

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether complaints of fake/forged stamps being sold in some post offices/ sub-post offices have been reported;
- (b) if so, the post office-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government against the officials found guilty and the steps taken to ensure that such stamps are not circulated in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

- (a) & (b) No such cases are reported recently. However, one case in Andhra Pradesh at Tirupati West Sub Post Office was detected in 2010. Further in 1994, a case of substitution of genuine stamp was detected in Harba Sub Post Office(West Bengal) and reported to police.
- (c) Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the guilty officials and instructions to prevent circulation of fake stamps are issued from time to time.