

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:500  
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001  
FAKE POSTAL STAMPS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that incidents of sale/printing of fake postal stamps in the country is increasing day-by-day;
- (b) if so, the total loss of revenue suffered by the Government during the last three years on this account and the number of persons involved in this case against whom action has been taken in such incidents, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to bring about amendments in the law to prevent such incidents in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b) There were only 5 such incidents during the year 1998-99 involving loss of revenue of Rs. 6,673/-, 12 during 1999-2000 involving loss of revenue of Rs. 19,904/- and only 5 during the year 2000-2001 involving loss of revenue of Rs. 75,146/-. Therefore, it is not correct to say that such incidents are increasing day-by-day.

(c) to (e): In view of the reply to part (a) above, no amendment to the Rules is considered necessary.