

Issue of a commemorative stamp on late Seth Govind Das

462. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:
SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:
"Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from some Members of Parliament for the issue of a commemorative stamp in the memory of late Seth Govind Das, a well known Hindi writer and Parliamentarian;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A request signed by 66 Members of Parliament for issue of a stamp in the memory of Shri Seth Govind Das on June 18 or October 16, 1973 was received.

(c) The proposal was placed before the Philatelic Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 14th July, 1978 but was not recommended.

Infiltration of refugees from Bangladesh

463. SHRI BUDDHA PRIYA MAURYA:
SHRI DHARMCHAND JAIN;
SHRI HAREKRUSHNA MALLICK:
SHRI SYED ABDUL MALLICK:
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribals from Bangladesh are continuously entering in large numbers in the

Indian territory and the Indian authorities on the Indo-Bangladesh border are unable to check the flow of such migrants; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps the Government of India have taken or propose to take to stop their infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) We have received reports that about 3000 refugees, most of them belonging to the Mogh Tribe, have crossed over into Tripura from the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh during the course of the last four months. As the border passes through difficult terrain, it has not been possible to intercept them.

(b) The question of their repatriation to Bangladesh was taken up with the Bangladesh Government, who has agreed to take back these tribal refugees. The modalities of their repatriation are being worked out in consultation with the State Government.

Production of steel during the current year

464. SHRI R. R. MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a downward trend in steel production during the current year as compared to that during the years 1975 and 1977;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cost of production of steel is also going up; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) and (b) The total production of saleable