

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1120
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RELEASE OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS .
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the demand for releasing Commemorative Postal Stamp in the memory of the saint of Maharashtra, Shri Tanpure Maharaj, is lying pending with the Ministry for the last three years;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) The State-wise names of the persons or saints in memory of whose Commemorative Postal Stamps have been released during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

- (a) No, Sir. The proposals for issue of commemorative postage stamps are examined by the Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) in the light of existing guidelines. The personalities on whom commemorative stamp may be issued should be of national or international importance. The occasion to be commemorated must be the birth centenary or 10th/25th/50th/100th death anniversary. The proposal regarding release of commemorative postage stamp on Shri Tanpure Maharaj was considered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee on 06.12.2003 and again on 17.05.2005 but was not recommended. The proponents were also suitably informed.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) A list of the State-wise personalities or saints on whom commemorative postage stamps have been issued during the last three years is given in the Annexure.