Are you 16 or 17? Have you been detained without charge? Large numbers of 16-18 year olds have repeatedly suffered from the J&K juvenile justice law system, which treats boys under the age of 18 as adults.

YOU(th) helped release 14 year old Musthag Ahmad Sheikh in February, but the detainment of many other teenage boys continues in the J&K region. This January, another 17-year old teenager, was held in prison with no special facilities for children for about four months. He was detained by the police without any charge.

We need YOU(th) to urge officials of the Jammu and Kashmir region to make its juvenile law consistent with the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child

The actions taken by the police go against obligations of international law inscribed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), a legally binding document that protects the rights of children in an international spectrum.

Even though India has altered its national juvenile justice law to make it consistent with the UNCRC, the law of the J&K region has not been updated yet.

Take action now to urge the Chief Minister of J&K to recognize the need to reform the law in this area. We need your help to ensure that the Chief Minister begins to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice Act in the 2011 Monsoon session of the J&K Assembly.

Add your name below to urge officials of the Jammu and Kashmir region to make its juvenile law consistent with the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child. Your actions will be added to an online action with our friends at AI.

I call upon the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir to amend the Jammu and Kashmir Juvenile Justice Act, to bring it in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Your First Name	Your Surname	Your Email	Your Hometown	Your Age	Add me to APYN!