

Issue of Commemorative Stamps

3593. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS 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.

2 x 2.3 cms.

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.

4 x 4 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 PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS 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

(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). There is substantial improvement in the supplies of Stalks during 82-83 compared to 81-82. During the current year 12,33,000 Stalks have been supplied till 30.9.82 to various Telecom. Circles as against 12,63,000 in the whole year of 81-82. The allocation of Stalks Telecom. Circle-wise is given as Annexure-I. All efforts are being made to open P.C.Os./C.Os. and Telephone/Telegraph lines already sanctioned within the target time.

Statement

ANNEXURE-I

Allotment of Stalks to different Telecom. Circles during 1982-83.

Name of Circle	Total allotment
1	2
	lakhs
Andhra Pradesh	8.00
Bihar	3.00
Gujarat	5.00
Jammu & Kashmir	0.50
Karnataka	2.50
Kerala	4.00
Maharashtra	3.00
M.P.	1.50
North Eastern Circle	2.00

(a) Demand received—year-wise is given below:

Year	Telephone Exchange	PGOs.
1980-81	4	7
1981-82	4	9
1982-83	nil	nil

1	2
North West Circle (Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh)	3.00
Orissa	1.00
Rajasthan	2.00
U.P.	3.00
West Bengal	3.00
Tamil Nadu	5.50
Total :	47.00

Demand for New Telephone Exchanges and P.C.Os. in Surat Telephone Division

3595. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of demands for new telephone exchanges and P.C.Os. received from Surat Telephone Division during the years 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 ;

(b) the place-wise number of P.C.Os. and Telephone Exchanges sanctioned against these demands; and

(c) the names of the places at which Public Call Offices and Telephone Exchanges were opened and the time by which these are likely to start functioning at the remaining places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):