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 \* PERFORATION CHANGES - VIth DEFINITIVE SERIES. \*  
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For some time now, I have been interested in the Cylinder Numbers of the India VIth Definitive Series, and I am listing below my findings to date of the perforation changes.

PERFORATION CHANGE FROM (i) 14 x 14½ or 14½ x 14 to (ii) 13 x 13.

Probable reasons for changing the perforation:

- (1) There have been variations in the thickness (or strength?) of the paper used for printing these stamps. So, in order to prevent the stamps of a sheet, printed on thinner paper, from separating by themselves, the authorities concerned might have decided to reduce the number of perforation holes from 14 or 14½ to 13 (per 2 cm.);
- (2) Technical difficulties or a change of machinery.

DETAILS OF THE CHANGE:

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
5	Pisciculture	26/11/79	5/7/82	A52	A52 is known with both (i) and (ii) perf.
10	Minor Irrigation	25/1/82	5/7/82	(B13)	B13 is known with both (i) and (ii) perf. Initially no cyl.no. was allotted, though the sheet was issued with the rest of the marginal inscription.
15	Agricultural Technology	10/3/80	5/7/82	C27	C27, C29 & C32 are known with both (i) & (ii) perf.
20	Child & Nutrition	25/3/81	5/7/82	D23	D25 & D26 are known with both (i) & (ii) perf.
25	Poultry	26/11/79	5/7/82	J25	J25 is known with both (i) & (ii) perf.
30	Bumper Harvest	3/9/79	6/9/82	P9	P9 is known with both (i) & (ii) perf.
35	Family Welfare	15/9/80	5/7/82	(K8)	The initial cyl.no. issued at Hyderabad GPO was K9, but recently I have found K8 with (ii) perf. K9 is known with both perfs.
50	Dairying	25/1/82	5/7/82	G4	G4, G5 & G7 are known with both (i) & (ii) perf.
100	Hybrid Cotton	17/6/80	10/11/83	R1	The only reason for which the series was started from the beginning is due to a change in the die.
200	Handloom Weaving	7/12/80	10/11/83	S1	- same as above -
225	Cashew	25/3/81	(Sep'83)*	(T3)	There was no official issue of this denomination with (ii) perf.
500	Rubber Tapping	23/11/80	10/11/83	M18	--

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Column Headings:- (A) Denomination; (B) Subject; (C) Date of Issue  
 (D) Date of Change of Perforation; (E) Initial Cylinder Number after the Change; (F) Remarks.

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It would appear that, at the time of the change in perforation, whatever stocks that were lying with the Press have been perforated with (ii) perf., irrespective of the cylinder number.

It could also be that both the perforation heads were in use simultaneously, at least for a very short period, which could account for the numerous varieties listed above. It could also be the cause for the occasional very tenacious perforation on thick paper, erroneously perforated with the (ii) perf., and the fragile perforation of the (i) perf. on thin paper.

I hope to be able to submit further articles on the variations in Die, Watermark, Colour and Gum of this Series in the near future.

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