

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3064  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2017**

**WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**3064. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any programme on the World Day of Social Justice in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the programme organised on the occasion of World Day of Social Justice;
- (c) the extent to which the objectives of observing the said day has been achieved;
- (d) whether the Government recognise the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a) to (e): No, Madam. Government of India do not observe the 20<sup>th</sup> February as World Day of Social Justice and declared by the United Nations General Assembly during the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session on November 26, 2007 since the resolution in this regard does not enjoin upon the States to mark the day as such and this is purely voluntary act left to individual States.

However, the Government of India celebrates the Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 14<sup>th</sup> April every year as “*Rashtriya Samrasta Divas*” symbolizing the struggle for social justice.

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