

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.461
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2018**

SPARSH YOJANA

*461. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:
SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing Deen Dayal Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude and Research in Stamps as a Hobby (SPARSH) yojana for students of class sixth to ninth;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the scholarship there-under will be awarded on the basis of philately quiz and philately project and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the status of implementation of the said scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh since its inception along with the funds sanctioned and spent thereon so far; and
- (e) the response received to the said scheme in the State so far along with the steps being taken to include more students in each class in future?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *461 FOR 28TH MARCH, 2018 ON “SPARSH YOJANA”.

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, the Department of Posts has introduced Deen Dayal SPARSH (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) Yojana with main objective of promotion of Philately among children at a young age in a sustainable manner that can reinforce and supplement the academic curriculum in addition to providing a hobby that can help them relax and de-stress. The detailed objective, description, eligibility & General conditions, Selection Procedure, scholarship disbursement procedure, Implementation Strategy of the scheme and Desired outcomes of the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana is enclosed at **Annexure I**.

(c) An eligible candidate (eligibility criteria for the scheme are enclosed at **Annexure II**) may have to go through a Selection Process which consists of two levels (Level 1- Philately Written Quiz & Level- 2- Philately Project). **In Level 1:** a Philately Written Quiz at regional level may be conducted by the postal circles in their respective circles. **In Level 2:** students selected at the Regional Level Written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project and final selection would be made based on the evaluation of Project work on Philately. The details about level 1 and level 2 of selection process are enclosed at **Annexure III**. The evaluation of the Philately Project may be done by the committee constituted at circle level. The committee comprising of Director of Postal Services (DPS) or other DoP officers & eminent Philatelist nominated by Chief Postmaster General (CPMG) of respective Postal Circle would evaluate the Projects & shortlist the candidates for scholarship. The committee would recommend a list of top 40 students considering 10 students maximum from each of the VI, VII, VIII & IX class. The awardees may be asked to open savings account in Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) or India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) in a branch, which has core banking facility. Each Postal Circle will select the awardees in their circle and hand over the list of beneficiaries to IPPB/POSB for payment of scholarship.

(d) **(i)** Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle issued a notification on 28-11-2017 inviting applications for participation in Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana. The Circle conducted Philatelic Quiz examination (Level 1) on 04-01-2018 at Regional Level. The result of Philatelic Quiz examination (Level 1) was declared on 23-01-2018. Selected candidates were informed about the Philately Project (Level 2) and its last date of submission which was 12-02-2018 in Andhra Pradesh Circle. After submission of Philatelic Project (Level 2), the evaluation committee (details of members of evaluation committee of Andhra Pradesh Circle is enclosed at **Annexure IV**), evaluated the Philately Project work (Level 2) on two dates i.e. 28-02-2018 and 01-03-2018 and selected final 40 candidates for award of scholarship under Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana. Maximum 10 candidates were selected from each class from 6th to 9th as per conditions. The final 40 selected candidates / awardees (List of selected candidates from AP Circle is enclosed at **Annexure V**) for scholarship under Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana were disbursed scholarship amount and awarded certificates in a function held at Andhra Pradesh Circle HQ at Vijayawada on 20-03-2018.

Information on implementation of Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana in all the Postal Circle across the country is enclosed at **Annexure VI**.

(ii) Details of funds sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh Circle and spent thereon on Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana:

Sl. No.	Head of account	Fund Allotted (in Rs.)	Amount Spent (in Rs.)	Remarks
1	3201.01.001.03.01.13	2,40,000/-	2,40,000/-	Disbursement of scholarship to 40 candidates @ Rs. 6000/- per year
2	3201.01.001.03.01.26	1,50,000/-	69,193/-	Promotion and publicity of SPARSH scheme

The Funds were allotted to all the postal circles for disbursement of scholarship to the awardees of Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana and for promotion, advertisement/publicity of SPARSH yojana. The details of total funds allotted to all postal circles under the scheme 'Philately Operations' during 2017-18 (till 23rd March, 2018) including funds for carrying out Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana are enclosed at **Annexure VII**.

(e) A total No. of 1117 applications were received and 107 Schools participated in Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana in AP Circle. Wide publicity in the print and electronic media was given in every stage of the scheme right from the issue of notification to disbursement function so that more schools and students can be included in future. Further, wide publicity was given to the scheme by informing about the scheme to Secretary, Dept of School Education & Literacy, M/o Human Resource Development, The Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, The Chief Executive & Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), The Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Chief Secretaries of States to popularise the SPARSH scheme. Members of Parliament of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha were also requested to popularise the SPARSH scheme in their constituencies.

