

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government of Pakistan has withdrawn transit facilities for Indian nationals who arrive at Pakistani airports without obtaining a transit visa in advance.

(b) Such facilities are not covered under the existing Visa Agreement between India and Pakistan. Government rejected as totally false the allegation that these facilities were being "gravely misused" by Indian nationals, and that a large number of illegal Indian immigrants and stayed back in Pakistan.

(c) The matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan both in Islamabad and through its High Commission in New Delhi. Pakistan subsequently clarified that only those passengers, who do not have valid transit visas, would be denied permission to leave the airport and that transit visas could continue to be issued to bonafide Indian passengers for a stay valid upto 72 hours.

Issue of Commemorative Postal Stamps

554. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the special and commemorative stamps issued during 1990-91, including their date of issue;

(b) the programme for 1991-92; and

(c) the names of the eminent personalities honoured during 1990-91, with the reasons for such honour being extended in that year and for the selection of the date of issue in each case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Commemorative/Special Postage stamps issued during the year 1990 and during the period from January, 1991 to June 1991 including their dates of issue, are listed in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

(b) Tentative Programme for the remaining period of 1991 (July to December, 1991) is placed at Statement III. The programme for the year 1992 is yet to be finalised and announced.

(c) The details in this regard are given in Statement-IV.

STATEMENT I

Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps issued during the year 1990

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
1.	Dr. M.G. Ramachandran	17-1-90
2.	Sukhna Shramdan, Chandigarh	29-1-90
3.	The Bombay Sappers Presentation of Colours	21-2-90
4.	Asian Development Bank	02-5-90
5.	150th Anniversary of First Postage Stamp	06-5-90
6.	Ho Chi Minh	17-5-90
7.	Chaudhary Charan Singh	29-5-90
8.	Indian Peace Keeping Force	30-7-90
9.	Indian Council for Agriculture Research	31-7-90

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
10.	Khudiram Bose	11-8-90
11-12.	Indo-Soviet Issue	16-8-90
13.	K. Kelappan	24-8-90
14.	Care for the Girl Child	05-9-90
15.	International Literacy Year	08-9-90
16.	Safe Water	10-9-90
17.	Pundit Sunder Lal Sharma	28-9-90
18-21.	XI Asian Games	29-9-90
22.	A. K. Gopalan	1-10-90
23.	3rd & 5th Battalion-the 5th Gorkha Rifles (F.F.)	1-10-90
24.	Suryamal Mishran	19-10-90
25.	Children's Day	14-11-90
26.	B.S.F.	30-11-90
27-28.	Greetings	17-12-90
29-31.	Cities of India	24-12-90
32.	Bhakta Kanakadas	26-12-90
33-34.	Tercentery of Calcutta	28-12-90
35.	Dayaneshwari	31-12-90

STATEMENT II

Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps issued during the Period from January to June 1991

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
1.	Banaras Hindu University	20-1-91
2.	Road Safety	30-1-91
3.	7th Triennale 91	12-2-91
4.	Jagannath Sunkersett	15-2-91
5.	Tata Memorial Centre	28-2-91
6-7.	Marine - Mammals (River Dolphin/Sea Cow)	4-3-91
8.	Beware of Drugs	5-3-91
9.	World Peace	7-3-91
10.	Indian Remote Sensing Satellite— IA	18-3-91
11.	Babu Jagivan Ram	5-4-91
12.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	14-4-91

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
13-16.	Tribal Dances	30-4-91
17.	Ariyakudi Ramaunja Iyengar	18-5-91
18.	Karpoori Thakur	30-5-91
19-20.	Antarctic Treaty (1961-1991)	23-6-91
21-22.	New Delhi-Diamond Jubilee	25-6-91
23.	Sri Ram Sharma Acharya	27-6-91

STATEMENT III

Tentative Programme for issue of Commemorative/Special Postage Stamps during the remaining part of the year 1991

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Theme</i>
1-2.	July	Cartoons - Shankar Pillai
3.	August	Visit India Tourism Year
4.	Do.	Sriprakash
5.	Do.	Gopinath Borodoloi
6.	Do.	Rajiv Gandhi
7.	Do.	Jain Muni Mishrimalji
8-9.	Do.	Greetings
10.	September	Jayshankar Prasad
11.	Do.	Mahadevi Verma
12-17.	Do.	Orchids
18.	Do.	Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
19.	October	Gorkha Regiment
20-21.	Do.	Handicrafts - Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay
22-25.	November	Yoga
26.	Do.	Children's Day
27.	Do.	18th Cavalry
28.	Do.	International Conference on Youth Tourism
29-32.	December	Adventure Sports
33.	Do.	W.A. Mozart
34.	Do.	Bharati Bhavan Library
35-40.	Do.	Ragmala Paintings
41.	Do.	Asit Kumar Haldar
42-43.	Do.	INPEX-91/Rocket Mail/Air Mail Post Card
44.	Do.	Communal Harmony

STATEMENT IV

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the personality</i>	<i>Reasons for issue of the stamp during the year</i>
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Issued during the year 1990

1.	Dr. M.G. Ramachandran	83rd birth Anniversary
2.	Ho Chi Minh	Birth Centenary
3.	Chaudhary Charan Singh	3rd death anniversary
4.	Khudiram Bose	82nd death anniversary during birth centenary year
5.	K. Kelappan	101st birth anniversary
6.	Sunderlal Sharma	50th death anniversary
7.	A.K. Gopalan	86th birth anniversary
8.	Suryamall Mishran	175 birth anniversary
9.	Bhakta Kanakadas	502 year of birth as advised by the State Government

Issued from January 1991 to June 1991

1.	Jagannath Sunkersett	125th year of death
2.	Babu Jagivan Ram	83rd Birth Anniversary
3.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	Birth Centenary
4.	Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar	Birth Centenary Year
5.	Karpoori Thakur	67th year of birth
6.	Shri Ram Sharma Acharya	Proposed for his death anniversary but the release was postponed by a few days.

World Bank Assistance for Sardar Sarovar Project

555. SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank had asked for certain clarifications regarding persons resettlement and rehabilitation of persons affected/likely to be affected by the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, whether the necessary clarifications have since been furnished to the World Bank;

(c) the extent of financial assistance agreed to by the World Bank for this project;

(d) whether some amount has already been released by the World Bank for this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The review mission, after extensive field tours and discussions with both the States and Government of India officials, were satisfied with the clarifications given.

(c) For Sardar Sarovar Project, the World Bank has extended a credit of SDR 249.2 million and a loan of \$ 200