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#### JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

The previous issue # 51 dated Sep 6 was published 15 weeks ago. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience the missing issues may have caused. The circumstances, especially the multitude of them all at once, overwhelmed us and we have to divert the time, energy, and funds, for other more pressing needs. We will not burden you with these details but wish to record our resolve not to give up, against all odds, and seek your continued patronage and support.

We have moved, please note our new address at the bottom of this newsletter. Peter Leever, the editor of 'India Post' quarterly of India study Circle wrote in his editorial of November 2001 issue that 'half a move of house is worse than a whole one'. This advice came a bit late in our case, as we already are in the middle of moving house in about four parts!

All our web sites were off air for over three months. We do hope to get them operational as soon as possible. The main site is now available at its alternate location [www.geocities.com/mjhingan](http://www.geocities.com/mjhingan). Also please use the Email address [mjhingan@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhingan@yahoo.com) in place of all stampsofindia.com addresses.

We are covering the backlog of news in three issues. These issues may not be as smooth as you and us would like these to be. However we do believe it will be back to normal after that.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2002

Until next issue, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INPEX-EMPIREPEX 2001

B N Som, Director General of India Post inaugurated national philatelic exhibition held at Indraprastha Hall, Nashik from December 22 to 26, 2001. He said that as a part of the program of promoting philately at grass root level, this national level show was being held at a district town for the first time.

The show was organized by Empire of India Philatelic Society to celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After nearly three decades of India Post solely funding the shows it was in 1997 and 2000 that philatelic societies in India organized nationals on their own. This show was the first to formalize the partnership of India Post and philatelists as rightly reflected in the modified name.

Kishore Chandak of Sholapur won the Jal Cooper Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit in Championship Class for 'Early Indian Cancellations'. Anil Suri of New Delhi won the Jhunjhunwala Memorial Award for the Best Exhibit of the show for 'Fiscals of Mysore'. H S Mohamed of Chennai won the Best Exhibit in Youth Class Award for his exhibit Handstruck Stamps of GB. Dr. Kumud Kanitkar of Mumbai received the one & only 'Felicitations of the Jury' at this show, presumably for research, for exhibiting 'Reflections in Stained Glass' that won Large Silver medal.

There were a total of 4 Gold, 12 Large Vermeil, 18 Vermeil, 29 Large Silver, 42 Silver, 28 Silver Bronze, and 24 Bronze medals awarded. Vishwanath Jhunjhunwala of Kolkata topped the traditional class by winning a Gold with Special Prize for 'India Pre-independence up to East India'. Anand Shirolkar of Pune topped the Postal History class by winning a Large Vermeil with Special Prize for 'Early Indian Cancellations & Postmarks'. Prashant Pandya of Vadodara topped the Postal Stationery class by winning the Vermeil with Special Prize for 'British India Postal Stationery'. The lone exhibit in Aero-philately class by N K Agarwal of Patna won a Large Silver. Dr. Satyendra K Agarwal of Varanasi topped the thematic class by winning a Large Vermeil with Special Prize for his exhibit 'Roses'. Nidhi Mittal of New Delhi topped the Maximaphily class by winning a Vermeil for her exhibit. This is a lower award for her as this exhibit won Vermeil at Philanippon 01. Dr. Anjali Dutta of Pune was the first Runner up in the Revenue class by winning a Large Vermeil with Special Prize for her exhibit 'Fiscals of Gwalior'. The top exhibit of the class was also the top exhibit of the show belonging to Anil Suri of New Delhi titled 'Fiscals of Mysore'. In FDC class Vinay Bhanawat topped with a Large Silver medal.

Both the entries in Mophila received no award. The sole entry in Frugal received the first prize although the organizers did not appoint a Valuation Group to verify the value of the exhibit as required. The description of Frugal Philately class in the Prospectus was incomplete. In Social Philately class the prospectus missed defining the permissible percentage of philatelic and non-philatelic material in composing an exhibit.

