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**Title: Need to issue a commemorative stamp in the memory of great poet Saint Annamacharya on his 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary falling on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2003- Laid.**

**SHRI CHADA SURESH REDDY (HANAMKONDA):** The Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to issue a commemorative postal stamp of Saint Annamacharya. He was great saint and the first and foremost composer of Telugu Literature who composed 32,000 Sankeerthanas, which are the essence of our "Vedas". Annamacharya Bhavana Vahini is propogating the musical message of saint Annamacharya. The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this great Saint is being celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2003 on a grand scale at Hyderabad.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to take steps to release a commemorative stamp in memory of this great poet on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2003 and honour this great man.