

# Indian Inland Postal Rates 1957-2019

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It is common knowledge that there are few takers for modern postal history. One of the reasons may be the lack of information available to philatelists on modern postal rates. It is ironical that while a lot is known about the postal rates of the 19th and early 20th century, both inland and foreign, little has been researched on the more recent ones.

Through hundreds of articles in the philatelic press over almost five decades, Ashok Bayanwala has been tirelessly propagating modern India postal history. One of his researches on the postal rates, both inland and foreign, for the period August 15, 1947 to April 1, 1957 was published in the early years of this century in GPA News and now available on Prashant Pandya's website: [indianphilately.net](http://indianphilately.net). This article attempts to pick up the thread by publishing inland postal rates from 1957 onwards to date. The reason this article contains the word 'postal' and not 'postage' is because it deals with not just postage rates but rates pertaining to many other services of the post office such as value payable postage, money orders, Indian Postal Orders, and the like.

Going through the tables, it is apparent that many of rates have not changed for years, some for decades. With the advent of modern means of communication, post offices all over the world are facing tough times and are struggling, financially and operationally, to adjust to the new normal. However rates, especially in Western countries, do change, often yearly, even if may not have much impact from a financial or senders' behaviour point of view. Change is a sign of life and static rates may indicate an Indian post office in a state of atrophy.

## Source Documents

The postal rates contained here have been sourced from the notifications of the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications (later renamed as the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology) published in *The Gazette of India* over the years. It is essential for any government notification to be published in the gazette and hence there can be no better source of authentic information. Literally thousands of notifications of various government ministries have been sifted through in the hunt for those pertaining to postal rates. It is more likely than not that I have missed a few rates and I will be grateful if the reader can contact me on my email [abbh@hotmail.com](mailto:abbh@hotmail.com) with details of gaps to plug.

## Effective Date

Most of the postal notifications specify the date from which a particular rate will be effective. Sometimes a date is not mentioned but it is stated that the notification will be operative once it is published in the gazette. Note that it can take time for the information contained in the notifications to reach the post offices; usually the post offices depend on internal communication from their superiors. Hence old rates can continue to be operative beyond the official dates. For example, a notification on the withdrawal of Certificate of Posting was gazetted on 31 January 2011 but was communicated by the Director (PO&I) to all Chief and Postmaster Generals only vide a letter dated 23 February 2011; communication to post offices would have taken some more time.

Further, I was unable to trace some dates for services coming into effect. These have been identified with a question mark (?) sign.

## Governing Law

The activities of the Indian post office is governed by The Indian Post Office Act, 1898 (6 of 1898) ("Act"). The Act gives the power to the Central Government to make various rules as to the functioning of the postal system; for example Section 7 of the Act with respect to rates of inland postage and section 8 with respect to rates of foreign postage. These rules are made vide the Indian Post Office Rules, 1933 ("Rules"). Every notification issued by the Department of Posts with respect to rates derives its authority from the Act and makes changes to the Rules (Pertinent to know that on 27 August 2020, the Ministry of Communications has released draft Indian Post Office Rules, 2020 for comments).

## Acknowledgement

I would like to thank Ashok Bayanwala for going through the tables and for supplying me with some rates that I was missing and some services that I had not covered. He also suggested that I include rates effective 01.04.1957, already published by him, so as to maintain continuity.

*Note to tables: All rates are in Rupees. Hence a rate of say 0.13 means Rs. 0.13 or 13 paise or 13 naye paise as the case may be.*

Table 1: Letters - Rule 1								
Date / Weight (tolas)	1.00	1.50	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.50	5.00	6.00
01.04.1957	0.13	-	0.19	0.25	0.31	-	0.37	0.43
18.09.1957	-	0.15	-	0.25	-	0.35	-	0.45
Date / Weight (gm)	10.00	15.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	45.00	50.00	60.00
01.02.1961	-	0.15	-	0.25	-	0.35	-	0.45
15.05.1968	-	0.20	-	0.35	-	0.50	-	0.65
15.05.1974	-	0.25	-	0.40	-	0.55	-	0.70
01.06.1978	0.25	-	0.40	0.55	0.70	-	0.85	1.00
01.06.1979	0.30	-	0.45	0.60	0.75	-	0.90	1.05
01.09.1980	0.35	-	0.50	0.65	0.80	-	0.95	1.10
01.06.1982	0.50	-	0.70	0.90	1.10	-	1.30	1.50
01.01.1987	0.60	-	1.00	1.40	1.80	-	2.20	2.60
11.6.1990	-	-	1.00	-	2.00	-	-	3.00
01.06.1997	-	-	2.00	-	4.00	-	-	6.00
31.08.1998	-	-	3.00	-	6.00	-	-	9.00
01.06.2001	-	-	4.00	-	8.00	-	-	12.00
01.06.2002	-	-	5.00	-	10.00	-	-	15.00

