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**POPULATION AND FAMILY  
PLANNING**



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Telecommunications,  
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THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue today a special stamp in the denomination of cents 50 to mark the progress made in Population and Family Health in Sri Lanka. During the last century, medical science conquered many diseases and dramatically reduced the death rate. The result was that more people survived for a longer period. Consequently, arable land, water, housing space and all the other needs of a growing population—began to be in short supply. Internationally upon this Planet Earth; and nationally upon this island of Sri Lanka, the limits of natural resources were being approached. People began to understand the necessity for moderating the multiplication of human resources.

In 1968 Sri Lanka established a Family Health Bureau, a Ministry of Family Health in 1978 and a Population Division in the Ministry of Plan Implementation in 1979.

The will of the people and the services provided by government combined, to reduce the annual rate of population growth from 2.56% between 1946 and 1971 to 1.7% between 1971 and 1981.

The Population of Sri Lanka is now 14.85 million. It might have been 16 million today if the population growth rate had not declined in this manner. As the Budget Speech of 1979 pronounced, "Population growth must be curbed if Sri Lanka is to achieve the objectives of eliminating unemployment, shortages of food and housing and the depletion of our natural resources".

The stamp depicts an illustration of a Planned Family on the map of Sri Lanka.

### Philatelic Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 1981.09.25
<i>Value</i>	: 50 cts.
<i>Colours</i>	: Multi Colour
<i>Designer</i>	: D. A. Wijesinghe
<i>Format</i>	: Vertical
<i>Size</i>	: 40.64 × 29.85 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 50 stamps per sheet
<i>Printers</i>	: Secura, Singapore Ltd.

*Paper* : 102 GSM  
*Gum* : Synthetic tropical  
*Quantity Printed* : 250,000 Stamps

### **Official First Day Covers**

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1.	Animals of Sri Lanka*	Rs. 2.50, Rs. 3.00, .. Rs. 4.00 & Rs. 5.00	81.02.10
2.	Census of population & Housing	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.03.02
3.	C.L.I. Centenary	.. Rs. 2.00	.. 81.04.01
4.	Vesak 1981*	.. 35 cts., 50 cts., Rs. 7.00	.. 81.05.05
5.	Ter Centenary—La Sallian Brothers	.. Rs. 2.00	.. 81.05.15
6.	National Heroes	.. Three Stamps of 50 cts., value each	81.05.22
7.	Dr. T. B. Jayah	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.05.31
8.	Dr. N. M. Perera	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.06.06
9.	International year of the Disabled	.. Rs. 2.00	.. 81.06.19
10.	Universal Franchise	.. 50cts.&Rs. 7.00	.. 81.07.07
11.	Centenary—Pali Text Society	.. 35 cts.	.. 81.07.14
12.	Silver Jubilee— A.C.B.S.F.	.. Rs. 2.00	.. 81.07.21
13.	Family Planning	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.09.25
14.	Forest Conservation*	.. 35 cts., 50 cts., Rs. 5.00	.. 81.09.—
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18.	Sir James Peiris	.. 50 cts.	.. 81.12.20

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