The sole entry of picture postcards by Rajan Jayakar of Mumbai won the first prize in Social Philately Class. In one frame exhibits Prashant Pandya won the first prize for his exhibit on the Millennium. Mayur P Akole and Dr. S K Sondhi won the second prize for their exhibits 'Natural Heritage' and 'Blood – A Gift of Life'. S L Bansal of New Delhi and N K Khetan won the third prize for their exhibits 'Panda' and 'Post Independence Indian Postcards'. In Literature class Umesh Shenoy of Mumbai topped with his entry 'Olympics – Origin to Centenary'. SDS Kothari Kanya Shala of Nashik topped the Schools Collections class by winning Silver medal. 31 entries received the certificate of participation

In all 208 exhibits competed in the national show. There were 6 entries in Championship class, 24 in Traditional class, 10 in Postal History, 8 in Postal Stationery, only 1 in Aerophilately, 70 in Thematic Philately, 3 in Maximaphily, 9 in Revenues, 2 in FDC, 2 in Mophila, 1 in Frugal, 1 in Social, 29 in One Frame, 13 in Literature, 18 in Youth, 2 in School, and 3 in 'Other Class Not Covered Earlier'. The last class was not provided for in the Prospectus! The Jury put 6 entries out of competition. In addition 12 entries were absent.

D S Bhalchandra, Chief Postmaster General – Maharashtra & Goa Circle, took over as alternate Chairman of the Jury as the Chairman of the Jury, B N Som had to be away on official business after December 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a strong rumor that Vispi Dastur was appointed as a Co-Chairman of the Jury that we have been unable to confirm. M G Pittie was the Jury Secretary.

There were 8 members of the Jury – Dhirubhai Mehta, M G Pittie, Vispi Dastur, Yogesh Kumar, Damayanti Pittie, G Madanmohan Das, Sunder Bahirwani, and Dr. S P Gupta. There were 9 Apprentice Jurors – V S Saksena, Madhu Narayanan, S Sarkar, Brahm Mehta, Prof. V K Gupta, R Binani, Rajesh Bagri, Ashok Bayanwala, and S Sahoo.

Instead of counting the shortcomings, we hope everyone involved will learn from the mistakes of this show. We will, in future shows, like to see a large number of school children visiting every day of the show, over all improvement in attendance, wide rather saturation publicity, and greater tie-up and coordination with celebrities for each and every function. All this shall be easily possible with a positive attitude and delegation of responsibilities and authority to the right candidates and calls for a change of mindset.

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GRAND PRIX COLLECTION OF INDIA WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

On October 11, 2001 at the request of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the London based auctioneer, 'Spink', had withdrawn first 166 lots from their sale scheduled for October 18, 2001 of 'India and States Stamps and Postal History Featuring an India Grand Prix Collection'. All these lots, valued closed to US\$ one million, formed part of the India Grand Prix Collection that belongs to Dilip Shah as per ASI records and can't be sold abroad. Under the Indian law, export of anything over 100 years old is treated as antiquity and requires the permit signed by the Director General of ASI. This permit is routinely obtained in respect of exhibits taken out for participating in exhibitions abroad but can't be granted for sale of antiquities.

Dilip Shah who had won the Grand Prix for his India collection in 1994 at Seoul, Korea displayed it last at World Stamp Exhibition at New Delhi in 1997. He was away to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in weekend festivities from October 12 to 14 organized by David Feldman for the launch of the 'Grand Prix Book' edited and compiled by David Springbett. He has returned nearly two months later only recently due to action by ASI. It is learned from reliable sources that the case has been under investigation by the Central Bureau for Investigation.

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UNUSUAL POSTAL STATIONERIES

1. India Post introduced customized postal stationery, a multicolor pre-stamped envelope, on December 1, 2001 for World Computer Literacy Day. The Minister for Communications, Information Technology, and Parliamentary Affairs, Pramod Mahajan released it at New Delhi. National Institute of Information Technology, who has taken delivery of the entire print run for their use, sponsored it. It is NOT available to public or philatelists.

