

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2067
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CIRCULATION OF FAKE POSTAL STAMPS POSTAL ORDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed any cases of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps and circulation/encashment of fake Postal Orders, National Saving Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras, etc.so far ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to prevent the same in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Some cases of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps in various parts of the country have come to the notice of the Department since 1999. No case of fake Postal Orders, National Savings Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras and other Small Savings instruments has come to notice.

(b) Till date counterfeit stamps valued at more than Rs. 6,00,00,000/- (Rupees six crores only) have been detected/seized. Reported instances of fake stamps are given in the Annexure.

The following steps have been taken by the Department to prevent such cases in future:

(i) Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of Postal Circles for conducting surprise checks/visits for checking the Stamp Vendors/Post Office Treasuries, Circle Stamp Depots (CSDs).

(ii) Instructions to Heads of Circles for activating Circle/Regional Checking Squads and checking of Licensed Stamp Vendors/Licensed Postal Agents/Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras have been issued.

(iii) Staff have been made aware of the features of genuine stamps like quality of paper and colour of print, perforation, watermark and quality and colour of gumming so that they can identify and detect fake stamps from the genuine ones.

(iv) Heads of Circles have been instructed to give publicity requesting the public to purchase stamps only from Post Offices or authorized agents and not from any other source.

(v) Field units have been instructed to book the articles through Multi Purpose Counter Machines (MPCMs), wherever such machines are available, in order to reduce the need to use stamps.

(vi) Use of franking machines by institutional customers is being encouraged.

(vii) Since February, 2004, technical data of commemorative stamps is also not published.

REPORTED CASES OF DETECTION OF SUSPECTED FAKE POSTAL STAMPS BY CIRCLE

Name of Circle	Place	Date of detection	Denomination	No.	Value	Total Value	Details of fake stamps detected/seized			
1. Assam i HO	Naharbar	April, 1999	5/-	13	65	73	5/-	13	65	73
2. Delhi 1999	NDRS TMO	Feb.,	10/-	3	30		10/-	3	30	
Janakpur i & DES Col.PO	Jan., 2000		10/-	15	150		10/-	15	150	

3. West Kolkata Dec., 50/- 15 750 750
Bengal GPO 1999

4. Rajasthan Jaipur Jan., 2/- 894 1788 5599
1999 1/- 381 3811
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5. Bihar Ashok March, 5/- 7 35
Nagar 1999 10/- 2 20

(Ranchi)

1215 Barh Sept., 2/- 41 82

(Nalanda 1999)

Jamalpur Oct.199 2/- 12 24
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Patna Mar.199 5/- 198 990
9 5/- 12 60

Bankipor March, 2/- 2 4
e HO 1999

6. Maharasht Aurangab Jun.199 20/- 2 40
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Thane Nov., 1,2,3,5,1 - 3304853

(Mumbai) 1999 0,20,50 & 0
1/- Rev.

Shivaji Jan., 10/- 612 61230
Ngr. HO, 2003 3
Pune
City HO

7 U.P. Noida & May, 1,2,3,5,1 32100
Meerut 2000 0/-

1364886
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Tetri July, 5/- 86 430
Bazar 2000

Basti Meerut May,200 10/- 50 500
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Ghaziaba July,20 1,2,3,4,5 5154839
d 04 ,10,15,20

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to .75

Allahaba July,20 1,2,3,4,5 8461000
d 04 ,10,15,20

,50, .05
to .75

8. N.E. Dimapur Sep.,19 5/- 72 360 360
99

9. Karnataka Kallambe March, 20/- 133 2660 2660
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10 Gujarat Ahmedaba May,200 2300000 2300000
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11 Chhattisg Raipur June,20 2/- 200 400 400
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12 STAMPIT KNK/Delh 1999 25p.,1,2, 1273091
Karnataka i & 3,4, 0 1432733

Mumbai 5,10,20,5 0

Madivala 2002 1,2,3,5,1 1596420
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13 Punjab Chandiga July,20 1,2,3,5,1 505 117564 161084

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