

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF STAMP PAPERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of stamp papers in the country and duplicate stamp papers are in circulation;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the shortage and the number of cases of fake stamp papers that have come to the notice of the Government; and
- (c) the steps taken to tide over the shortages of stamp papers and to make their availability easier?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : There is no shortage of stamp papers in the country and sufficient stock is available with the India Security Press. Artificial shortage because of non-collection of consignment by indenters may exist. During the last one year, 853 stamp papers were found to be forged after examination by the India Security Press.

(c) India Security Press is in a position to meet any demand immediately.