GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1123

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1123 TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

SCIENCE OF EARTH

1123. SHRI H. VASANTHAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his ministry is to promote awareness about "Science of Earth" among students and common public;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Ministry has conducted / launched any program for rapid exchange of researches and ideas between the widespread community of Earth Scientists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and fund allocation in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Ministry supports to propagate and bring awareness about the activities of earth sciences among students/public and common user communities through exhibitions/fairs. "Earth Day" and "Ozone Day" are celebrated with the participation of School, College and University students. Ministry also supports the National and International Earth Science Olympiad, every year.
- (c) At present, national and international seminars / symposia/ workshops are supported by Ministry for rapid exchange of research results and innovative ideas among the Earth Science Community.
- (d) Government approved total funds Rs 25.23 Crore for the period 2017-2020 for outreach and awareness program that comprises the funds for the said activities.
