

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3459
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3459. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) has issued special stamps with Diyas/lamps (special event sheet) to commemorate festival of Diwali recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the UNPA has issued such stamps earlier also and if so, the details thereof and the benefit of such stamps; and
- (d) whether the Government has more proposals for inclusion under UNPA and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. In October 2018, the UN Postal Administration (UNPA) issued stamps to commemorate Diwali. The commemorative stamp sheet comprised ten stamps on each sheet showcasing diyas/lamps.

(c) & (d) UNPA brings out stamps highlighting select themes of international relevance, including those at the UN, every year. For instance, in 2017, UNPA brought out a special stamp sheet to commemorate the International Day of Yoga. In October 2018, the UNPA brought out stamps to commemorate the International Day of Non-violence. Release of such stamps helps to highlight the importance of these occasions. Currently, there are no proposals from India for inclusion under UNPA.
