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## Short Description :

Astudy of Diversity \& range of handstamps used for the surcharge on covers across India.

## Introduction :

With effect from 1.3.1983, Stationery Charge was introduced on the Postal Stationery Envelope by the Dept. of Post.
Each Postmaster's were authorised to apply a rubber stamp impression for collecting this surcharge. This study covers this period from 1.3.1983 to 1.1.1987
The basic Postage rate for the envelope was 50 p for the first 10 gms and 5 p for the Stationery charge was levied during the Period.

## Origin:

The ministry of Information \& Brought Casting introduced a new regulation in the proposals of the supplementary budget for the year 1982-83 for collecting a nomial fee of 5paise as the cost of embossed postal evelopes. (wihtout raising the basic postal rate, which stood at 50p). It was enforced wef 1.3.1983

(5p Surcharge in Manuscript. Under the authority Sub-Post Master seal)
Exhibit Plan : Presentation of Hand Stamps adopted in various regions at India. Including (HS) various styles, Shapes \& languages namely English/ Hindi/ Gujarati or Bi-lingual or Tri-lingual
Includes: Plain envelopes issued \& sold by the Postal Department during period of shortage in Southern India.
Highlight: Un common items are framed in Blue, scarce items in Red
Period : 1.3.1983-1.1.1987
(from 1.1.1987 the surcharge was revised from 5 p to 10p)
Original Research : Indicated by this symbol (in Red.) $\triangle$
References: 1. Postal circulars
(DG P\&T New Delhi letter No 1/3/83-R Dated 21/2/1983)
2. India Post, Articles by Author

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[^0]| Page No. | Code | Essential Details Captured from the Cover-In order of Importance |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1 | K | Key Word |
| 2 | V | Charge Exp |
| 3 | P | Money Exp / "Paise" Expressed as ... |
| 4 | F | Format - Style of Presentation |
| 5 | L | Length of Handstamp |
| 6 | PIN | PIN Code |
| 7 |  | City (Either from Post Mark or From Adress-as visible) |
| 8 |  | State of India (Pre-1983 Level) |
| 9 |  | Postal Zone-There were 22 zones in 1983. |
| 10 |  | Postal Stamps used (if different from 50p rate) |


| No. |  | Index of Pages |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Logic | This index is divided in 10 Groups |
|  | 1 | The most popular choice of surcharge found quantitatively |
|  | 2 | The most visible part of this surcharge |
|  | 3 | Basic Logical division |
|  | 4 | City / State / PIN Code info needed too. |
|  | 5 | Size of the Stamp : Length ; if req. width too |
| B | Suggestions | Other Presentation Idea's |
|  |  | Same City diversity |
|  |  | Same City /Similarity /Issue Differences |
|  |  | Manuscript to Imprint |
|  |  | Errors - Albino's |
|  |  | National Grid -Diversity per zone |
|  |  | Early Envelope usage |
|  |  | Private Vz P\&T Envelope |
|  |  | Early Usage (see date 1.3 .1983 to 31.12 .1983 ) |
|  |  | Deterioration of HS over period of time. |
| C | W-I-P | Fonts to be identified Font styles to be defined |

Group - Sri Lingual

| Keyword <br> K-F70 | Value <br> V-32 | Money (P) <br> P-01 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| City | Mandvi |  |
| PIN | 370465 |  |
| State | Gujarat |  |
| Tri-Lingual | 1. Hindi |  |
|  | 2. English |  |
|  | 3. Gujarati |  |

## Marathi/English+Gujarati/Trilingual



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| Keyword | Value | Money (P) |
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| K-F52 | V-71 | P-71 |
| City | Pune city |  |
| PIN | 411001 |  |
| State | Maharashtra |  |
| Wordings - Marathi |  |  |


| Keyword <br> K-F62 | Value <br> V-12 | Money (P) <br> P-01 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| City | Bhavnagar |  |
| PIN | 364001 |  |
| State | Gujarat |  |
| Bi-Lingual | 1. English |  |
|  | 2. Gujarati |  |



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This cover is in 'Marathi' HS from Heart land of Maharashtra.