Table 2: Letter Cards - Rule 1							
Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.10	01.06.1979	0.25	01.06.1997	1.00	26.05.1999	2.00
15.05.1968	0.15	01.06.1982	0.35	31.08.1998	1.50	01.06.2002	2.50
15.05.1974	0.20	11.06.1990	0.75				
Note	Distinction between local delivery and other post cards removed on 01.05.1963						

## Table 3: Post Cards not being post cards containing printed communication - Rule 1

Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	<b>Local Delivery Post Cards</b>	15.05.1968	0.10 for a single postcard
	0.03 for a single postcard		0.20 for a reply postcard
	0.06 for a reply postcard	15.05.1974	0.15 for a single postcard
	<b>Other Post Cards</b>		0.30 for a reply postcard
0.05 for a single postcard	01.06.1997	0.25 for a single postcard	
0.10 for a reply postcard		0.50 for a reply postcard	
01.05.1963	0.06 for a single postcard	01.06.2001	0.50 for a single postcard
	0.12 for a reply postcard		1.00 for a reply postcard
<b>Note</b>	Distinction between local delivery and other post cards removed on 01.05.1963		

**Table 4: Post Cards containing printed communication - Rule 1**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.06.1978	0.20	11.06.1990	0.60	26.05.1999	2.00
01.06.1982	0.25	01.10.1996	1.00	01.06.2001	3.00
01.01.1987	0.40	01.06.1997	1.50	01.06.2002	6.00
<b>Note</b>	As per current rules, a postcards shall be deemed to contain a printed communication, if any matter (except the name and address of, and other particulars relating to, the sender and the place and date of dispatch) is recorded by any process intended to make more than one copy or impression, like Bradma, addressograph, photocopying, printing, cyclostyling, rubber stamping, not bring typewriting on any part of the post card except the right hand half of the address side thereof.				

**Table 5: Competition Post Card - Rule 1**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
14.11.1996	2.00	26.05.1999	4.00	01.06.2002	10.00
31.08.1998	3.00	01.06.2001	5.00		
<b>Note</b>	As per current rules, a post card shall be deemed to be a competition post card if it is so embossed or marked and is used in response to an competition organised on or through Television, Radio, Newspaper or any other media.				

**Table 6: Meghdoot Post Card - Rule 1**

Date	Rate
02.09.2002	0.25
<b>Note</b>	As per current rules, a post card shall be deemed to be a Meghdoot post card if it is so marked and provides in the space on the left hand portion of the address side, a space for single colour or multi colour printed advertisement.

**Table 7: Book, Pattern and Sample Packets - Rule 1**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate	Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate
01.04.1957	5 tolas	0.06	2.50 tolas	0.03	01.06.1982	50 gm	0.30	25 gm	0.15
18.09.1957	5 tolas	0.08	2.50 tolas	0.03	01.01.1987	50 gm	0.50	50 gm	0.50
01.02.1961	50 gm	0.08	25 gm	0.03	11.06.1990	50 gm	1.00	100 gm	1.00
01.05.1963	50 gm	0.10	25 gm	0.05	01.06.1997	50 gm	1.00	50 gm	2.00

15.05.1968	50 gm	0.15	25 gm	0.10	26.05.1999	50 gm	2.00	50 gm	3.00
15.05.1970	50 gm	0.20	25 gm	0.10	01.06.2001	50 gm	3.00	50 gm	4.00
01.06.1978	50 gm	0.25	25 gm	0.15	01.06.2002	50 gm	4.00	50 gm	3.00

**Table 8: Book Packets Containing Printed Books - Rule 1**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate	Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate
08.06.1957	5 tolas	0.05	2.50 tolas	0.03	01.06.1982	100 gm	0.15	50 gm	0.10
01.02.1961	50 gm	0.05	25 gm	0.03	01.01.1987	100 gm	0.30	100 gm	0.30
01.08.1967	50 gm	0.05	50 gm	0.05	11.06.1990	100 gm	0.50	100 gm	0.50
15.05.1968	100 gm	0.10	50 gm	0.05	01.06.2001	100 gm	1.00	100 gm	1.00
<b>Note</b>	This service was introduced vide SRO 1901 dated 3 June 1957 published in The Gazette of India dated 8 June 1957								

