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Issue of Commemorative Stamps

3593. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PA-RASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMU-NICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Commemorative stamps have been issued, in honour of Freedom Fighters, Poets, Writers/Artists, and other personalities so far by Government since Independence;

(b) if so, the names of those in whose honour they have been issued and the occasions in which they were issued the denomination and the size and number thereof as also the States to which they belonged;

(c) the names of these Freedom Fighters, Poets, Writers/Artists and other personalities for whom requests are pending with Government; and

(d) the likely date by which decision in this regard would be taken and the criteria for issuing the stamps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of these personalities, occasions and the denominations are given in statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. 5610/82]. The personality stamps are generally issued in the following sizes:

Definitive :

2.8 x 3.3 cms.

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Commemorative :

4.1 x 2.4 cms. 4 x 3.4 cms. 3.3 x 2.8 cms. 2.9 x 2.9 cms. 3.4 x 2.4 cms. 4 x 2.3 cms.

5.8 x 4 cms.

4 x 2.8 cms.

No separate record is maintained about the States to which the personalities on whom the stamps were issued belonged to as the Government is required to issue stamps only on personalities of national or international importance.

(c) List of names of freedom fighters, poets, artists and other personalities for whom requests are pending with the Government is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library See* No. LT-5610/82].

(d) Requests for issue of stamps are to be considered by the philatelic Advisory Committee and after obtaining the recommendations of the Committee, the Government would take a decision in this regard. The meeting of the Philatelic Advisory Committee, proposed for 21st October, 1982, has been postponed due to certain unavoidable reasons. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate at present the date by which a decision in this regard would be taken.

STALKS Manufactured/Procured for Use in Installation of P.C.O.s. and C.O.s etc

3594. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PA-RASHAR: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any STALKS have been manufactured and procured by the Post and Telegraph Department for use in installation of P.C.Os./C.Os. etc. during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the exact number and the number allotted to each Telecom. Circle (State-wise) in case of multi State Telecom. Circles; and

(c) whether it is proposed to be ensured that all such P.C.Os./C.Os. and Telephone/Telegraph lines as have been sanctioned and/or are under installation would not be held up for want of this essential item?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS