PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have received the following message dated the 28th June, 2019, from the President:—

"I have received the expression of Thanks by the Members of Rajya Sabha for the Address which I delivered to both Houses of Parliament assembled together on 20th June, 2019."

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Statements by Minister.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Seventeenth Report and three hundred and Twenty-Third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): Sir, I lay the following statements regarding:—

(i)   Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Seventeenth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Department of Biotechnology.

(ii)   Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Three Hundred and Twenty-third Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in the Three Hundred and Fifteenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2018-19) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: It seems people are more concerned about the health of the country and also the health of individuals. There seems to be more than half of the questions today pertaining only to the Ministry of Health. Now, matters to be raised with permission of the Chair; Zero Hour.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Rise in fake news on social media

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (मध्य प्रदेश): माननीय सभापति महोदय, विश्व में जो अनेक स्टडीज़ हुई हैं, उनमें यह बात सामने आयी है कि fake news आतंकवाद से भी ज्यादा खतरनाक है। Fake news के कारण,