**Table 9: Book Packets containing periodicals - Rule 1**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate	Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate
01.02.1961	100 gm	0.08	50 gm	0.03	26.05.1999	100 gm	1.00	100 gm	2.00
01.08.1967	100 gm	0.10	50 gm	0.05	01.06.2001	100 gm	2.00	100 gm	3.00
15.05.1974	100 gm	0.15	50 gm	0.10	01.06.2002				
01.06.1978	100 gm	0.15	50 gm	0.20					
01.03.1983	100 gm	0.25	100 gm	0.30					
01.01.1987	100 gm	0.30	100 gm	0.30					
11.06.1990	100 gm	0.50	100 gm	0.50					
<b>Note</b>	This service was introduced vide SRO 1901 dated 3 June 1957 published in The Gazette of India dated 8 June 1957								

**Table 10: Blind Literature Packets – Rule 1**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate
01.04.1957	100 tolas	0.03
01.02.1961	Exempt from postage	
15.05.1974	No fees for registration of such packets	

**Table 11: Registered Newspapers – Rule 1**

Date	Single Copy of Registered Newspaper				More than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the same packet	
	Weight not exceed.	Weight to...	Weight to...	Weight to...	Weight not exceed.	Every addl.
01.04.1957	10 tolas: 0.02	10 to 20 tolas: 0.03	Addl. 20 tolas: 0.03	-	10 tolas: 0.03	5 tolas: 0.02
01.02.1961	100 gm: 0.02	100 to 200 gm: 0.03	Addl. 200 gm: 0.03	-	100 gm: 0.03	50 gm: 0.02
14.08.1967	60 gm: 0.02	60 to 100 gm: 0.05	100 to 250 gm: 0.10	Addl. 250 gm: 0.05	100 gm: 0.05	150 gm: 0.05
15.05.1968	100 gm: 0.05	100 to 250 gm: 0.10	Addl. 250 gm: 0.05	-	100 gm: 0.05	150 gm: 0.05

15.05.1969	60 gm: 0.02	60 to 100 gm: 0.05	100 to 250 gm: 0.10	Addl. 100 gm: 0.05	100 gm: 0.05	100 gm: 0.05
01.06.1978	50 gm: 0.02	50 to 100 gm: 0.05	Addl. 100 gm: 0.10	-	100 gm: 0.05	100 gm: 0.10
01.06.1982	50 gm: 0.05	50 to 100 gm: 0.15	Addl. 100 gm: 0.10	-	100 gm: 0.15	100 gm: 0.10
01.06.1987	50 gm: 0.15	50 to 100 gm: 0.25	Addl. 100 gm: 0.10	-	100 gm: 0.25	100 gm: 0.10
01.06.2001	50 gm: 0.25	50 to 100 gm: 0.50	Addl. 100 gm: 0.20	-	100 gm: 0.50	100 gm: 0.20
<b>Notes</b>	Packets containing more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newsletter shall not be delivered at any addressee's residence but shall be given to a recognized agent at the post office.					

**Table 12: Parcels – Rule 1**

Date	Weight for every...	Rate	Date	Weight for every...	Rate
01.04.1957	40 tolas	0.50	01.01.1987	500 gm	4.00
01.02.1961	400 gm	0.50	11.06.1990	500 gm	6.00
01.05.1963	400 gm	0.60	01.06.1997	500 gm	8.00
14.08.1967	400 gm	0.65	31.08.1998	500 gm	10.00
15.05.1968	400 gm	0.80	26.05.1999	First 500 gm	12.00
15.05.1970	400 gm	0.90		Addl. 500 gm	15.00
12.08.1971	400 gm	1.00	01.06.2001	First 500 gm	16.00
15.05.1974	500 gm	1.50		Addl. 500 gm	15.00
01.09.1980	500 gm	2.00	01.06.2002	First 500 gm	19.00
01.06.1983	500 gm	3.00		Addl. 500 gm	16.00

**Table 13: Express Delivery - Rule 1**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.13	15.05.1968	0.20	01.11.1974	Discontinued
01.08.1967	0.15				
<b>Note</b>	It would not be inappropriate to mention here the Quick Mail Service (QMS) that the Indian Post Office introduced with effect from 15 April 1975. QMS provided the service of later clearance and next day delivery in most of the capital cities. Special letter boxes were provided and special clearances, transmission, and sorting arrangements were made. It was however imperative to mention the Postal Index Number (PIN) code (introduced on 15 August 1972) of the office of delivery. No special fee was charged for this service. It is not known when this service was withdrawn.				

