

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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 the Government has received complaints with regard to the sale of counterfeit/fake tickets in certain post offices/sub-post offices in the country;
- (b) if so, the post office-wise details thereof and the action taken in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the preventive measures taken/being taken by the Government for checking the sale of such stamps; and
- (d) the action taken against the persons found guilty?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The following two cases of fake Postage Stamps have been reported in the last three years and the current year.
  - (i) At a private shop in Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh in January 2014;
  - (ii) At Sonakpur Branch Post Office, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh in July 2014.
- (c) Checking Squads constituted at various levels pay surprise visits to Post Offices to check such instances.
- (d) Matter has been reported to police in respect of sale of fake postage stamps in Pratapgarh.  
FIR has been lodged against the Gramin Dak Sevak Branch Post Master Sonakpur, Moradabad Division.