

## Commemorative Stamps

(b) if so, the outlines thereof

\*312. SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:  
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue bringing out special and commemorative stamps both in honour of eminent individuals and also marking the significant events in the country and the world, during the year 1976; and

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the proposed programme for the issue of special/commemorative postage stamps during 1976 is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

## Statement

*Proposed Programme for the issue of Special/Commemorative Postage Stamps during 1976.*

Sl. No.	Particulars of stamps	Date	No. of Stamps	Denomination (in Paise)
1	2	3	4	5
1	L. N. Mishra . . . . .	3-1-76	1	25
2	Jim Corbett . . . . .	24-1-76	1	25
3	Institution of Param Vir Chakra . . . . .	To be decided	1	25
4	Ghana Bird Sanctuary . . . . .	10-2-76	1	25
5	16th Light Cavalry (Bi-Centenary) . . . . .	4-3-76	1	25
6	Alexander Graham Bell . . . . .	10-3-76	1	25
7	Mutbuswamy Dikahitar (Bi-Centenary) . . . . .	-3-76	1	25
8	Locomotives of India . . . . .	2-4-76	4	25, 50, 100, 200
9	World Health Day . . . . .	7-4-76	1	25
10	Industries . . . . .	30-4-76	1	25
11	Tribals of India . . . . .	2-5-76	4	25, 50, 100, 200
12	Mind's Day . . . . .	28-5-76	1	25
13	Independence Day of America . . . . .	19-5-76	1	25
14	Family Planning . . . . .	-6-76	1	25
15	K. Kamaraj . . . . .	15-7-76	1	25
16	Subhadra Kumari Chauhan . . . . .	6-8-76	1	25
17	Sarat Chandra Chatterjee . . . . .	5-9-76	1	25
18	Bharrendu Babyu Hariashchandra (126th birth anniversary) . . . . .	-9-76	1	25
19	Women's University . . . . .	76	1	25
20	Wild Life Series . . . . .	1-10-76	4	25, 50, 100, 200
21	Surya Kant Tripathi Nirala . . . . .	15-10-76	1	25
22	Maharaja Uggersen . . . . .	-10-76	1	25
23	Children's Literature . . . . .	14-11-76	1	25
24	Hiralal Shastri . . . . .	24-11-76	1	25
25	Hari Singh Gaur . . . . .	26-11-76	1	25
26	Flowers of India . . . . .	2-12-76	4	25, 50, 100, 200
27	International Symposium on Coconut Industries . . . . .	28-12-76	1	25

**SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:** I congratulate the Minister for bringing out every year, in an increasing number, beautiful and attractive stamps. In the statement which he has given I see that out of 27, no mention of dates is there for six. I have found that four special series—Locomotives of India, Tribals of India, Wild Life Series and Flowers of India—are given out. That is good. A series of stamps regarding dances of India, produced last year, were appreciated all over the country. When I see the statement, I find that as many as 12 personalities belong to different parts of India. Now I want to ask whether Government are aware that some distinguished persons of eminence, some of them of even world eminence, of recent times, particularly after Independence, have not yet been included in this programme of honouring the respected individuals of our country?

**DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA:** I am thankful for the compliments paid by Mr. Mavalankar on the last year's production of stamps. So far as the prominent personalities are concerned, we are limited by two factors. One is the capacity of the Nasik Printing Press and the second is from the philatelic point of view. We cannot be expected to issue more than a certain number. Naturally when there is need of issuing stamps for a large number of personalities, we have to depend on the advice of the Philatelic Advisory Committee and we have to phase it out. Those who have not yet been covered, an attempt is being made to accommodate them in the next year or the year next to that. A general principle which has been decided and is being followed is that the personality series are issued either on the death anniversary or tenth anniversary or the centenary of death or centenary of birth. These are some of the things which we have decided so that different persons are adjusted in different years.

**SHRI P. G. MAVALANKAR:** I am obliged to the Minister for the details he has given. I want to know fur-

ther, the personnel who select these various events and individuals. What are the broad criteria they adopt? The Minister himself said just now that the considerations of philately are important. May I, then, know whether the stamps about personalities and other events are issued specially from the point of view of philately throughout the world? And, since the market for Indian stamps is increasing, whether that also is taken into consideration?

**DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA:** Yes. While issuing stamps we keep in view the world market. More than that, the importance of the world event or the particular person concerned is taken into consideration. For instance, last year, we issued some stamps. One was on Michelangelo. There, we depicted the paintings in a chapel. This year also we have got stamps on the American Independence. We are issuing stamps on Graham Bell. So, they all comprise of world events, national events and national personalities. All this is kept in view. There is a Philatelic Advisory Committee in which we have got representatives of Parliament from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and other eminent persons. That usually decides.

**SHRI MOHANRAJ KALINGARAYAR:** Recently, our Indian stamps have been appreciated throughout the country. Some of our recent stamps have been appreciated at the international level also. Are we printing stamps for other foreign countries? If so, I would like to know the names of those countries.

**DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA:** No; we are not printing for other countries. I had a discussion with the Minister of Finance who is in charge of printing, because they are printed at the Security Printing Press. And now he says that he will consider it, if other countries ask. Up to this time, we were not really equipped for printing stamps for countries

other than our own. Our own printing, as you must have seen, has improved in recent years.

**Progress of Malanjkhand Copper Project**

\*313. SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Malanjkhand Copper Project in Madhya Pradesh, under Indo-Soviet agreement;

(b) assistance provided by Hindustan Copper Ltd., to complete the project; and

(c) completion period, its total cost and estimated production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

*Statement.*

(a) The concerned Soviet agency commissioned by Hindustan Copper Ltd. had submitted the Detailed Project Report for the mining part only in January, 1975 and have just submitted this month, to Hindustan Copper Ltd. the Detailed Project Report for the proposed Malanjkhand complex as a whole including the proposed concentrator.

The Mining Detailed Project Report after examination has already been submitted by Hindustan Copper Ltd. to Government. The Detailed Project Report for the whole complex will now be examined by Hindustan Copper Ltd.

(b) Hindustan Copper Limited has been actively associated in the preparation of these two Detailed Project Reports by the Soviet Consultants.

(c) The latest estimate by the Consultants, which is being examined, is that the complex as a whole would

cost Rs. 99.85 crores. Counting from actual commencement of mine construction, the Consultants have drawn up time-schedule enabling ore production at annual rate of one million tonnes to start in the fourth year, rising to two million tonnes in the sixth year.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: May I know from the hon. Minister the name of the Soviet agency and whether any Indian designer is also engaged in this project; and which part of the project would be undertaken by the Hindustan Copper Ltd. and at what cost?

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: It is a very difficult name to pronounce. Anyhow, it is Messrs. Tsvetmet Prom Export. This was the USSR agency which was commissioned. And Mecon was associated with it.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: I had asked as to which part of the project will be undertaken by Hindustan Copper for construction and at what cost.

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV: The cost has been given in the main answer. According to the latest estimates, the cost will be Rs. 95.85 crores. We have very recently, in this very month, rather last week, received the DPR for the entire complex. It is a 21-volume report. This will be studied by Mecon, then by Hindustan Copper; and thereafter it will be submitted to the Government. After making a proper study, steps will be taken. We are making some provisions in this current budget-year also, because the mining report was submitted earlier; and as soon as the report is finalized, work will start.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: I wanted to know the portion to be constructed by Hindustan Copper. Hindustan Copper is going to do some construction work in this project. What will be the cost of the Hindustan Copper's construction work?