In order to promote the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana, help of electronic media and Government Digital Programmes will be taken. Local School Authorities will be acquainted with the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana so that more students may be included in future.

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana

Objective

Reinforcing the efforts aimed towards increasing the reach of Philately, a novel idea being proposed is to award Scholarships to children in the class category of Standard VI to IX. Under the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana (Scholarship for **P**romotion of **A**ptitude & **R**esearch in **S**tamps as a **H**obby or **SPARSH**) it is proposed to award annual scholarships to those students who have good academic record and also pursue Philately as a hobby. Considering that Philately reinforces and supplements the academic knowledge imparted through regular school curriculum it is proposed to give weightage to both, academic performance and philately, for awarding the scholarship. It is expected that such a scholarship would provide fillip not only to Philately but also project a positive image of DOP & would create ambassadors for Philately & DOP. The objective of the scholarship is to

- Promote Philately among children at a young age in a sustainable manner that can reinforce and supplement the academic curriculum in addition to providing a hobby that can help them relax and de-stress.

In addition to the above mentioned objective it is envisaged that the SPARSH scholarship, through its various provisions, would have other spin offs as follows:

- Encourage Philatelic activities in School,
- Involvement of School administration in Philately,
- Giving greater visibility to Philately across the spectrum,
- Create awareness about Philately among parents, academicians, children and public at large,
- Mainstreaming of Philately in School & educational curriculum,
- Creation of linkages between younger generation and Philatelists,

Description of the Scheme

Under the scheme, it is proposed to:

- Award 920 scholarships to students pursuing Philately as a hobby.
- Every Postal Circle has to provide a maximum total of 40 scholarships having maximum of 10 students each from Standard VI, VII, VIII & IX.
- These scholarships will be provided quarterly to the students studying as regular students in class VI-IX in recognized schools.
- Scholarship will be provided to students who satisfy the eligibility condition and qualify in the selection procedure.
- The amount of Scholarship is to be Rs. 6000/- per annum @ Rs. 500/-.
- Selections to the scholarship would be for one year and there would be no bar on an already selected student applying for the scholarship next year provided he/she fulfils other criterion.

Eligibility condition:

Following are the eligibility conditions for SPARSH

- Candidate must be a student (class VI-IX) of a recognized School within India,
- Concerned School should have a Philately Club and the candidate should be a member of the Club,

- In case the School Philately Club hasn't been established a student having his own Philately Deposit Account may also be considered.
- A candidate must have good academic record. At the time of selection for award of scholarship the candidate must have scored at least 60% marks or equivalent grade/ grade point in the recent final examination. There will be 5% relaxation for SC/ST.

General Conditions:

- An awardee is eligible for the scholarship provided he/she maintains good conduct and continues his/her studies as a regular student.
- Scholarship may be revoked at any point of time by the competent authority (CPMG) on finding any irregularities in the eligibility criteria.
- A student must continue to have a PDA account and continue to be a member of Philatelic club during the scholarship awarding period.

Selection Procedure:

- The Selection Process will be consisting of two levels (Level 1- Philately Written Quiz & Level-2- Philately Project).
- Level 1: A Philately Written Quiz at regional level will be conducted by the circles in their respective circles.
- Level 2: Students selected at the Regional Level Written Quiz will have to submit a Philately Project and final selection would be made based on the evaluation of Project work on Philately.
- A committee constituted at the circle level would evaluate the Project work on Philately submitted by the candidate.
- Project work on Philately, copy of School ID card, copy of the result of last final examination all duly attested from Principal of School may be submitted to CPMG Office. The project should be sent in original.
- Project would be 4-5 pages work on Philately containing the original creative work performed by the candidate on the Philately subject. To know more about Philately a candidate may visit India Post website @ <http://postagestamps.gov.in/> dedicated to Philately.

Disbursement of Scholarship:

- The awardees will be asked to open savings account in Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) or India Post Payment Bank in a branch, which has core banking facility,
- Each Postal Circle will select the awardees and hand over the list of beneficiaries to IPPB/POSB for payment of scholarship;
- IPPB/POSB will ensure that the scholarship is paid to awardees on quarterly basis (Rs. 1500/- each quarter) after getting the list from each Circle;

Implementation Strategy of the Scheme:

Methodology to be adopted for selection of candidates for Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana

I. Notification and Wide Coverage:

- a. Notification for selection of scholarship would be issued by respective Circles in local Newspapers giving wide publicity to the scheme.
- b. Draft notification template and Draft Application template format will be provided by the Directorate and Circles may make changes to suit the local information if so required.