Group - English : Abbreviated wordings.


| Keyword <br> K-24 | Value <br> V-12 | Money (P) <br> P- 20 |
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| City | Akola |  |
| PIN | 444001 |  |
| State | Maharashtra |  |


| Keyword | Value | Money (P) |
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| K- 22 | V- 12 | P-01 |
| City | Pune |  |
| PIN | 411013 |  |
| State | Maharashtra |  |


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| K-25 | | Value |
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| V-17 | | Money (P) |
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| P- XX |$|$| City | Pune |  |
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| PIN | 411001 |  |
| State | Maharashtra |  |


| Keyword <br> K-31 | Value <br> V-05 | Money (P) <br> P-12 |
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| City | Rajampet |  |
| PIN | 516115 |  |
| State | AP |  |


| No. | K* | KeyWords Explained | A | B | C | D | Z |
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| 1 | K 01 | Stationery Charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | K 02 | Stationery Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | K 03 | Stationery Charges of... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | K 05 | Stationery |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | K 06 | Stationery Fee |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | K 07 | Stationery charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | K 08 | Stationery Surcharge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | K 10 | Stationary Charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | K 11 | Stationary Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | K 15 | Stationary |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | K 16 | Stationary Fee |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | K 17 | Stationary Charges of ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | K 18 | Stationary Surcharge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | K 20 | STNRY. CHARGES |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | K 21 | Stnry,ch / Stnry, CH |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | K 22 | Stny. Charge/s |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | K 23 | Sty.Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | K 24 | Sty.Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | K 25 | Sts. Charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26 | K 26 | STC |  |  |  |  |  |
| 29 | K 29 | CSP |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | K 30 | SC |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | K 31 | S.C. IS.C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | K 32 | S/C |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | K 33 | S:C. / S:C: / S.C: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | K 35 | S.F. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | K 40 | Cost of Envelope |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | K 41 | Cost of Envelop_ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | K 42 | Cost of Cover |  |  |  |  |  |


| No. | K* | KeyWords Explained | A | B | C | D | Z |
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| 43 | K 43 | Cost of Mfg. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 45 | K 45 | Envelope Costs |  |  |  |  |  |
| 46 | K 46 | Envelope Cost |  |  |  |  |  |
| 47 | K 47 | Envelope Costs... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | K 50 | Levy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | K 51 | Levy of... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | K 52 | New Levy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 | K 53 | New Levy of |  |  |  |  |  |
| 54 | K 54 | S/C Levy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | K 55 | Levy sty. CH. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | K 60 | Manufacturing Charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | K 61 | Making Charges |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | K 70 | Selling price |  |  |  |  |  |
| 71 | K 71 | Surcharge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 72 | K 72 | Price |  |  |  |  |  |
| 73 | K 73 | Plus |  |  |  |  |  |
| 74 | K 74 | (+) Plus symbol used solo without parentesis |  |  |  |  |  |
| (80's) Narrative |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | K 80 | 50p Postage + 5 Sty. Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 81 | K 81 | PS 0.55 /PM < City> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 82 | K 82 | Cost of 55p /Including 0.05 for Stationery Charge |  |  |  |  |  |
| 83 | K 83 | Envelope costs 5 Paise excluding Face Value |  |  |  |  |  |
| (90's) Miscallenous |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | K 90 | Sub Post master/Post Master/P.M. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 99 | K 99 | Manuscript |  |  |  |  |  |

Note : K*A few Number of Series are not yet allocated .They are reserved for future finds.

Stationery Surcharge (1983) of 5p on Postal Stationery

| No. | V | Table of Value | A | B | C | D | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | V 01 | Five (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | V 02 | (5) Five |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | V 03 | 5 (FIVE) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | V 04 | 5 FIVE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | V 05 | FIVE / Five |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | V 06 | Five 0.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | V 07 | 0.05 FIVE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | V 08 | 00.05 FIVE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | V 09 | 00.05 (FIVE) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | V 10 | . 05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | V 11 | 05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | V 12 | $5 / 5 '$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | V 13 | $-5 /=5$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | V 14 | 0-5/0.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | V15 | +5// +05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | V 16 | $0.05 / 0-05 / 0=05$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | V 17 | $00.05 / 00-05 / 00=05$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | V 18 | 00.5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | V 19 | +0.05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | V 20 | Rs 0.05 / Rs 0-05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | V 21 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | V 22 | Rs:0-5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | V 23 | Rs 00.05 / Rs 00-05 / Rs 00=05 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | V 24 | Rs 00005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | V 30 | 0.55 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | V 31 | 0-55 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | V 32 | 00-55 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | V 33 | 55 / -55 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| No. | V | Table of Value | A | B | C | D | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 34 | V 34 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | V 35 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | V 40 | Fifty Five |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | V 41 | 0-55 (Fifty Five) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | V 42 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | V 50 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | V 51 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | V 52 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | V 60 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | V 61 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62 | V 62 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | V 70 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | V 80 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | V 90 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 99 | V 99 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |

