

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Issue of postage stamp in the memory of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

*203. SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government issue from time to time postage stamps in the memory of great personalities;

(b) if so, the number of such postage stamps issued so far;

(c) whether Government propose to have a fresh issue of postage stamp in the memory of Dr. Bhim Rao, Ambedkar as such stamps were issued long ago. in 1966 and in 1973; and

(d) if so, the time by which it will be issued ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since independence about 277 Commemorative/Special postage stamps have been issued on personalities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know the year since when these stamps are being issued and what is the criterion for issuing such stamps. Will the hon. Minister kindly place this information in the Table of the House indicating the names of personalities in whose memory these Commemorative Postage Stamps have been issued so far ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : The list indicating the names of personalities in whose memory these stamps have been issued will be laid on the Table of

the House. A copy indicating the criterion for issuing such stamps will also be laid on the Table of the House.

Dr. Ambedkar has been one of the eminent personalities of our country and we have issued commemorative stamp in his memory twice, first time on the 14th April, 1966 on the occasion of his 75th birth anniversary and the second time on the 14th April, 1973 on the occasion of his 82nd birth anniversary. The special reason for issuing postage stamp the second time was that we had issued special postage stamps on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of independence and a postage stamp in memory of Dr. Ambedkar was also issued in that series. Commemorative Postage stamps more than twice have been issued only in respect of Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi and such stamps have been issued twice in respect of prominent personalities. We shall consider issuing postage stamps in memory of great personalities when an occasion arises in future.

SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIRWA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very grateful that the Government had issued commemorative postage stamps on Dr. Ambedkar twice. Still, as you have said, the Government will consider issuing of another postage stamp.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, when Dr. Ambedkar was born, the social structure in our country was in disarray. It was during that phase that he raised his voice for the oppressed and the exploited in the country. He was not only the Messiah for the oppressed and the Harijans but was also one of the founding fathers of the Constitution of the country and a thinker. He led the movement for social upliftment in the country. I shall be extremely grateful if, deference to the wishes of the people of this country, you could issue another commemorative postage stamp in the memory of Dr. Ambedkar on any next occasion.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : As I have already said, we shall find a:

suitable occasion when another Commemorative Postage Stamp on Dr. Ambedkar could be issued within our policy framework.

[*English*]

DR. V. VENKATESH : It is well known that Dr. Ambedkar was a great leader patriot. Whereas Muslims asked for a separate nation, this great man fought for the integrity of the nation. At the time of declaration of India's independence he stood with us. He had organised the oppressed and depressed people of the country from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. My humble submission to the hon. Minister through you is that a portrait of such a great patriot and leader must be placed in the Central Hall.

MR. SPEAKER : He cannot do that.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO : Cancellation of envelopes is also done in the memory of leaders. What is the criteria of issuing the stamps and cancellation of envelopes in the memory of leaders ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : We have certain guidelines which I have promised to place on the Table of the House. Then we have a Committee ..

MR. SPEAKER : That is enough.

[*Translation*]

Increase in cement production

*204, SHRI R. P. SUMAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND

COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantity of cement required for private and public sector works in the country and the number of Government and private establishments engaged in cement production indicating the production capacity of each plant; and

(b) whether in view of the problems being faced by the people, Government propose to increase the production capacity and if so, by what time and how ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) : (a) and (b). Overall demand for cement in the country is estimated to be of the order of 49 million tonnes by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan period. A statement indicating the capacity installed as on 1.7.1985 is given below. The present installed capacity of 43.42 million tonnes is expected to be stepped up to 63.27 million tonnes by the end of the Seventh Plan period. With the likely materialisation of additional installed capacity and higher utilisation of installed capacity, availability position of cement is expected to ease substantially by the end of the Seventh Plan period.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Location	Capacity (lakh tonnes)
1	2	3	4
ANDHRA PRADESH			
1.	*CCI, Verraguntla	Guddapah	4.00
2.	*CCI, Adilabad	Adilabad	4.00
3.	Raasi Cements, Vedapalli	Nalgonda	3.00
4.	A. C. C.	Kistna	2.14
5.	A. C. C. Mancherial	Adilabad	3.35
6.	Kesoram Cement	Peddapalli	9.00