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

- (a) the role of postage stamps in publicising Indian heritage in the world through philately; and
- (b) the details of the commemorative postage stamps/mail materials issued during the last two years and the current year depicting past glory of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Indian Postage Stamps provide a kaleidoscopic glimpse of our historical and natural heritage and the rich diversity of our culture and traditions . Covering a wide range of themes, the stamps also commemorate important national and International events, the contributions of renowned personalities and institutions and our achievements in various fields like sports, arts, science and technology etc. These stamps are very popular among philatelists as well as common public.

Diversity of Indian culture, heritage. Nature etc, is depicted on commemorative//Definitive postage stamps. The publicity is given by organizing Philately festivals, Philately exhibitions, holding philately Quiz, seminar etc. Philately exhibitions are held in abroad where India Post participate and sale its stamps and through these philately exhibitions wide publicity spread of Indian culture heritage and its glory.

(b) Commemorative postage stamps / mail materials issued during the past two years and current year is as under :

YEAR 2006

1. Indo-Cyprus Joint Issue
2. Kurinji
3. The Vellore Mutiny 1806
4. Indo-Mongolia Joint Issue
5. Endangered Birds of India
6. Himalayan Lakes
 - (a) Seta Lake – Arnachal Pradesh
 - (b) Chandratal – Himachal Pradesh
 - (c) Roop Kund Lake – Uttaranchal
 - (d) Changu Lake – Sikkim
 - (e) Tsomo Riri Lake – Ladakh, J&K

7 150 Years of Field Post Office

8. Sandalwood (Fragrance Stamp)

YEAR 2007

1. Fragrance of Roses

(a) Bhim

(b) Delhi Princes

(c) Jawahar

(d) Neelam

2. Fairs of India

(a) Goa Carnival

(b) Pushkar Fair

(c) Sonapur Mela

(d) Baul Festival

3. 2550 Years of Mahaparinirvana of Buddha

4. National Parks of India

(a) Mudumalai, Tamil Nadu

(b) Periyar, Kerala

(c) Bandipur, Karnataka

(d) Kaziranga, Assam

(e) Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh

5. 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence

6. Landmark Bridges of India

(a) Howrah Bridge

(b) Mahatma Gandhi Sethu

(c) Pamban Bridge

(d) Vidyasagar Sethu

7. Centenary of Satyagraha

8. Platinum Jubilee of Air Force

9. 4 GR-150 Years of Raising

10. Snows Basilica Church

YEAR 2008

1. Endemic Butterflies of Andaman & Nicobar

2. Civil Services Day

3. Tata Steel

4. Jasmine (Fragrance Stamp)

5. Indo-China Joint Issue

6. Aldabra Giant Tortoise

7. Games of XXIX Olympiad

8. Festivals of India

(a) Dusshara

(b) Diwali

(c) Durgapuja

9. Commonwealth Youth Games at Pune

10. Post Office

11. Commonwealth Games 2010 Welcome to Delhi