

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3105  
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SHORTAGE OF STAMP PAPER  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the vending of the fake stamp papers in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of cases which has come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken to have a check thereon;
- (d) whether there is any scheme to make up the shortage of stamp papers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : Fake/Forged non-judicial stamp paper cases referred to Security Presses in the last three years are 6 in 1996-97, 10 in 1997-98 and 9 in 1998-99.

(c) : In order to restrict forgery of Non-Judicial (NJ) Stamp papers, Government have introduced High Denominations NJ Stamp papers of Rs. 10,000/-, Rs. 15,000/-, Rs. 20,000/-and Rs. 25,000/-. These have more security features, which are special and distinctive.

(d) & (e) : There is no shortage of stamp papers in the country and sufficient stock is available with the India Security Press.