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

- (a) whether the Government has recently issued fragrance postage stamps in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be increased thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to issue more such postage stamps in near future; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first fragrant stamp on 'Sandalwood' was issued on 13th December, 2006 and the second one on 'Fragrance of Roses' (set of four stamps) was released on 7th February, 2007. The expenditure on printing these stamps, as roughly assessed by the India Security Press, Nashik, is about 15% more than the expenditure incurred in printing normal commemorative postage stamps.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The next fragrant stamp is proposed to be issued on "Jasmine".