Title: References regarding World Earth Day and congratulations to Ms. Rahi Sarnobat for winning a gold medal in pistol event of the world cup.

MADAM SPEAKER : Hon'ble Members, Earth Day is being observed the world over today to generate awareness about the problems being faced by Planet Earth. The Earth is witnessing over-exploitation of its natural resources and global warming. As ravages of pollution and climate change manifest every day, mankind's fight for a clean environment assumes greater urgency. The indiscriminate use should be prevented and efforts should be made for the judicious utilization of natural resources so as to preserve the same for future generations. Let us, on this occasion, reiterate our pledge to protect our mother earth and nurture nature for a better tomorrow.

Hon'ble Members, I am sure all of you will join me in conveying our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Rahi Sarnobat for becoming the first Indian woman shooter to secure a gold medal in the 25 Metre Sports Pistol event of the International Shooting Sport Federation, World Cup on 5 April, 2013.

We convey our best wishes to Ms. Rahi Sarnobat for her future endeavours.

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