**Table 14: Air Fee / Surcharge – Rule 2(1) and 2(2)**

	No addl. air fee for letters, letter cards, and post cards
	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, post cards and parcels:</b> 0.04 for each 1.00 tola
01.04.1957	In respect of Inland Registered Newspapers requiring air (mail) transmission only, (a) between Calcutta and Gauhati, or (b) between Calcutta and Silchar, or (c) between Amritsar and Srinagar (Kashmir), or (d) between Amritsar and Jammu-Tawi: 0.02 for every 2.50 tolas. Further, (e) between Patna and Kathmandu (Nepal) or (f) between Srinagar and Leh/Kargil: 0.02 for every 5 tolas.
	<b>On Parcels:</b> Rs. 0.63 for every 20 tolas

	In respect of parcels requiring air (mail) transmission only, (a) between Calcutta and Gauhati or (b) between Calcutta and Silchar: Rs. 0.30 for every 40 tolas; (c) between Silchar and Imphal: 0.06 for every 40 tolas; (d) between Amritsar and Srinagar (Kashmir) or (e) between Amritsar and Jammu-Tawi: 0.20 for every 40 tolas; (f) between Patna and Kathmandu (Nepal): Rs. 0.15 for every 40 tolas
	No addl. air fee for letters, letter cards, and post cards
	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, post cards and parcels:</b> 0.04 for each 10 gm
01.02.1961	In respect of Inland Registered Newspapers requiring air (mail) transmission only, (a) between Calcutta and Gauhati, or (b) between Calcutta and Silchar, or (c) between Amritsar and Srinagar (Kashmir), or (d) between Amritsar and Jammu-Tawi: Rs. 0.02 for every 5 gm. Further, (e) between Patna and Kathmandu (Nepal) or (f) between Srinagar and Leh/Kargil: Rs. 0.02 for every 50 gm.
	<b>On Parcels:</b> 0.35 for every 200 gm
	In respect of parcels requiring air (mail) transmission only, (a) between Calcutta and Gauhati or (b) between Calcutta and Silchar: Rs. 0.30 for every 400 gm, (c) between Amritsar and Srinagar (Kashmir) or (d) between Amritsar and Jammu-Tawi: 0.20 for every 400 gm, (d) between Patna and Kathmandu (Nepal): Rs. 0.15 for every 400 gm, (b) between Srinagar and Leh/Kargil: 0.06 for every 400 gm.
01.08.1967	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, post cards and parcels:</b> Rs. 0.05 for each 10 gm
	No addl. air fee for letters, letter cards, and post cards, whether registered or unregistered
01.06.1978	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, post cards and parcels:</b> Rs. 0.10 for every 10 gm
	<b>On Parcels:</b> 0.50 for every 100 gm
	No addl. air fee for letters, letter cards, and post cards
11.06.1990	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, and post cards:</b> 1.00 for the first 50 gm and 0.50 for every addl. 0.50 gm
	No addl. air fee for letters, letter cards, and post cards
01.02.2002	<b>On articles other than letters, letter cards, and post cards:</b> 2.00 for the first 50 gm and 1.00 for every addl. 50 gm

**Table 15: Business Reply Envelopes and Cards – Handling Fee per Article – Rule 4**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
15.05.1974	0.10	21.08.1998	0.50	01.02.2002	1.00
<b>Note</b>	Rates for Business Reply Envelopes and Cards can be transmitted by post without prepayment of postage and postage will be collected in cash from the addressee on delivery. A handling fee, as introduced in 1974, is charged.				

**Table 16: Bill Mail Service – Rule 10C**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Addl.	Rate
04.09.2003	20 gm	3.00	20 gm	1.60
27.07.2007	50 gm	3.00	50 gm	2.00
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bill Mail Service means the communication in the nature of a financial statement, bill, monthly account bill or other item of similar nature posted by a service provider to a customer at least once in 90 days.</li> <li>2. Bill Mail Service shall be delivered within a circumscribed area like one city (including twin cities or urban agglomerations) or district</li> </ol>			

**Table 17: Rakhi Mail Service – Rule 10D**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Addl.	Rate
08.08.2006	50 gm	5.00	50 gm	3.00
<b>Notes</b>	Rakhi Mail Service means any communication comprising closed envelope addressed to an individual containing at least one <i>rakhi</i> .			

**Table 18: National Bill Mail Service – Rule 10E**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Addl.	Rate
08.08.2006	50 gm	5.00	50 gm	3.00
<b>Notes</b>	National Bill Mail Service will be delivered beyond the circumscribed area for Bill Mail Service.			

