I am glad to learn that the Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week this year from 30th October to 4th November, 2017 on the theme “My Vision – Corruption Free India”.

Corruption impedes the rate of economic growth, distorts competition, adversely impacts the rate of investment and undermines the moral fibre of society. In order to eliminate corruption there is a need for all stakeholders to work together to develop and implement effective anti-corruption mechanisms. Active participation of individuals and civil society members, who pledge to abide by principles of honesty and integrity, is of utmost importance in the fight against corruption. All sections of society should ensure that greater emphasis is laid on generating awareness among the public regarding the existence, causes and threat posed by corruption. This is an effective and sustainable means of fighting corruption.

I wish the Vigilance Awareness Week 2017, all success and extend my greetings to the vigilance fraternity.

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