

Stamp

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Commemorative Issue

CENTENARY OF P. S. M. P. A.



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Telecommunications,
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THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications issues today a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs. 4.60 to mark the centenary year of the Public Service Mutual Provident Association.

The Public Service Mutual Provident Association, popularly known as the P. S. M. P. A., was established in the year 1883. The Association has been incorporated by Ordinance No. 5 of 1891.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Colombo on July 26th, 1884. The committee comprised seven members from the Public Service.

Over 9,000 officers from several State Services and State Pensioners constitute the present membership. The affairs of the Association are administered by a Committee of Management consisting of the President of the Association and a Committee of thirteen. The President is appointed by the Secretary to the Treasury, who also nominates 2 of the Committee members. The other 11 members of the Committee are elected by the members annually at the General Meeting.

The office of the Association is presently located in the first floor of the State Bank of India Building, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka.

The general objects of the P. S. M. P. A. are :

- (1) Promoting thrift,
- (2) Giving relief to its members in times of sickness and distress,
- (3) Aiding members when in pecuniary difficulties and
- (4) Making provision for their widows and orphans.

The funds of the Association have progressively increased and stand to-day at Rs. 36 million.

Enjoying the distinction of being the premier Association of State Officers of its kind in Sri Lanka, the P. S. M. P. A. has been and is serving thousands of its State Officer Pensioner members by active pursuit of its objects. The success of the Association is due to the keen interest of its members, the Staff, presently numbering over 40 and the valuable guidance provided by the Ministry of Finance.

Fortified with the achievements of the past the Association looks forward to conferring further benefits on the members and on its staff in the future.

Philatelic Details

<i>Date of Issue :</i>	1984.06.16
<i>Value :</i>	Rs. 4.60
<i>Colours :</i>	Four Colours.
<i>Designer :</i>	Ananda Harischandra
<i>Printers :</i>	Printing Bureau of Japan
<i>Format :</i>	Horizontal
<i>Size :</i>	30×40 m.m.
<i>Printing Process :</i>	Offset Lithography
<i>Sheet Composition :</i>	50 Stamps per sheet
<i>Paper :</i>	Security postage stamp paper 9 G—M2
<i>Gum :</i>	tropical Gum
<i>Quantity Printed :</i>	5,00,000

Official First Day Covers

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<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
1.	World Food Day	.. Rs. 3.00 ..	84.01.02
2.	Centenary of Colombo Tea Auction	Re. 1.00 Rs. 2.00 Rs. 5.00 Rs. 10.00	} 84.01.31
3.	Mahapola—1984	.. 60 cents Rs. 1.00 Rs. 6.00 Rs. 5.50	} 84.02.10
4.	Vesak—1984*	.. 35 cents 60 cents Rs. 5.00 Rs. 10.00	} 84.04.27
5.	Lions Clubs National Development Programme	60 cents ..	84.05.05
6.	Ven. Dodanduwe Sri Piya-ratana Tissa Mahanaya-ke Thero Pundit G. P. Wickrema-arachchi Sir Mohamed Macan Markear Dr. W. Arthur de Silva .. K. Balasingham ..	60 cents 60 cents 60 cents 60 cents 60 cents	} 84.05.22
7.	Centennial Celebrations of the P. S. M. P. A.	Rs. 4.60 ..	84.06.16
8.	Gam Udawa' 84	.. 60 cents ..	84.06.23
9.	20th Anniversary of the Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union	Rs. 7.00 ..	84.06.30

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10.	Commissioning of the Victoria Project	50 cents .. Rs. 7.00	84.07.
11.	Esala Perahera- (4 stamps each Rs. 4.60)	— ..	84.08.11
12.	Golden Jubilee of Orchid Circle*	60 cents Rs. 4.60 Rs. 5.00 Rs. 10.00	} 84.08.22
13.	150th Anniversary of Evening Observer	Rs. 4.60 ..	84.08.31
14.	D. S. Senanayake	.. 35 cents 60 cents Rs. 4.60 Rs. 6.00	} 84.10.20
15.	World Food Programme	Rs. 7.00 ..	84.10.26

Dates and values are subject to alteration.

*Souvenir sheet available.