**Table 19: Express / Business Parcel – Rule 33A**

<b>Express Parcel - Date: 01.12.21994</b>					
<b>Fee</b>	5.00 per 500 gm subject to a maximum of 50.00				
<b>Notes</b>	1. Express Parcel fee in addition to normal postage and registration fee 2. Registration compulsory 3. Special Receipt granted by post office. No other receipt for registration.				
<b>Express Parcel Post - Date: 09.02.1999</b>					
Weight	Local	Beyond local up to 1000 km	Beyond 1000 km		
Up to 10 kg (per kg)	10.00	12.00	20.00		
Addl. kg	8.00	10.00	15.00		
<b>Notes</b>	1. Minimum tariff rate for booking 2 kg and maximum weight for booking 35 kg 2. No compulsory registration or insurance				
<b>Date: 25.10.2004</b>					
Weight	Local (within municipal limits)	Within 500 km	501-1000 km	1001 to 2000 km	Above 2000 km
Up to 3 kg (per kg)	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	35.00
Addl. kg	3.00	5.00	13.00	25.00	35.00
<b>Notes</b>	1. Minimum tariff rate for booking 2 kg and maximum weight for booking 35 kg 2. No compulsory registration or insurance				
<b>Date: 01.04.2008</b>					
Weight	Local	Within 500 km	501-1000 km	1001 to 2000 km	Above 2000 km
Up to 3 kg	25.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	80.00
Addl. kg (up to 10 kg)	3.00	5.00	10.00	20.00	25.00
Addl. kg (beyond 10 kg)	2.00	4.00	8.00	15.00	20.00
<b>Note</b>	The related notification mentions the first slab as being up to 2 kg and the second slab as between 3 and 10 kg. I believe there is a printing error against the first slab and it is actually up to 3 kg.				
<b>Express Parcel Post Retail Service - Date: 01.05.2009</b>					

Weight	Local	Within 500 km	501-1000 km	1001 to 2000 km	Above 2000 km	
Up to 2 kg	35.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	90.00	
Addl. kg	5.00	8.00	12.00	25.00	35.00	
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express Parcel Post Service available to customers who sign Business Parcel agreement with Department of Posts</li> <li>Customers who do not sign the agreement could book under Express Parcel Post Retail Service</li> </ol>					
<b>Express Parcel - Date: 02.12.2013</b>						
Weight	Local (within municipal limits)	Within State	Neighbouring State	Other State	Between Metro and State Capital (1)	National Capital Region (2)
Up to 500 gm	30.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	70.00	40.00
Addl. 500 gm up to 5 kg	8.00	14.00	18.00	20.00	18.00	10.00
Addl. 500 gm above 5 kg	10.00	16.00	20.00	22.00	20.00	12.00
<b>Business Parcel - Date: 02.12.2013</b>						
Weight	Local (within municipal limits)	Within State	Neighbouring State	Other State	Between Metro and State Capital (1)	National Capital Region (2)
Up to 2 kg	45.00	80.00	100.00	115.00	105.00	70.00
For every addl. kg	12.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	15.00
For every addl. kg (beyond 10 kg)	14.00	22.00	28.00	32.00	28.00	18.00
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided it is not covered in "Within State" or "Neighbouring State"</li> <li>Delhi/ Ghaziabad/ Noida/Greater Noida/ Faridabad</li> <li>No registration possible</li> <li>Maximum weight under Express Parcel (for customers who have not signed agreement with Department of Posts) 20 kg and under Business Parcel (for customers who have signed agreement with Department of Posts) 35 kg</li> </ol>					
<b>End Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taxes Extra (see the tax rates under Speed Post)</li> <li>Express Parcel was discontinued from 18 November 2019 and only Business Parcel is available</li> </ol>					

**Table 20: Overnight Parcel – Rule 33B**

Date	Weight not exceed.	Rate	Addl.	Rate
10.11.2009	2 kg	250	1 kg	100
15.06.2018	Discontinued			
<b>Note</b>	Addl. charge for door delivery 50.			

**Table 21: Flat Rate Parcel – Rule 33C**

Date	Weight	Rate	Weight	Rate	Weight	Rate
03.02.2011	Small Size up to 1.00 kg	125	Medium Size up to 2.50 kg	200	Large Size up to 5.00 kg	400



15.06.2018	Discontinued
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flat Rate Parcel shall be booked in Flat Rate Parcel boxes provided by the Department of Posts</li> <li>No compulsory registration or insurance</li> <li>Coin, bullion, platinum, precious stones, jewellery, currency notes and articles of gold and silver could be sent only after coverage of insurance</li> </ol>

**Table 22: Registration - Rule 59**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.50	15.05.1970	0.95	01.03.1982	2.75	01.06.1997	10.00
01.05.1963	0.55	12.08.1971	1.00	01.01.1987	4.50	31.08.1998	12.00
01.08.1967	0.60	15.05.1974	1.25	01.04.1988	5.00	26.05.1999	14.00
15.05.1968	0.70	01.03.1976	2.00	11.06.1990	6.00	01.06.2001	17.00
15.05.1969	0.75	01.06.1978	2.25	01.10.1996	8.00		

**Table 23: Registration of Value Payable Book Packet Containing Printed Books - Rule 59(2)**

Date	Value not exceed.	Rate	Date	Value not exceed.	Rate	Date	Value not exceed.	Rate
15.08.1973	5.00	0.50	01.03.1976	5.00	0.65	01.01.1987	50.00	1.25
15.05.1974	5.00	0.65		10.00	1.25	01.06.2001	50.00	2.50
			01.06.1982	20.00	0.65			

