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Title: Need to release a commemorative stamp in honour of Nayaki Swamigal, a great spiritual poet of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN (DINDIGUL): Nayaki Swamigal is worshipped as a famous devotional poet. He is considered as a 'Sourashtra Azhwar' in the series of Azhwars of Tamil Nadu like Nammalwar, Andal Tirumangai Azhwar etc. He occupies status equivalent to great Vaishnava poets of North India viz. Surdas, Paramananda Das, Bhakta Meera, Narasimha Mehta, Tukaram, Namadev, Gnaneshwar etc. He is remembered always with Purandara Das, Pothanna, Ezhuthachan etc.

Nayaki Swamigal was born on 9th January, 1843 in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Since his childhood, he had immense desire to learn spiritual education. He learnt Anima, Garima, Laghima etc. Asthasiddhis from Nagalinga Adigal at Paramakudi. He became very popular because of his yoga siddhi.

He spent his entire life in Bhajan, singing, composing poems, worshipping etc. He composed hundreds of poems both in Sourashtra and Tamil languages.

He laid stress on the devotional path instead of Gnana, Yoga and Karma path, in order to attain liberation. He was an expert in music and lyrics.

He showed the people the path of peaceful and devotional life. The Sourashtra people consider him as their Spiritual Guru. A beautiful temple was constructed on the shrine of Nayaki Swamigal at 'Kadakinaru' Alagarkovil Road, near Madurai.

I urge the Union Government that a stamp in honour and memory of Nayaki Swamigal may be released on the eve of his Mukthi centenary.