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| No. | P | Paise Expression Explained | A | B | C | D | Z |
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| 1 | P 01 | Paise |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | P 02 | PAISE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | P 03 | Paise Paid/paise Paid |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | P 04 | Paise Extra |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | P 05 | paise |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | P 06 | Paise Only |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | P 10 | Paisa |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | P 11 | Paisa: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | P 12 | Paisa Extra |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | P 13 | PAISA |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | P 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | P 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | P 20 | Ps/Ps. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | P 21 | ps |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | P 22 | PS / P.S. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | P 23 | PS. Extra |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | P 24 | PS Paid / Ps Paid |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | P 30 | $\mathrm{P} / \mathrm{P}$. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | P 31 | $\mathrm{p} / \mathrm{p}$. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | P 32 | P. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | P 33 | P: |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | P 34 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | P 35 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40 | P 40 | N.P / NP /NP. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | P 41 | n.p. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | P 42 | Np |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43 | P 43 | np |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | P 44 | NP. Only |  |  |  |  |  |

Stationery Surcharge (1983) of 5p on Postal Stationery

| No. | P | Paise Expression Explained | A | B | C | D | Z |
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| 50 | P 50 | Nps |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | P 51 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | P 52 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | P 60 | NPSC |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | P 61 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62 | P 62 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | P 70 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | P 80 | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | P 90 | <Reserved> | <Reserved> |  |  |  |  |
| 99 | P 99 | < |  |  |  |  |  |

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| No. | F | Format Description | A | B | C | D | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | F 01 | Single Straight Line |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | F 02 | In Two Lines |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | F 03 | In Three Lines |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | F 04 | In Four Lines |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | F |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rectangular Box |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | F 10 | In Rectangular Box |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | F 11 | In Dotted Rectangular Box |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | F 12 | Ornamental Rectangular Box |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | F 13 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | F 14 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | F 15 | Between Parallel Lines |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | F 16 | Underlined |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | F 17 | In Parenthesis "...." Circu | lar |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | F 18 | Within brackets (...) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | F 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circular |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | F 20 | Circular - Within Single Ring |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | F 21 | Circular - Within Double Ring |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | F 22 | Circular - Smallerr Circle within BIG Circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 | F 30 | Followed by word ...Paid |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | F 31 | Followed by words... Collected |  |  |  |  |  |
| 32 | F 32 | Followed by word ...Extra |  |  |  |  |  |
| 33 | F 33 | Followed by word ...Only |  |  |  |  |  |
| 34 | F 34 | Followed by word ... 5 Ps + Five Paise |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 39 | F 39 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| No. | F | Format Description | A | B | C | D | Z |
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| 40 | F 40 | Preceded by word "Plus" |  |  |  |  |  |
| 41 | F 41 | Preceded by sign "+" |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42 | F 42 | Preceded by word ...Postal |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43 | F 43 | Preceded by word ...Addl |  |  |  |  |  |
| 44 | F 44 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 49 | F 49 | Interjunction "of' |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Languages :other than English |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 | F 50 | In Hindi Only |  |  |  |  |  |
| 51 | F 51 | In Gujarati Only |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | F 52 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 60 | F 60 | Languages: Bi-Lingual |  |  |  |  |  |
| 61 | F 61 | Hindi \& English |  |  |  |  |  |
| 62 | F 62 | English \& Hindi |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Trilingual |  |  |  |  |  |
| 70 | F 70 | Hindi,English \& Gujarati |  |  |  |  |  |
| 80 | F 80 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | F 90 | < Reserved> |  |  |  |  |  |

Format - Sub Classification may apply

| A | Upper Case Only |
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| B | Combined Lower \& Upper Case |
| C | Wordings before <Cost/Value> |
| D | <Cost/Value> before wording |
| Z | Others |

Group : (English) - Descriptive text


| Keyword | Value | Money (P) |
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| Keyword | Value | Money (P) |
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| State | AP |  |

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| Keyword | Value | Money (P) |
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| K-61 | V-16 | P- XX |
| City | Vizianagaram |  |
| PIN | 535001 |  |
| State | AP |  |

Five Paise SC


Codes De-Coded How to Read the List

Cost of Mfg. Five Paise



Stationery Surcharge (1983) of 5p on Postal Stationery
Zone-wise / State-wise or City Wise list of HS in My Collection

| No. | PIN | City | State | Format | Keywords | Value | Money | Size | Notes |
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