- c. Also, the Circles would contact/visit schools, hold workshops and seminars etc to inform about the scheme in detail to ensure maximum participation.
- d. Circles would also write to State Government Education & School Boards & District Administration etc informing them of the scheme and seeking support for its propagation. Letter sent by MoS (I/C) to the Chief Ministers and Member of Parliaments in this regard would be shared with Circles.

II. Selection Process:

- A. A two level selection process is to be adopted for conducting the Quiz and Philately Project. At the 1st level, a written test will be conducted at regional level which would act as a Screening Test and students selected at first level will have to submit a Philately Project for final selection at 2nd level.
- B. There will be no weightage of the marks secured in Philately Quiz in the final evaluation and the final selection would be decided solely on the basis of the marks secured in Philately Project.
- C. For any given Circle the written test would be conducted simultaneously at all regional centres. All arrangements with regard to conduction of the test would be the responsibility of the Circles.
- D. **Guidelines regarding Philately Written Quiz at regional level:**
 - i. Question papers for the written quiz to be conducted at regional level will be prepared by the circle & same set of paper should be used across region.
 - ii. Philately Quiz will comprise of 50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's). Each question will be of one mark with no negative marking. OMR sheet may be used for answering of these questions which would aid in evaluation.
 - iii. The Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) format based Quiz test would contain 50 (Fifty) questions which would be chosen from following subject areas in the following proportion:

Subjects	Marks
General Knowledge/ Awareness	
Current Affair	5 marks
History	5 marks
Geography	5 marks
Science	5 marks
Sports/Culture	5 marks
Philately	
Local Philately	10 marks
National Philately	15 marks
Total	50 marks

- iv. Same set of Question Paper will be framed for all the eligible students across classes. Therefore, the framing of Quiz question paper would be done considering the knowledge levels of participating students from class VIth to class IXth.
 - v. Circles would select through the written quiz approximately four times the number of scholarship to be given at circle level i.e. about 160 students at regional level.
- E. Philately Project for final selection-**
- i. After finalizing the list of candidates selected in the Quiz, Circles would issue communication to the selected candidates detailing them of the list of Philately Project Topics & broad guidelines to be followed for writing their project. The candidates selected at Philately Written Quiz can choose one topic from the list to submit the project.
 - ii. The time given for the preparation and submission of project can be 15 days & the project can be directly submitted to the CPMG office through Registered/Speed Post.

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- F. Requirement of having a Philately Deposit Account/Membership of the School Philately Club would be with respect to the Date of Application and the student applying would have to mention the same in his/her application form.

Desired Outcomes

Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana is envisaged to be a flagship scheme for Department of Posts for promotion of Philately. It is expected that through this scheme we would be able to achieve both tangible and intangible outcomes such as

- Increasing the popularity of Philately,
- Revitalizing the attraction of Stamps and increase their Philatelic usage,
- Increase in the number of Philately Deposit Accounts,
- Rejuvenate the linkages at field level between all the stakeholders in Philately such as Philatelists, Department of Posts, Children & Youth and the prospective Philatelists,
- Institutionalize the support structure to sustain demand for Philatelic products by creation of School/Institution level Philately Clubs
- Involve the Philatelist in Promotion of Philately and use their expertise wherever required,
- Create Brand Ambassadors for Philately through the Deen Dayal SPARSH Scholarships. It is envisaged that the School Children who will be selected for the Scholarship would motivate and inspire other colleagues and generate Interest in Philately thereby create a fertile ground for Philately,

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The evaluation committee members of Andhra Pradesh Circle are as follows:

1. Shri E V B Rao, Director of Postal Services, Vijayawada Region, Andhra Pradesh
2. Shri Santosh Netha K, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Vijayawada Division, Andhra Pradesh
3. Shri MD Jaffar Sadik, Assistant Postmaster General, AP Circle Office Vijayawada
4. Shri M V S Prasad, Renowned Philatelist, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

(ANNEXURE V)

