

Special Commemorative Stamps

7584. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government have any plan for bringing out special stamps in honour of Shivaji, Ranjit Singh, Savarkar, Arbinda, Khudiram, Bhagat Singh, Jatin Mukerji, Surya Sen, Shyamaprasad Mukherji, Swami Vivekananda and other military, political and cultural leaders of India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : The P and T Department has been issuing special stamps in honour of personalities and leaders in different fields regularly. Of the names mentioned in the question, special postage stamps in honour of the following personalities have already been issued on the dates noted against each :

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| 1. Shivaji | on 17-4-61 |
| 2. Swami Vivekananda | on 17-1-63 |
| 3. Sri Aurobindo | on 15-8-64 |
| 4. Maharaja Ranjit Singh | on 28-6-66. |

The question of bringing out a special postage stamp in honour of Bhagat Singh at an appropriate time is also under consideration. Besides, the Department also proposes to issue special stamps in honour of the following personalities during the rest of the year 1968 :

- Gaganendra Nath Tagore (An eminent Artist)
- Sister Nivedita
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee (Writer)
- Madam Marie Curie.

Import of Vegetable Seeds

7585. SHRI AHMAD AGA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of vegetable seeds being imported into the country from abroad annually ;

(b) the names of firms licensed to import the seeds from abroad ; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (c). The quantity of vegetable seeds being imported and the value thereof during the last three years is given in the statement, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT 920 68.]

(b) Weekly bulletins on Industrial Licences—Import Licences and Export Licences are published by the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports and are placed in the Parliament Library regularly.

टेलीफोन विभाग में असमायोजित धनराशि

7586. श्री नृबसुधरण लाल :

श्री क्षारदा मन्द :

श्री भारत सिंह चौहान :

श्री कंबर लाल गुप्त :

क्या संचार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टेलीफोन विभाग में समय-समय पर टेलीफोन प्रयोक्ताओं द्वारा टेलीफोन बिलों आदि के भुगतान के रूप में दी गई बड़ी धनराशि उचित ढंग से बिना हिसाब किताब में दिखाई गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस समय सारे देश में सरकार के पास ऐसी कुल कितनी धनराशि पड़ी है तथा दिल्ली, चम्बई तथा कलकत्ता में क्रमशः कितनी-कितनी धनराशि है; और

(ग) टेलीफोन प्रयोक्ताओं द्वारा बिलों के भुगतान के रूप में जमा की गई इस धन राशि का उचित ढंग से हिसाब किताब में दिखाने के लिये सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है तथा इस धनराशि का कब उचित हिसाब किताब दिखा दिया जायेगा ?

संसद-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ. कुं. गुजराल) : (क) मुख्यतः अदायगी सूचनाओं में अपर्याप्त और