2. Three designs of small size and two of medium size Greeting cards were used for departmental use of India Post. In the previous, and first year of their use, these were simply overprinted "On Postal Service" and with the designation of the sender postal officer. However taking customization a step further, the matter to be overprinted was incorporated in the design and all of it was printed together. These also do not carry the denomination in the imprinted stamp area as it is no required on postal service mail. All of this makes these Greeting Cards and their Covers highly desirable although these are naturally NOT available to public or philatelists.

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#### ~~~~~NEW STAMPS RELEASED~~~~~

Since our last report in the issue # 51, India Post issued 39 stamps.

And what suspiciously looks like taking the office work home, P N Ranjit Kumar, Assistant Director General in Philately Division of India Post had new issues, twins, on November 17, 2001. The mother Pratibha Nath is a fellow postal officer. Congratulations & Congratulations!

Tapan Sikdar, Minister of State for Communications released a commemorative stamp on Rani Avanti Bai on September 19 at Etah, Uttar Pradesh.

A definitive stamp depicting 'Painted Stork' in the denomination of Rs. 4 was issued on September 20 to meet the demand for the new inland letter rate.

Pramod Mahajan, Minister of Communications, Information Technology, & Parliamentary Affairs, released a commemorative stamp on Rao Tula Ram on September 23 at New Delhi.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India released a commemorative on Chaudhary Devi Lal on September 25 at Dabwali in Punjab.

Satis Chandra Samanta on September 29

Shivaji Ganesan on October 1

Man Of The Millennium – Mahatma Gandhi, a se-tenant pair of stamps in the denomination of Rs. 4 each on Mahatma Gandhi's birthday – October 2

Personalities Series: Bharari Dasn, Lachhu Maharaj, and Master Mitrasen on October 9

Jayaprakash Narayan on October 11

Stories From Panchatantra: Set of 8, on October 17

Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Day on October 21

Thangal Kunju Musaliar on October 26

Cancer Awareness Day on November 7

Maharaja Ranjit Singh on November 9

Children's Day on November 14

V Shantaram on November 17

Sobha Singh on November 29

Sun Temple, Konark a Se-tenant pair on December 1

International Year of Volunteers on December 5,

Raj Kapoor on December 14

Digboi Oil Refinery on December 18

Greetings Set of 2, on December 18

Vijaya Raje Scindia on December 20

B N Som, Director General of India Post released a set of 4 stamps Temple Architecture depicting Shiva temples at Kedarnath, Aundha Nagnath, Tryambakeshwar, and Rameswaram on December 22 at Nashik.

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#### NEW TECHNOLOGY INDUCTED

Beginning with 'Man Of The Millennium – Mahatma Gandhi' issue all the stamps printed by Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur will have elliptical perforations primarily as a security measure for high value stamps. The printers have used these technologies in production of fiscal and court fee issues for state governments earlier this year.

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#### HAFNIA 01

Dhananjay Desai India's National Commissioner for HAFNIA 01 World Philatelic Exhibition decided not to visit Copenhagen after failing to obtain the permit from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in time and consequently Indian exhibits did not reach the show. There were a total of 8 exhibits out of which only 3 required ASI permit for having items over 100 year old. This was a direct fall out of action taken by ASI to stop the sale of Grand Prix Collection Of India that belongs to Dilip Shah as per their records. One of the three exhibits that required the ASI permit belonged to Dilip Shah. Knud Mohr the President of FIP was naturally upset and conveyed his disappointment to B N Som who has ordered an enquiry in to the case.

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#### EVENTS

District Levels

India Post has organized following district level exhibitions in last quarter of the year.

#### KARNAL

Devender Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Karnal inaugurated the 17-frame exhibition at Karnal Head Post Office on September 9. Painting and Quiz competitions were held on September 8.

