GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES LOK SABHA 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.
