

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1627  
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 2019**

**WORLD EARTH DAY**

**1627. SHRI SANJAY SETH:**

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether World Earth Day has been celebrated this year, if so, the details and objectives thereof;**
- (b) the theme of the day alongwith the programmes/events organized by Government for it;**
- (c) whether Government has created awareness to plant more trees, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the said objectives were achieved, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;**
- (e) whether Government proposes to take concrete steps to minimise carbon emission on Earth Day, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the other steps taken by Government to support environmental protection?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a) Yes Sir, Earth Day 2019 was celebrated across the country at 43 centers. People all over the world celebrate this day on 22 April and make efforts to protect planet and its environment.**
- (b) Theme of the Earth Day 2019 was 'Protect Our Species'. Activities of awareness and 'Drawing/Painting' competitions were conducted at schools on this occasion.**
- (c) Yes Sir, some of the organizations had tree plantation programs also.**
- (d) Objectives of sensitizing the students about the Earth Day were achieved.**
- (e) Yes Sir. Setting targets for the renewable energy generation and shifting to electric vehicles are some of the major concrete steps to minimize the carbon emissions.**
- (f) The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is the nodal ministry for the environmental protection and is primarily concerned with the implementation of policies and programs relating to conservation of the country's natural resources including lakes and rivers, its biodiversity, forests and wildlife, ensuring the welfare of its animals and prevention and abatement of pollution. While implementing these policies and programs, the main objectives are conservation and survey of flora, fauna, forest and wildlife, prevention and control of pollution, afforestation and regeneration of degraded areas, protection of environment and ensuring the welfare of animals. These objectives are well supported by a set of legislative and regulatory measures aimed at the preservation and protection of environment. Many plans and policies have been implemented focused towards protection and improvement of the environment.**

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