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Title: Release of commemorative postage stamp in honour of Dr. K. R. Narayanan, former President of India.

SHRI P.K. BIJU (ALATHUR): Dr. K.R. Narayanan is regarded as an independent and assertive President who set several precedents and enlarged the scope of the highest constitutional office. Elected as the 9th Vice-President in 1992, Dr. Narayanan went on to become the President of India in 1997. Dr. Narayanan initiated many revolutionary steps in the field of education and was of firm opinion that none should be deprived of basic education. He exhibited best administrative capabilities with a smile on his face and had been referred to as the "best diplomat". The 10th President was a person who never misused his powers to attain success & worked without reservations to empower the marginalized sections. The postal Department has released stamps of all presidents except him.

I urge the Government to release a postage stamp in his honour.