

**World Earth Day**

1627. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Earth Day has been celebrated this year, if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (b) the theme of the day alongwith the prgrammes/events organized by Government for it;
- (c) whether Government has created awareness to plant more trees, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the said objectives were achieved, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether Government proposes to take concrete steps to minimise carbon emission on Earth Day, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken by Government to support environmental protection?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Yes Sir, Earth Day 2019 was celebrated across the country at 43 centers. People all over the world celebrate this day on 22 April and make efforts to protect planet and its environment.

(b) Theme of the Earth Day 2019 was 'Protect Our Species'. Activities of awareness and 'Drawing/Painting' competitions were conducted at schools on this occasion.

(c) Yes Sir, some of the organizations had tree plantation programs also.

(d) Objectives of sensitizing the students about the Earth Day were achieved.

(e) Yes Sir. Setting targets for the renewable energy generation and shifting to electric vehicles are some of the major concrete steps to minimize the carbon emissions.

(f) The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is the nodal ministry for the environmental protection and is primarily concerned with the

implementation of policies and programs relating to conservation of the country's natural resources including lakes and rivers, its biodiversity, forests and wildlife, ensuring the welfare of its animals and prevention and abatement of pollution. While implementing these policies and programs, the main objectives are conservation and survey of flora, fauna, forest and wildlife, prevention and control of pollution, afforestation and regeneration of degraded areas, protection of environment and ensuring the welfare of animals. These objectives are well supported by a set of legislative and regulatory measures aimed at the preservation and protection of environment. Many plans and policies have been implemented focused towards protection and improvement of the environment.

**Identification of sensitive posts by IRDAI to prevent corruption**

1628. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has identified sensitive posts and has acted to prevent corruption as per the guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) No. 18/Misc/02-392171 dated 23/08/2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for protecting corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR): (a) to (b) Yes Sir, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), in compliance of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), guidelines No. 18/Misc/02-392171 dated 23/08/2018 vide order dated 26/11/2019 has identified sensitive posts in the departments which include positions handling registration and renewals of Insurance Intermediaries viz. Corporate Agents, Insurance Brokers, Insurance Marketing Firms, Surveyors and Loss Assessors and Third Party Administrators, and those handling Insurance Product approvals.

(c) Not applicable.

**Study on impact of economic slowdown**

1629. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Monetary Fund (IMF) has opined that the effect of global economic slowdown will be more pronounced in some of the emerging market