youth Policy, 2014 lays emphasis on actively involving the youth in the decision-making process. "Youth Engagement" is one of the key priority areas of the Policy. The Policy also stipulates about a structured platform for engagement with the youth across the country, through conducting thematic workshops, putting out calls for policy notes through ICT-based channels, etc. The Policy calls upon all concerned Ministries to set up 'Youth Connect' programmes as a targeted youth outreach programme.

The Government has adopted youth-led development strategy. The Government holds the view that the Youth should be active drivers and not just passive recipients of the development process. Different Ministries have evolved different strategies to involve youth in decision-making process. A key initiative is the “MyGov.in” Platform through which different Ministries/ Departments consult citizens on important governance issues. The Department of Youth Affairs has also created a Group titled “Youth for Nation-building” on “MyGov.in” platform through which the Department engages with the youth on various issues from time to time. The Department of Youth Affairs has also introduced a ‘Neighbourhood Youth Parliament” Programme through which the youth are engaged in discussions/ debate on contemporary issues of significance to the community in general and youth in particular, to make them part of the governance process.
