

*[English]***Indians in Pak Jails**

1760. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI
NAVINCHANDRA
MEHTA:
SHRI ATINDER PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian citizens still in Pakistani Jails; and

(b) efforts made by Government since December, 1989 to get these prisoners released and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) 1105 (as on 15.3.1990)

(b) Efforts to get the Indian prisoners released from Pakistani Jails continue. The third round of talks between India and Pakistan on the release of captured fishermen and fishing vessels was held in New Delhi from 30th January to 2nd Feb., 90, and the Government of Pakistan has agreed to release all the 119 Indian fishermen by 31st March, 1990.

Pakistanis in Indian Jails

1761. SHRI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Pakistani nationals in Indian Jails as on 1 March, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Issue of Postal Stamps on Dr. K.B. Hedgewar of Nagpur and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

1762. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request for issue of postal stamp on the freedom fighter, Dr. K.B. Hedgewar of Nagpur;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to issue a postal stamp on Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee; and

(d) if so, the time by which the postal stamps are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Requests have been received for issue of a stamp on Dr. K.B. Hedgewar. A proposal in this regard was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee, which functions in the Department, to advise the Government about issue of Commemorative/special postage stamps and other such matters, at its meeting held on 22nd Dec. 1988, but was not recommended. It is now proposed to place the proposal before the Committee again for consideration at their next meeting.

(c) and (d). A commemorative stamp on Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee has already been issued on 6th July 1978. There is no proposal to bring out another stamp on the personality.