

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/07/2017**

LAUNCHING OF MOBILE APP

***152. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:**

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently launched a Mobile App to popularize yoga tradition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this provides a platform to share information and insights about peoples' participation in yoga events and activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री

(डा. हर्ष वर्धन)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.152 FOR 26/07/2017 REGARDING LAUNCHING OF MOBILE APP

(a) Yes, Madam. Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous institution under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), has developed a Mobile App "Celebrating Yoga - Connecting People with Health and Life".

(b) The Hon'ble Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, launched the Mobile App at New Delhi on 19th June, 2017. It was developed on the occasion of the International Yoga Day 2017. The purpose of the App is to popularize Yoga and encourage people to practice and derive benefits from it. The Application is available to all citizens free of cost from the Google Store. As it aims at improving the health and quality of life, the App is aligned to the "Swasth Bharat" Mission of the Government of India.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The App provides a platform for sharing information by capturing the mass events being organized in public places, schools and office complexes across the country and also efforts of individual enthusiasts who contribute towards promoting yoga and its benefits. People who practice yoga and wish to share their own yoga posture photographs with others can also use this App and upload their photographs. The App is connected to the Google Map where shared information can be seen by the users. With user's permission, the application automatically collects the location data from the phone and shows from where the information was sent using a marker on the Google map.
