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Title: Need to release a commemorative postage stamp and First Day Postal cover in honour of Smt. Velu Naatchiar, freedom fighter from Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): We all know about the exploits of kings' and queens' valiant fight against Britishers. Their exploits have gone unrecognized in India for the past 60 years. Once such instance is the role played by Smt. VELU NAATCHIAR, the queen of Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu who took on the Britishers in the 18th Century much before Rani of Jhansi. But Smt. Velu Naatchiar is yet to be recognized by the National mainstream. Smt. Velu Naatchiar the queen of Sivaganga was born in the year 1730. She was married to Shri MUTHU VADUGANATHAR who died on 25.06.1772 in the battle against Britishers leaving an infant child. Smt. Velu Naatchiar then came to the throne and heroically fought against the Britishers for nearly 8 years to save her kingdom. Due to her untiring and strenuous battle against the British Rulers, she retrieved Sivaganga from the British and proved and acclaimed as the valiant, bold and courageous lady of that time. Then she ruled Sivaganga for nearly 10 years. To honour her memory, I request the Government, of India to release a commemorative postage stamp and First Day postal cover in honour of Smt. Velu Naatchiar.

* Treated as laid on the Table.