#### CHANDAPEX

Chandrapur September 21-23

#### EROPHIL

Erode October 11-13

#### BHOPEX 2001

Arshad Hussain Kidwai won the first prize for his exhibit 'Roses', Dr. I S Jaffrey won second prize for his exhibit 'Bhopal State' and Arvind Ghodke for 'Mahatma Gandhi' won the third prize. S K Agrawal, Principal Chief Postmaster General Madhya Pradesh Circle distributed the prizes. The show was held from October 17 to 19 at Bhopal.

#### BULDANA

November 3-4

#### GURGAONPEX

R S Dalal, Inspector General of Police Gurgaon Zone inaugurated the two day show on November 8. Gurgaon Postal Division organized the show under the leadership Rajesh Singh, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices. Madhukar Jhingan was the member of the Jury. Senior most philatelist of India and a resident of Gurgaon – G B Pai guided the organizers from the day one.

#### BPEX

Basti November 10-11

#### AMBAPEX

Amravati December 8-9

#### Regional Level

India Post has organized following Regional level exhibitions in last quarter of the year.

#### AJAIMERUPEX

Ajmer November 24-26

#### JPPEX

Governor of Rajasthan inaugurated the first regional exhibition held at Jaipur from December 7 to 9, 2001. Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, and Chairman of Tourism Development Corporation attended the show on the three days of the exhibition. It has been hailed as one the best organized, publicized and highly successful philatelic exhibition of the recent times. Ambesh Upmanyu, Senior Superintendent of Post Office, Jaipur City Division, and Rajesh Paharia

#### APPPHILEX 2001

Major General I J S Bora inaugurated the Army Postal Philately Exhibition held at Rhino Officers Institute, Shillong from September 20 to 22. There were a total of 55 entries in 70 frames. M M Jacob, Governor of Meghalaya distributed the prizes.

#### Others

Philatelic organizations held the following shows during this period.

#### TIEPEX 2001

South India Philatelists Association organized a national level exhibition at Lalit Kala Academy, Greames Road, Chennai on September 20 to 23, 2001. It was open to following themes: Transport, Information Technology, Entertainment, and Environment (pollution Control).

#### MAHATMAPEX

Gujarat Philatelists Association, under the dynamic leadership of its president Ashok K Bayanwala organized a highly successful national level exhibition devoted to Mahatma Gandhi at Ahmedabad on October 2 and 3, 2001. There were 20 exhibits in all, judged by Asha Kulkarni and Dhirubhai Mehta. Another juror Vishnu Saksena could not make it to the show due to other preoccupations. Kishore Jhunjhunwala of Mumbai won the Grand Prize with Parthvi Desai and Parth Lochan Bayanwala as the first and second runner up. Two attractive multicolor Special Covers with Special Postmarks, two exhibition labels, and two picture postcards were released. An excellent Souvenir with several scholarly articles was also brought out on the occasion. For more information please contact GPA, Care of D Desai & Co., 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad – 380009, Telephone 91-79-6580688

#### CITPEX-2001 HELD AT REWA ON 6th & 7th OCT. 2001

Central India Philatelic Society (CIPS), a leading Philatelic Society of Madhya Pradesh organized a Regional Philatelic Exhibition CITPEX-2001 at ECO House, Jayanti Kunj Complex of Forest Department, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh on October 6 and 7 2001. In all 31 participants from Satna, Rewa, Sidhi and Shahdol Districts participated. Sudhir Jain displayed his award winning exhibit 'Lions International' in the Invitee Group.

Lion Tilok Chand Baradia, District Governor, Lions International District 323-C inaugurated this exhibition. J P Shrivastava, Superintendent of Post Offices, Rewa Division was special guest at the inaugural function. Large number of officials, prominent citizens, stamp collectors, and students were present at the function. Ramesh Lajpatrai, President CIPS gave welcome speech and Sudhir Jain, Secretary CIPS gave brief history of the Society. Sanjay Kumar Shukla, D.F.O. gave the vote of thanks.

