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Title : Need to release a postal stamp in honour of Vaikuntam Swamikal, a great social reformer of Kerala.

SHRI A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): This is the 150th anniversary of the 'Channar Revolt' in the erstwhile princely state of Travancore which later formed a part of Kerala. Before 1859, the women belonging to backward communities were not permitted to wear upper clothing to cover their bodies and any jewellery. It was philosophers and social leaders like Vaikuntam Swamikal who led them in their social struggle and freedom in the Southern parts of present day Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The Royal Proclamation of the 26th July, 1859 and subsequent reforms have paved the way for equality of people irrespective of caste and religion.

I, therefore, request the Government of India to issue a postal stamp in honour of Vaikuntam Swamikal in the 150th anniversary of the 'Channar Revolt'.