

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1301**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016)

**VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK, 2016**

1301. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government observes Vigilance Awareness Week every year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has celebrated Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016 recently; and
- (d) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government to make the Vigilance Awareness Week a successful event?

**ANSWER**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year.
- (b): The aim of observing vigilance awareness week is to promote integrity, transparency and accountability in public life. It also aims at attaining a corrupt free society wherein all the stakeholders including government, citizens and also the private sector participate in the fight against corruption. Further, people are sensitized about the adverse consequences of corruption and ways to eliminate it.
- (c): Yes, Madam. The Vigilance Awareness Week was celebrated this year from 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.
- (d): In addition to administering oath to Government & Public Sector employees, to create greater awareness and participation of the public, at large, two 'Integrity Pledge', as envisaged by the Central Vigilance Commission, were taken by individual citizens as well as by corporate entities, firms, etc., affirming their commitment to prevent and combat corruption. Further, programmes were arranged in some schools and colleges, trade bodies, offices, villages etc. to promote awareness in public on ills of corruption and need for integrity.

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