Lion Tilok Chand Baradia also released a special cover issued by the CIPS dedicated to the Wild Life Protection Week bearing multicolored image of world famous white tiger. Rewa is the origin of white tiger. Ex-ruler of Rewa State Maharaja Martand Singh caught first white tiger on 27th May 1951 and arranged to spread the generation of white tiger. Lions Club of Rewa City and Rewa Forest Division. were the co-sponsors of this special cover. India Post provided special postmarks that relates to Wild Life, White Tiger, Lions Club, Social Service themes. The cost of this special cover is Rs. 10 each inclusive of Rs. 4 stamp affixed on the cover and duly cancelled. Postage extra. Mail orders for this special cover may be sent to Lion Sudhir Jain, Secretary, Central India Philatelic society, Sushma Press Compound, Satna (M.P.) 485 001 along with the amount as above in the shape of Money Order, Bank Draft, Postal Order in favor of "Central India Philatelic Society" payable at Satna.

Sudhir Jain, Satna and Arvind Malik, Jabalpur were the members of Jury. The results were –  
First : Sanjay Kumar Shukla, Rewa 'Big Cat Family'  
Second : Dharendra Singh Chauhan, Sidhi 'Errors in Postal Stationery'  
Third : 1. Ashok Jain, Satna 'Save the Nature' 2. Atul Jain, Rewa 'Environment'  
Consolation Prizes - 1. Rajendra Agarwal Shashi, Satna 'Medical Philately' 2. Shripal Jain, Satna 'Great Men' 3. Praveen Khatri, Satna 'Horses'  
Best in Junior Group : Nikunj Rathi, Satna 'Transport'

R C Shrivastava, Conservator of Forest, was the Chief Guest at prize distribution function. Large gathering visited the exhibition on both the days including Manoj Goyal Commissioner, Rewa Division; Vinod Kumar Collector, Rewa; Rajesh Chawla Superintendent of Police Rewa. Philatelic articles, detailed news and photos were published in the leading newspapers and Cable Network gave broad coverage for three days continuously.

## SCHOOLPEX

The Philatelic Society of Rajasthan organized the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Inter School Stamp Exhibition at St. Xavier's School on November 5 and 7.

LUDHIANA Philatelic Club's annual show on November 14, 2001

## PUNEPEX

The International Collectors' Society of Rare Items organized a philatelic exhibition for youth on November 23 to 25, 2001 at Pune. Dhirubhai Mehta, P G Bhargave, and Dr. P Shivagunde were the jurors. Lieutenant Colonel J Dutta were the Jury Secretary.

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## PCI MEETS AT NEW DELHI

In a communication dated September 25, 2001, Dilip Shah, Secretary General of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI), informed that "Getting quite a number of requests to postpone the PCI meeting on September 30, 2001 because of their fear of traveling due to likely American threat against Afghanistan we have been forced to postpone the regional meeting indefinitely. The new date and venue will be intimated in due course." It is reliably learnt that the efforts to postpone the meetings were on since long for other reasons and the terrorist strike on the Black Tuesday gave a handy excuse. As a senior philatelist remarked, "if you believe this (communication), you will believe anything!"

The meeting eventually took place on November 4, 2001 primarily to appoint the Jury for the forthcoming national INPEX-EMPIREPEX 2001. The failure to participate in HAFNIA 2001 was also taken up for discussion and a formal report from the National Commissioner is called for. It was decided to setup a committee to study applicability of Antiquities and Art Treasures Act to philatelic exhibits participating in the shows abroad. The committee shall have one member each from PCI, India Post, and the Archaeological Survey of India.

Next day, B N Som, Director General of India Post inaugurated the permanent office of PCI graciously provided by India Post. The office is situated in the compound of India Post H Q at Parliament Street, New Delhi. It shall go a long way in close cooperation between philatelists and the postal administrators.

