

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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COUNTERFEIT POSTAL INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether instances of detection of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps and circulation/encashments of fake Postal Orders, National Saving Certificates, Kisan Vikas Patras and other small saving instruments have come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of such instances during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken for prevention and detection of circulation of counterfeit postal stamps and other valuable postal instruments?

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 and savings certificates from various parts of the country have come to notice.
- (b) Details of such reported instances are given in the Annexure.
- (c) The following preventive steps have been taken by the Department:
 - (i) Instructions have been issued to all the Heads of Postal Circles for conducting surprise checks/visits for checking the Stamp Vendors/Post Offices, Circle Stamp Depots (CSDs).
 - (ii) Instructions have been issued to Heads of Circles for activating Circle/Regional Checking Squads and checking of Licensed Stamp Vendors/Licensed Postal Agents/Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras.
 - (iii) Staff have been made aware of the features of genuine stamps and other postal instruments like quality of paper and colour of print, perforation, watermark and quality and colour of gumming so that they can identify and detect counterfeit stamps/postal instruments from the genuine ones.
 - (iv) Heads of Circles have been instructed to give publicity requesting the public to purchase stamps/postal instruments 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.
 - (viii) More stringent procedure for verification of postal instruments before their encashment has been introduced.

Annexure

YEAR-WISE DETAILS OF DETECTION OF CIRCULATION OF COUNTERFEIT POSTAL STAMPS/ENCASHMENT OF FAKE POSTAL ORDER ETC.

A. 2003-04

Name of Instrument/Item	Place of Omstance	No. of Cases detected	Date of detection	Nature of falsity	Amount invoice
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Stamps Shops in 1 04-08-2003 Fake 29.00
Sonepat 05-08-03 Stamps

Stamp Lajpat 1 12-11- Forged 13010.00
(Rs.5/- Nagar PO, 2003 Stamps
Denomination) N.Delhi

Stamp Pushpa 1 17-06- Forged 75260.00
(Rs.20/- Bhawan 2003 Stamps
Denomination) PO, New
Delhi

Stamp Ramesh 1 02-06- Forged 1360.00
(Rs.20/- Nagar HO, 2003 Stamps
Denomination) New Dehi

Inland Vithura 1 09-06- Bogus 5.00
Letter PO, 2003
Card Trivandru m

KVPs G.K. Road 1 08-08- Counterf
PO 2003 eit KVPs

KVP Hoshiarpur 1 24-02- Fake KVP 50000.00
HO 2004 (Payment
not
made)

IVPs Bangalore 1 12-03- Fake 70000.00
GPO 2004 IVPs

IVPs Model 1 11-10- Fake 20000.00
Town PO, 2003 IVPs
Sonepat

IVPs Model 1 14-11- Fake 40000.00
Town PO, 2003 IVPs
Sonepat

IVPs Swargasha 1 25-11- Fake 40000.00
ram 2003 IVPs

B. 2004-05

Name of Place of No. of Cases Date of Nature of falsity Amount invoice
Instrument/Item Omstance detected detection (In Rs)

Stamp Secunder 1 24-02- Fake 125.00
(Rs.5/- abad HO 2005 Stamp
Denominati
on)

Postage Peeragar 1 02-04- Printing 10803600
Stamps, hi 2004 factory .00
KVPs & Chowk, of fake
IVPs New posted
Delhi stamps and
savings certific
ates busted by
police

NSC Jayanagar 1 23-09- Coloured 20750.00
7th Block 2004 Xeroxed (No loss
NSC to the
department)

NSC Basavana 1 31-03- Fake 10000.00

gudi HO 2005 (No loss
to the
department)

KVP Lalganj 1 24-06- Fake KVP 87000.00
HO 2004
IVP Morar 1 25-11- Counterfeit 2000.00
PO, 2004
Gwalior
C. 2005-06

Name of Place of No. of Cases Date of Nature of falsity Amount invoice
Instrument/Item Omstance detected detection (In Rs)

NSC Guwahati 1 28-07- Fake 190000.00
GPO 2005 NSCs
NSC Guwahati 1 25-08- Fake 97000.00
GPO 2005 NSCs
KVP Museum 1 07-04- Coloured 90000.00
PO, 2005 photocopy
Tivandrum