

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

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

- (a) the details of the proposals received by the Union Government for issuing commemorative postage stamps;
- (b) the details of proposals accepted by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a decision to issue postage stamp on Dhumketu of Gujarat State for his remarkable contribution in literature;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) 230 proposals for issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps were placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 17.11.2011 for consideration. 68 proposals have been received after the said meeting of the Philatelic Advisory Committee.
- (b) 79 Commemorative Postage Stamps have been approved for issue in the Calendar Year 2012. 08 stamps have so far been approved for issue and release in the Calendar Year 2013.
- (c) The proposal for issue of a postage stamp on `Dhumketu` has not been approved.
- (d) Proposal for issue of a Commemorative Postage Stamp on `Dhumketu` was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) for consideration in its meeting held on 17.11.2011. The same could not be included in the Stamp Issue Calendar of 2012 due to the limitation on the number of stamps that can be issued in a Calendar Year.
- (e) Does not arise in view of the (d) above.