B K Sinha, Secretary of PCI is in the charge of the day-to-day administration of PCI in absence of the Secretary General Dilip Shah in accordance with the provisions of PCI constitution. Dilip Shah who is also the President Elect has been incommunicado and not attending the meetings or the work pertaining to his offices at PCI. Unconfirmed reports said that he has resigned from the primary membership of PCI sometime after October 11, 2001. However Sahadva Sahoo, PCI President, confirmed that he has not received any resignation.

## FEATURE

POSTAL STATIONERY ISSUES OF 2001



Having completed the backlog with this issue, we now will be reporting in advance, as and when we receive information, on forthcoming issues of postal stationery of India.

Part 4, October December 2001

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October 9, 2001

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October 10, 2001

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November 10, 2001

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November 14, 2001

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Use Renewable Energy, in Bengali, SPP

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October 9, 2001

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Masti Condom, in Hindi, ISP

October 15, 2001

Use Renewable Energy, in Hindi, ISP

Use Renewable Energy, in English, ISP

Use Renewable Energy, in Marathi, ISP

Use Renewable Energy, in Bengali, SPP

November 1, 2001

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The Hindu Business Line, September 14, 2001

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<http://www.hinduonnet.com/bline/2001/09/14/stories/141454br.htm>

The Hindu Business Line, September 14, 2001  
LEAVING A STAMP  
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/bline/2001/09/14/stories/041421ed.htm>

The Hindu Business Line, September 28, 2001  
POSTAL DEPT ALL SET TO ENTER BULK CARGO BUSINESS  
<http://www.blonnet.com/businessline/logistic/2001/09/28/stories/0928g05c.htm>

The Hindu Business Line, September 28, 2001  
IT, TELECOM MINISTRIES POISED FOR MERGER  
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/bline/2001/09/28/stories/142854yb.htm>

The Hindu, September 28, 2001  
AIR GUNS FOUND IN JET AIRWAYS PARCEL  
<http://www.thehindu.com/thehindu/2001/09/28/stories/02280006.htm>

The Hindustan Times, October 11, 2001  
INDIAN HERITAGE BEING SOLD POST HASTE by Soni Sangwan  
<http://www.hindustantimes.com/nonfram/121001/detFRO06.asp>

The Hindu Business Line, December 24, 2001  
POSTAL DEPT TOLD TO CLEAR RS 90-CR DUES TO IA  
<http://www.blonnet.com/2001/12/24/stories/14240404.htm>

The Hindu Business Line, December 26, 2001  
INDIA POST SEEKS HIGH GROWTH IN GULF  
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RESEARCH NOTES

NOTES ON PAKISTAN – Part 34

Earlier parts were published in our issues # 18 onwards, except # 26. These are available for free download at <http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Download/archives.htm>

Manohar Lal, our Research Coordinator, is now working his way in to the original records of Posts & Telegraphs Department held by the National Archives of India.

In the issue # 50 we reproduced the Pakistan Posts & Telegraphs Department's Director General's Post Office Circular of 11<sup>th</sup> April 1948 and the last issue carried the first part of the Postal Notice that accompanied the above Circular. We now reproduce the second and concluding part of the Postal Notice.

POSTAL AND MONEY ORDER SERVICES TO INDIA  
Continued from the previous issue.

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rate of postage and with registration fee may be set to be and received from India under the same conditions as have been laid down for any foreign country other than Aden.

Value payable parcels may be sent to and received from India under the following conditions:

(i) Every V P Parcel for India should be presented at the Post Office in accordance with the procedure laid-down in clause 257 B (i) of the P & T Guide, September '46 editions for such parcels to any country other than UK, Eire, Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika territory, Malaya and Zanzibar.

(ii) A posting fee of 2 annas must also be prepaid by the sender by affixing postage stamps for the value of the fee to the article itself.

(iii) The amount to be recovered from the addressee of a V P Parcel from India will be the sum specified by the sender for remittance to a money order of the same amount to India plus a delivery fee of four annas.

In other respects the rules laid down in clauses 257-B, 257-C, 257-D, 257-E of the P & T Guide, 1946 edition will generally apply.

