

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3916  
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RELEASE OF COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether there is a long pending demand for the release of a commemorative stamp in memory of Late T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, the freedom fighter;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department has received proposals for release of a commemorative postage stamp on late Shri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, freedom fighter from time to time. On each occasion the proposal was examined and not found in consonance with the existing guidelines governing issue of stamps.

(c) As per the existing guidelines, the personalities on whom commemorative postage stamps may be issued should be of national/international importance, and the occasion to be commemorated must be the birth centenary or 10th/25th/50th/100th death anniversary, etc.