

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2017**

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

3505. 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 activities conducted on the said occasion;
- (c) whether the Government recognizes the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

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