11. REPLY COUPONS – International Reply Coupons may be exchanged between Pakistan and India under the normal conditions.

12. MONEY ORDERS – Money Orders for India will be made out by the remitters on the inland money order forms, the amount being expressed in India rupee. The maximum amount for which a single money order can be issued will be Rs. 600/-. No money order to contain a fractional part of an anna.

They will be treated in the same manner and be subject to the same conditions as money orders for Burma, the rate of commission being as laid down in clause 293-A (i) of the P & T Guide, September, 1948 edition. The remitter are advised to show in the address of the payee the Indian Province in which the office of payment is situated.

The remitter will be entitled to obtain free of charge or acknowledgement of payment of the amount of the order signed by the payee.

Airmail and Telegraphic money orders may also be sent to India under the same conditions as apply to such money orders for Burma, the charges being:

For the Air Mail Money Order – Money order commission at the rate applicable to surface money orders plus an airmail fee at 2 1/2 annas per money order irrespective of the amount of that order.  
For the Telegraphic Money Order – Money order commission at the rate applicable to surface money orders plus usual telegraphic change at ordinary or express rate as the case may be plus a supplementary charge of two annas.

13. POSTAL ORDERS – Indian Postal Orders issued in India after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948 shall not be payable in Pakistan. Similarly Pakistan Postal Orders issued after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948 shall not be payable in India. Postal orders of one dominion issued before or on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1948 will, however, be payable in the other Dominion up to and including the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1948 under the usual conditions.

14. PAKISTAN OFFICES OF EXCHANGE WILL BE –

For letter mail (until further orders) – Karachi, Lahore, Dacca, Poradah and Jessore

For Parcels, V P Articles, Ordinary Money Orders, Air Mail Money Orders – Karachi, Lahore and Dacca

For Telegraphic Money Orders – Frontier Telegraphic offices will be Karachi CTO, Lahore CTO and Dacca CTO

Advance copy forwarded to –

(i) All heads of circles for information and issue of necessary instructions to all concerned.

(ii) The Superintendent Foreign Post Karachi, Postmasters Lahore, Dacca, Poradah and Jessore for information and guidance.

(iii) All head Post offices and important sub-offices for information and guidance.

2. \*\* Copies of the draft bilateral agreement for the exchange of money orders and value-payable articles with India with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1948 are enclosed. It should be clearly understood that the provisions contained therein are merely tentative and are subject to approval by both the governments. In order, however that the work in the office of exchange should go on, it should be assumed that the provisions of the enclosed draft agreements will be approved and work should, therefore, be strictly regulated on the basis thereof.

\*\* A memorandum of instructions to be followed by the Pakistan Offices of exchange in dealing with mails for and from India with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1948 is also enclosed and should be carefully studied and explained to the staff.

3. Copy also forwarded to – (i) All the Ministries of the Government of Pakistan, (ii) Cabinet Secretariat, (iii) Constituent Assembly, (iv) Auditor General of Pakistan, (v)\* The Accountant General, West Punjab, Lahore, (vi)\*\* The Accountant General, East Bengal, Dacca, (vii) The Principal Information officer, for favor of issue of a Press Note on the subject, (viii) The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi.

\*With copies of Memorandum of Instructions.

\*\* For Head of Circles and Offices of Exchange only.

Karachi, The 11<sup>th</sup> April 1948

Signed – A Rehman, Assistant Director General

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SHARAD MOHAN OF NEW DELHI

I would like to put the following on record:

1. The greeting cards being brought out by the India Post are still using prefixes as S00, M00. If 'S' is for small and 'M' for medium, what are '00' for? I thought this meant the year 2000. It is year 2001 now!!! Happy New Year 2001 to India Post (hello, good morning) and in case they were waiting for my wishes to change over to S01, M01, I humbly wish belated Happy New Year.

2. It is a good idea to issue cards for overseas postings in the airmail denomination also, with the airmail label also printed on the envelope. Many foreign post offices do this.

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