**Table 24: Acknowledgement of Delivery – Rule 64(1)**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.06	01.03.1976	0.25	01.01.1987	0.50	31.08.1998	2.00
01.05.1963	0.10	01.06.1978	0.30	11.06.1990	1.00	01.06.2001	3.00
15.05.1968	0.15						

**Table 25: Acknowledgement of Registration Fee – Rule 65**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.20	01.06.1978	0.50	11.06.1990	1.00	01.02.2002	2.00

**Table 26: Recorded Delivery – Rule 66A**

Date	Recorded Delivery Fee	Advice of Delivery Fee	Date	Recorded Delivery Fee	Advice of Delivery Fee
01.01.1974	0.65	0.15	01.01.1987	2.00	0.50
01.06.1978	1.00	0.30	01.10.1991	Discontinued	
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice of Delivery was also known as Intimation to Sender (I.S.)</li> <li>Advice of Delivery was optional</li> </ol>				

**Table 27: Speed Post – Rule 66B**

Date: 01.08.1986		
Weight	Up to 500 km	Beyond 500 km

Up to 5 kg	10.00	20.00			
Addl. 500 gm	-	5.00			
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed Post was available for all classes of mail which could be sent by registered post</li> <li>Speed Post fee given above was added to the prevailing letter rate and registration fee to arrive at the total amount payable</li> <li>In case of Speed Post Parcels, the total charge included the Speed Post fee, the prevailing letter rate, the registration fee, the parcel rate, and the air surcharge.</li> </ol>				
<b>Date: 01.12.1990</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Up to 500 km</b>	<b>Beyond 500 km</b>			
Up to 200 gm	20.00	30.00			
201 to 500 gm	30.00	40.00			
Addl. 500 gm	10.00	15.00			
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One uniform speed post tariff for letters as well as parcels</li> <li>No separate air surcharge for speed post parcels</li> </ol>				
<b>Date: 01.12.1995</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 500 km</b>	<b>Beyond 500 km</b>		
Up to 50 gm	15.00	20.00	30.00		
51 to 200 gm	15.00	30.00	30.00		
201 gm to 500 gm	20.00	40.00	40.00		
Addl. 1 kg	10.00	15.00	15.00		
<b>Date: 01.07.1997</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 200 km</b>	<b>201 to 500 km</b>	<b>Above 500 km</b>	
Up to 50 gm	15.00	20.00	30.00	45.00	
51 to 200 gm	15.00	30.00	30.00	45.00	
201 gm to 500 gm	20.00	40.00	40.00	55.00	
Addl. 1 kg	10.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	
<b>Date: 10.09.2001</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 200 km</b>	<b>201 to 1000 km</b>	<b>1001 to 2000 km</b>	<b>Above 2000 km</b>
Up to 200 gm	20.00	25.00	30.00	50.00	50.00
201 to 500 gm	20.00	40.00	45.00	60.00	60.00
Addl. 500 gm	5.00	7.50	10.00	20.00	25.00
<b>Date: 21.08.2006</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 200 km</b>	<b>201 to 1000 km</b>	<b>1001 to 2000 km</b>	<b>Above 2000 km</b>
Up to 50 gm	20.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
51 gm to 200 gm	20.00	25.00	30.00	50.00	50.00
201 gm to 500 gm	20.00	40.00	45.00	60.00	60.00
Addl. 500 gm	5.00	7.50	10.00	20.00	25.00
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First slab excluding the local rate included service tax whereas the other slabs did not</li> <li>Service tax was introduced with effect from 01.05.2006</li> </ol>				
<b>Date: 11.06.2007</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 200 km</b>	<b>201 to 1000 km</b>	<b>1001 to 2000 km</b>	<b>Above 2000 km</b>
Up to 50 gm	12.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00

