

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

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RELEASE OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to release commemorative stamps in honour of `Kalingaraya Gounder, the great freedom fighter, `Kripananda Variar, the Tamil Scholar, Maharishi Navalswami; the religious leader and Mahamasthakabhishekha at Sravanabelagola in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Proposals for release of commemorative postage stamps in honour of Kalingaraya Gounder and Mahamasthakabhishekha Sravanabelagola have been received this year by the Department of Posts. A proposal for a stamp on Maharishi Navalswami was received in 2001. No proposal has been received in respect of Kripananda Variar.

(b) It has been decided to place the proposal for release of a commemorative postage stamp in honour of `Kalingaraya Gounder` before the Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) for consideration in its next meeting to be held in 2006.

The proposal for release of a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Maharishi Navalswami was examined and found not to be in consonance with the guidelines.

A commemorative postage stamp on Mahamasthakabhishekha Sravanabelagola has already been issued by the Department of Posts on 09.02.1981. As per guidelines, not more than one stamp may be issued on the same personality/monument/building/institution or organization.