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Title : Need to release a commemorative stamp in honour of Late Shri P.S.K.Lakshmipathiraju, a freedom fighter from Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): Sir, in my Palani parliamentary constituency, the town Palani is the abode of Lord Karthikeya. The town Palani had a great soul namely Shri P.S.K. Lakshmipathiraju who fought for the freedom of this country. He was the close associate of great Leader, Late Shri K. Karmraj.

He was born to Shri S. Krishnamaraju and Shrimati Nallammal in the year 1913 at Palani. He had actively participated in the freedom movement of this country at his 16th year itself. He was arrested for a number of times and imprisoned for a period of five years and 29 days in various jails in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

He occupied various public offices like Palani Municipal Chairman; Member – Madurai District Board; Member of Legislative Assembly – Palani constituency; Chairman – Palani Dhandayuthapani Devasthanam Temple Trust; Member – Cardamom Board, Government of India. The Government of Tamil Nadu had also nominated him on various positions.

He had close contacts with late leaders – Mahatmaji and Nehruji. He had organised two visits for Mahatmaji to Palani in the year 1934 and 1946 and organised two very big Conferences at Palani during the year 1936 and 1942 and the same was attended by Jawaharlal Nehruji. He was honoured by both the Leaders. Till his death, he served for the welfare of the people of the country.

Hence, I urge upon the hon. Minister to release a commemorative stamp and a First Day Cover in honour of Late Shri P.S.K. Lakshmipathy Raju.