51 gm to 200 gm	20.00	25.00	30.00	50.00	50.00
201 gm to 500 gm	20.00	40.00	45.00	70.00	80.00
Addl. 500 gm	5.00	7.50	15.00	30.00	40.00
<b>Note</b>	First slab excluding the local rate included service tax whereas the other slabs did not				
<b>Date: 01.10.2012</b>					
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>Up to 200 km</b>	<b>201 to 1000 km</b>	<b>1001 to 2000 km</b>	<b>Above 2000 km</b>
Up to 50 gm	15.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
51 gm to 200 gm	25.00	35.00	40.00	60.00	70.00
201 gm to 500 gm	30.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	90.00
Addl. 500 gm	10.00	15.00	30.00	40.00	50.00
<b>Notes</b>	Rates exclude taxes				
<b>End Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional Proof of Delivery @ 10 per article was introduced from 01.01.1995. Earlier to this date, Acknowledgement of Delivery under Rule 64(1) could be availed of</li> <li>Local Rates means delivery "within municipal limits"</li> <li>Service Tax Rates including Cesses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 18.04.2006 to 10.05.2007 – 12.24%</li> <li>From 11.05.2007 to 23.02.2009 – 12.36%</li> <li>From 24.02.2009 to 31.03.2012 – 10.30%</li> <li>From 01.04.2012 to 31.05.2015 – 12.36%</li> <li>From 01.06.2015 to 14.11.2015 – 14.00%</li> <li>From 15.11.2015 to 31.05.2016 – 14.50%</li> <li>From 01.06.2016 to 30.06.2017 – 15.00%</li> </ul> </li> <li>Goods and Services Tax (GST): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 01.07.2017 to date – 18.00%</li> </ul> </li> <li>A service called "Speed Post Gold" was introduced on 1 February 2006. It guaranteed next day delivery between Mumbai and New Delhi. The rates were 100 for a weight not exceed. 200 gm, 120 for a weight between 201 and 500 gm, and 40 for every addl. 500 gm. The maximum weight limit was 2 kg. Proof of Delivery was 10. It is not known when this service was withdrawn.</li> <li>Another service called "Speed Post Money Order" was introduced on 13 May 1988. The service guaranteed next day receipt of funds. The rate was 5 apart from the usual money order charges (see table on money orders). For delivery on Sundays or other holidays, addl. 3 was charged. The minimum amount that could be transmitted was 5. It is not known when this service was withdrawn.</li> </ol>				

**Table 28: Insurance on Inland Articles – Rule 74**

Date	Insured Value not exceed.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate	Every addl.	Rate
01.04.1957	100	0.37	100 (max 5,000)	0.20	-	-
01.05.1963	100	0.40	100 (max 5,000)	0.20	-	-
01.12.1965	100	0.40	100 (to 5,000)	0.40	1,000 (max 10,000)	1.00
01.08.1967	100	0.45	100 (to 5,000)	0.25	1,000 (max 10,000)	1.00
15.05.1968	100	0.50	100 (to 5,000)	0.30	1,000 (max 10,000)	1.00
01.03.1976	100	1.00	100 (to 5,000)	0.50	1,000 (max 10,000)	3.00
01.03.1983	100	2.00	100 (to 5,000)	1.00	1,000 (max 10,000)	5.00
11.06.1990	200	4.00	100	2.00	-	-
01.06.1997	200	8.00	100	4.00	-	-

31.08.1998	200	10.00	100	6.00	-	-
<b>Note</b>	With effect from 08.06.1994, maximum insurance limit was increased from 20,000 to 100,000 but in case of currency notes the limit was 20,000					

**Table 29: Value Payable Post - Fee from sender - Rule 96(2)**

Date	Recovery from addressee not exceed.	Rate	Recovery from addressee exceed.	Rate	Recovery from addressee exceed.	Rate
01.04.1957	25	0.06	25	0.12	-	-
01.05.1963	15	0.05	15 to 25	0.10	25	0.15
15.05.1968	25	0.10	25	0.20	-	-
16.05.1970	10	0.10	10	0.25	-	-
15.05.1974	10	0.20	10	0.50	-	-
01.03.1976	10	0.50	10 to 20	1.00	20	1.50
01.03.1983	10	1.00	10 to 20	2.00	20	3.00
26.05.1999	20	2.00	20 to 50	3.00	50	5.00
<b>Note</b>	From 21.12.1994, compulsory insurance when amount specified for recovery from addressee exceeds 500. The amount prior to this was 100.					

**Table 30: Electronic Value Payable Post (Fee from Sender) – Rule 102A**

Date	Handling Fee
19.01.2011	15.00 per article in addition to postage, registration fee, and insurance where applicable
15.06.2018	Discontinued
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible articles - Registered parcels, insured parcels, registered letters, insured letters, registered book packets, registered book packets containing periodicals, registered book packets containing printed books, newspapers prepaid with postage at newspaper rate of postage and with registration fee, express parcels, insured express parcels</li> <li>Compulsory registration</li> <li>Amount recovered from addressee sent to sender by e-payment</li> </ol>

**Table 31: Money Order – Rule 112**

Date	Amount Not Exceed.	Rate	Amount Exceed.	Rate
01.04.1957	0.15 for every 10			
15.05.1968	200	0.20 per 10	200	0.20 per 10 up to 200 and 0.30 for every addl. 20
15.05.1970	100	0.20 per 10	100	0.20 per 10 up to 100 and 0.40 for every addl. 20
01.03.1976	20	0.25 per 10	20	0.50 per 10
<b>Note</b>	1.75% for Family Allotment Money Order booked by an Army Record Office and in making the calculation, in making such calculations a fraction of a paisa less than 5 paisa shall be disregarded and a fraction of a paisa equal to or exceed. 5 paisa shall be regarded as 1 paisa			
01.03.1982	0.30 for every 10			