DEEN DAYAL SPARSH YOJANA - 40 merit students - AP circle					
Sl. No	name	Class	School name	A/c no	name of the post office
1	K SPOORTHY	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972518375	CURRENCY NAGAR SO, VIJAYAWADA
2	B DHANUSH SAI PAWAN	VI	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATNARAYANAPURAM	3966964904	VIJAYAWADA HO
3	G VENKATA JAGRUTHI	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3971706889	CURRENCY NAGAR SO, VIJAYAWADA
4	D HANISH SAI	VI	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATNARAYANAPURAM	3967017371	VIJAYAWADA HO
5	K S SHAMIKA	VI	KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO - 1, SATYANARAYANA PURAM	3966934792	CURRENCY NAGAR SO, VIJAYAWADA
6	G RATNA SAMYUKTHA	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972489811	CURRENCY NAGAR SO, VIJAYAWADA
7	P V SAI SUMANTH	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972470338	POLYTECHNIC SO, VIJAYAWADA
8	J YUVA RAM CHARAN	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972937749	PATAMATA SO, VIJAYAWADA
9	M SHANMUKHA VINAYAK	VI	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATNARAYANAPURAM	3967029220	VIJAYAWADA HO
10	C ROSHINI VYSHNAVI	VI	ST JOHN'S EM SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972167634	CURRENCY NAGAR SO, VIJAYAWADA
11	B DOONDY SAI SUNITH	VII	ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972948639	PATAMATA SO
12	N SHAMITA	VII	INFANT JESUS EM SCHOOL, TEKKALI	3967311943	TEKKALI HO
13	B VAISHNAVI	VII	ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3971504812	CURRENCY NAGAR SO
14	D VENKATA SIRISHA	VII	BHASHYAM HIGH SCHOOL, VISAKHAPATNAM	3971952545	MVP COLONY SO
15	S DHEER ABHISHEK	VII	NARAYANA EM SCHOOL, KAKINADA	3968222224	KAKINADA HO
16	Y LAKSHMI VANI SREE	VII	VIDYANIKETAN HIGH SCHOOL, AVANIGADDA	3966665160	AVANIGADDA HO
17	B SNEHA	VII	INFANT JESUS EM SCHOOL, TEKKALI	3967367605	TEKKALI HO
18	DHANESH G	VII	ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972703931	GUNADALA SO
19	G LOHITH KUMAR	VII	ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972699074	GUNADALA SO
20	M NISHITA	VII	ST JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972691443	GUNADALA SO
21	V SAI GANEWAR	VIII	INDIAN SPRINGS EM HIGH SCHOOL, AVANIGADDA	3966662350	AVANIGADDA HO

22	M V PRAMODA LAKSHMI	VIII	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANAPURAM	3967147665	B K PET HO
23	T ESWAR	VIII	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANAPURAM	3967416334	VIJAYAWADA HO
24	V ASWITHA	VIII	INDIAN SPRINGS EM HIGH SCHOOL, AVANIGADDA	3966650715	AVANIGADDA HO
25	K AKRUTHI RAJA RAJESWARI	VIII	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972518641	VJ POLYTECHNIC SO
26	P MANOJ GOPAL	VIII	INDIAN SPRINGS EM HIGH SCHOOL, AVANIGADDA	3966663739	AVANIGADDA HO
27	K BALA RAJESH	VIII	INDIAN SPRINGS EM HIGH SCHOOL, AVANIGADDA	3966659787	AVANIGADDA HO
28	M E RAGHAVAN	VIII	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972569872	VJ POLYTECHNIC SO
29	CH Rup Venkata SAI	VIII	ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, NARASARAOPET	3968894070	NARASARAOPET HO
30	B YESWANTHA SAI HARSHA	VIII	ST JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, NARASARAOPET	3968884347	NARASARAOPET HO
31	M JASWANTHI	IX	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANA PURAM	3966919768	VIJAYAWADA HO
32	K LEELA VAISHNAVI	IX	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANA PURAM	3966648347	SATYANARAYANAPURAM SO
33	K VENU HARSHIT	IX	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANA PURAM	3967030813	VIJAYAWADA HO
34	G MANVITHA SRI	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972364088	CURRENCY NAGAR SO
35	G SPANDANA	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972467826	CURRENCY NAGAR SO
36	S SAI VAMSI	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972479775	VJ POLYTECHNIC SO
37	K AKANKSHA	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972504217	CURRENCY NAGAR SO
38	G PRANITHA	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972705768	GUNADALA SO
39	V TEJASWINI	IX	ST JOHN'S EM HIGH SCHOOL, GUNADALA	3972942354	PATAMATA SO
40	M SUBHANG	IX	RAVINDRA BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SATYANARAYANA PURAM	3967230879	SATYANARAYANAPURAM SO

(ANNEXURE VI)

