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MESSAGE

I am very happy to learn that the Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from October 31 to November 05, 2016.

Undoubtedly, corruption affects the growth of a nation, reduces the Government's income, creates inequalities in distribution of wealth and is a major factor hindering development. Corruption is a serious and complex malaise which is to be fought with multifaceted strategies. Preventive vigilance is one such strategy. It aims at constant review of rules, procedures and practices which are susceptible to corruption.

Accountability and transparency are two important pillars of good governance and without them effective and responsive government is not possible. It is appropriate that the Commission has adopted the theme of **"Public participation in promoting Integrity and eradicating Corruption"** for the current year.

I am indeed happy to note that during the Vigilance Awareness Week schools, colleges, public and private organisations will also be conducting activities such as seminars, lectures, debates, oratory, plays, skits, poster and drawing competition, etc, to promote the theme of public participation in promoting integrity and eradicating corruption.

I extend my greetings to all those associated in this and convey my wishes for a successful Vigilance Week and hope our country becomes corruption free.

(Rajnath Singh)