	2.75% for Family Allotment Money Order booked by an Army Record Office and in making such calculations a fraction of a paise less than 0.5 paise shall be disregarded and a fraction of paise equal to or exceed. 0.5 paise shall be regarded as 1 paise
01.09.1982	3.25% for Family Allotment Money Order booked by an Army Record Office and in making such calculations the commission shall be in multiples of 0.05
01.01.1987	50                      0.30 per 10                      50                      0.40 per 10
	4.25% for Family Allotment Money Order booked by an Army Record Office and in making the calculation, the commission shall be in multiples of 0.05
01.04.1988	50                      0.40 per 10                      50                      0.50 per 10
11.06.1990	1.00 for every 20
	6.00% for Family Allotment Money Order booked by an Army Record Office and in making the calculation, the commission shall be in multiples of 0.10 and any amount less than 0.10 shall be regarded as 0.10
01.01.1996	Maximum amount that can be remitted through Family Allotment money orders shall be 5,000.
20.08.1996	The amount for which a single money order may be issued shall not exceed 2,000. Provided a single money order under National Social Assistance Programme can be issued shall not exceed Rs. 10,000.
(Date?)	The amount for which a single money order may be issued shall not exceed 5,000 and shall not include a fraction of a rupee.
<b>Notes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service tax was introduced on banking and financial services run by the Department of Posts like money orders and postal orders with effect from 01.06.2006 to its abolition on 04.07.2006 @ 12.24%.</li> <li>2. Remittance through Electronic Data Communication Process was introduced from 08.06.1994 and at present can be used to transmit amounts up to 10 million. The rates under this facility is not being covered in this article.</li> </ol>

**Table 32: Indian Postal Order – Rule 180-A**

Date	Rate					
15.05.1968	0.10 for each Indian Postal Order					
<b>Note</b>	Issued for Rs. 0.50 and in multiples of Rs. 0.50 up to Rs. 10					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Up to 10</b>	<b>Up to 20</b>	<b>Up to 30</b>	<b>Up to 40</b>	<b>Up to 50</b>	<b>Up to 100</b>
01.11.1974	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	0.50	1.00
<b>Note</b>	Issued in denominations of 0.50, 1, any multiple of 1 to 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 100.					
18.05.1979	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80	1.00	2.00
<b>Note</b>	Ashok Bayanwala gives me a date of 01.06.1979. The discrepancy may because my date is from the Gazetted notification whereas Bayanwala's rate is from postal records.					
01.03.1983	0.30	0.60	0.90	1.20	1.50	3.00
01.01.1987	0.50	1.00	1.50	2.00	2.50	5.00
29.11.1995	0.50	1.00	-	-	2.50	5.00
<b>Note</b>	Issued in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50, and 100.					
26.05.1999	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	10.00
(Date?)	1.00	2.00	-	-	5.00	10.00
<b>Field Postal Order</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>
21.12.2006	30.00	30.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	90.00
<b>Note</b>	To be sold to Armed Forces Personnel only at Field Post Offices under Indian Army Postal Service					

**Table 33: Certificate of Posting – Rule 195(1)**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.03	01.06.1978	0.20	31.01.2011	Discontinued
01.05.1963	0.05	11.06.1990	2.00		
15.05.1968	0.10	01.02.2002	3.00		
<b>Note</b>	Rate is per three unregistered articles				

**Table 34: Late Fee – Rule 197(1)**

Date	Rate
01.04.1957	0.03 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	0.12 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	0.03 if posted within 30 minutes of closing of mails for dispatch from Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras GPO and Delhi HPO
	0.06 if (a) posted within 15 minutes of closing of mails for dispatch from Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras GPO and Delhi HPO, (b) if posted from RMS offices including Sorting Transit and Mail office if posted during prescribed late fee time, (c) if posted in train letter boxes at any time
01.05.1963	0.10 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	0.15 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
15.05.1968	0.15 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	0.20 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
01.06.1978	0.20 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	0.30 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	Maximum 0.50 could be charged on late letters, letter cards, postcards or packets posted in certain post offices, RMS offices or sections, or on board the steamers or in other special circumstances
11.06.1990	1.00 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	2.00 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	Maximum of 2.00 could be charged on late letters, letter cards, postcards or packets posted in certain Post offices, RMS offices or sections, or on board the steamers or in other special circumstances
01.02.2002	2.00 for unregistered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	3.00 for registered letter, letter card, post card or packet
	Maximum 3.00 could be charged on late letters, letter cards, postcards or packets posted in certain Post offices, RMS offices or sections or on board the steamers or in other special circumstances.