Sl no.	Name of Circle	Notification Issue Date	Application submission last date	No. of Applications received	Philately Quiz (Level 1) date	No. of students appeared	Quiz (Level 1) Result declared on	No. of student selected thru Quiz	Philately Project (Level 2) submission last date	Final No. of Students selected	No. of Schools participated	PDA Accts opened thru SPARSH	Total PDA accounts in the circle
1	Assam	29-11-2017	15-12-2017	117	10-01-2018	117	02-02-2018	51	18-03-2018	16	9	30	326
2	Andhra Pradesh	28.11.2017	28.12.2017	1117	04.01.2018	946	23.01.2018	190	12.02.2018	40	107	548	3681
3	Bihar	15.12.2017	29.12.2017	1510	24.01.2018	1267	15.02.2018	174	15.03.2018	40	50	1510	8100
4	Chhattisgarh	23.11.2017	29.12.2017	797	07.01.2018	526	17.01.2018	183	07.02.2018	40	72	337	3302
5	Delhi	04.12.2017	20.12.2017	525	24.12.2017	330	29.12.2017	168	16.01.2018	40	30	112	1405
6	Gujarat	07.12.2017	01.01.2018	414	12.01.2018	375	19.01.2018	177	07.02.2018	40	48	385	26956
7	Haryana	24.11.2017	01.01.2018	1647	12.01.2018	1565	18.01.2018	160	07.02.2018	40	156	1589	3976
8	HP	30.11.2017	31.12.2017	306	07.01.2018	248	16.01.2018	167	03.02.2018	40	17	248	2318
9	J&K (*)												
10	Jharkhand	25.11.2017	23.01.2018	1270	30.01.2018	1018	08.03.2018	40	16.03.2018	40	40	519	7069
11	Karnataka	23.11.2017	07.01.2018	537	12.01.2018	487	19.01.2018	170	10.02.2018	40	118	471	13887
12	Kerala	01.12.2017	29.12.2017	588	08.01.2018	500	29.01.2018	175	16.02.2018	40	76	420	47546
13	Madhya Pradesh	25.11.2017	04.01.2018	443	28.01.2018	294	02.05.2018	160	22.02.2018	40	61	187	1002
14	Maharashtra	06.12.2017	05.01.2018	579	07.01.2018	579	different dates at regional level	173	02.02.2018	40	42	579	14560
15	North East	28.11.2017	10.01.2018	64	12.01.2018	64	30.01.2018	64	25.02.2018	29	20	56	2798

16	Odisha	25.11.2017	07.01.2018	1104	12.01.2018	1023	18.01.2018	187	07.02.2018	40	45	44	7137
17	Punjab	24.11.2017	01.01.2018	863	11.01.2018	787	24.01.2018	195	09.02.2018	40	74	324	2412
18	Rajastha n	24.11.2017	01.01.2018	805	12.01.2018	684	31.01.2018	173	23.02.2018	40	100	611	10925
19	Tamil Nadu	28.11.2018	05.01.2018	666	18.01.2018	629	30.01.2018	167	20.02.2018	40	54	403	11060
20	Telanga na	23.11.2017	30.12.2017	8027	07.01.2018	7440	22.01.2018	160	07.02.2018	40	686	7859	8903
21	Uttar Pradesh	24.11.2017	05.12.2017 further extended upto 05.01.2018	549	12.01.2018	238	17.01.2018	164	03.02.2018	40	133	549	10137
22	Uttarak hand	24.11.2017	15.12.2017	103	01.01.2018	52	15.01.2018	52	15.02.2018	36	58	102	874
23	West Bengal	25.11.2017	10.01.2018	106	11.01.2018	83	16.01.2018	83	07.02.2018	40	18	106	9628
TOTAL				22137		19252		3233		841	2014	16989	198002

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(ANNEXURE VII)

Total funds allotted to all Postal Circles under the Scheme 'Philately Operations' during 2017-18 (till 23rd March,2018)including funds for carrying out Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana are given below: -

S.No.	Name of Circle	Total funds allotted during 2017-18 (till 23 rd March, 2018) (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	21.15
2	Assam	29.00
3	Bihar	15.15
4	Chhattisgarh	21.50
5	Delhi	15.90
6	Gujarat	28.90
7	Haryana	12.40
8	Himachal Pradesh	16.90
9	J&K (*)	3.55
10	Jharkhand	13.40
11	Karnataka	19.90
12	Kerala	18.15
13	Maharashtra	22.90
14	Madhya Pradsesh	14.10
15	North East	34.00
16	Odisha	18.50
17	Punjab	12.40
18	Rajasthan	17.90
19	Tamil Nadu	29.90
20	Telangana	12.40
21	Uttar Pradesh	33.40
22	Uttarakhand	12.50
23	West Bengal + Sikkim	35.90
TOTAL		459.80

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