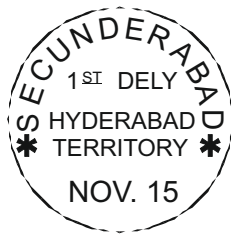


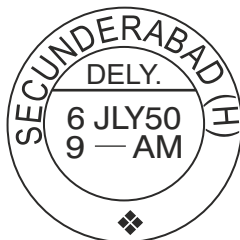
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1862



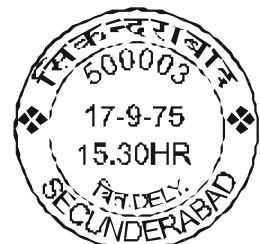
1873-84



1950



1954



1975

This is a study of delivery marks of in bound mail to Secunderabad (British India 1860-1950) & from 1950's to 2020 of Republic India.



Vintage Post Card, Street view - James Bazaar Secunderabad (1900)

### *Introduction of Secunderabad*

Secunderabad city is named after the Nizam Sikandar Zah.  
Secunderabad was a British cantonment in the Hyderabad State ( in Deccan.)  
The post office was established around 1820's however no distinct postmarks with the word delivery was the applied till 1860's.

### *Treatment & Classification*

A study of hand stamped delivery cancellations from 1860's - till 2021.  
It has been illustrated in chronological order.

### *Highlighting*

Scarce Items are framed in **red** and very scarce pieces in **blue** thick borders.

### *Period & Exclusions*

The period covered is from 1860's to 2021.  
It covers delivery marks (hand stamped) and or its abbreviated form incorporated.  
It excludes Express Delivery, Reg. Delivery & Slogan based delivery Cancellations.

### *Reference*

Memorandum Book, Divisional Office Secunderabad HPO - History & Information.

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1861-62 Size: 25 mm	1861-62 Size:16x16 mm	1866 Size:25 mm	1866 Size 16x16 mm	1869 Size:20 mm
Used in combination				
1873-1884 Size:25 mm	1892 Size:30 mm	1893 Size:30 mm		
1902 Size:30 mm	1908 Size:30 mm	1910 Size:25 mm	1911 Size:30 mm	
1922 Size:32 mm	1925 Size:32 mm	1935 Size:32 mm	1938 Size:30 mm	

Note:

The Postal Workshops at Aligarh which was established in the year 1841 for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of articles required technically by the Posts and Telegraphs Department closed from the 1st January, 1932. The work of stamps and seals is now only done in the office known as the Postal Seals at Aligarh.

Year - 1861



Reconstituted



Dia. 25mm



Route : Madras (27/11/1861) to Secunderabad (1/12/1861)  
Rate : 1A.

Note:  
The 1st/2nd Delivery stamp is used in combination of the dater stamp



Front side - size reduced

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Pre Independence Period (1860/66)

Year - 1860



Reconstituted



Route : Madras(25/10/1860)-  
Secunderabad (30/10/1860)  
Forwarded by : M/s Binny &  
Company ①  
Rate : ½ a paid by stamp.

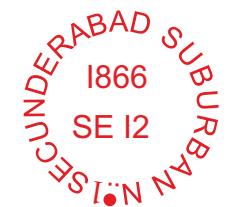


“Cursetjee” in telugu Non-english spelling delivery agent were habitual to note the name of the addressee in Local native language

Year -1866



Reconstituted

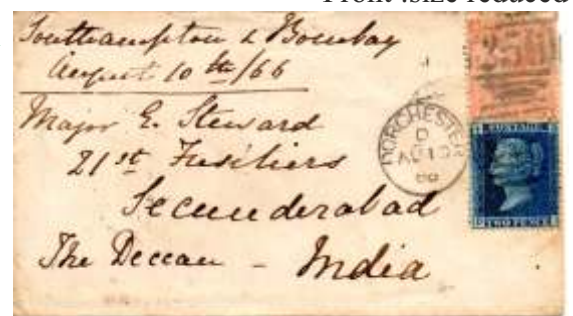


Front :size reduced

Overseas Letter to India from Great Britain delivered to Secunderabad.

Route : Dorchester (10/08/1866) via London (11/08/1866), Bombay (08/09/1866) to Secunderabad (12/09/1866)

① Via Southampton & Bombay



Year -1869

Reconstituted



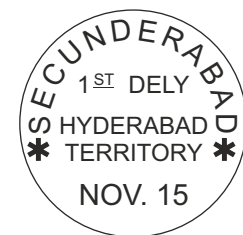
Front side - size reduced

Route : Bombay (26/12/1869)  
to Secunderabad (28/12/1869)  
Rate : Registered Letter  
(4 Anna + 1 Anna)



Year - 1873 - 1884

Reconstituted



①

Dia. 25mm

Route : Benares City B.O. (6/Nov)  
to Secunderabad (15/Nov)  
Rate : ½ A / Embossed QV Cover



Note: ① This is the only hand stamp with the wordings 'Hyderabad Territory'

**Year - 1892**



Reconstituted



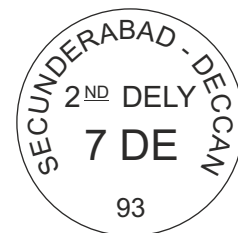
Dia. 30mm

Route : Bombay(10/Oct/92) to Secunderabad (12/Oct/92)

**Year - 1893**



Reconstituted



Dia. 30mm

Route : Posted to Secunderabad (7/Dec/93)

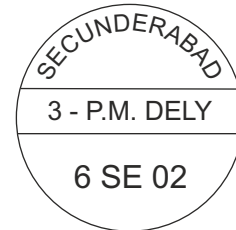
Note : The Suffix “Deccan” continued till late 1890's;

Note: “Deccan” word first appeared along with ‘Secunderabad’; essentially to identify “Hyderabad-Deccan from Hyderabad-Sind”

Year - 1902



Reconstituted



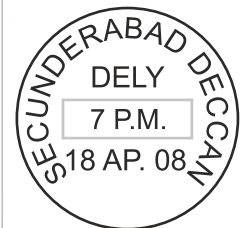
Dia. 30mm

Route : Parbhani (5.Sep/02) to Secunderabad (6/Sep/02)  
Rate : ¼ A / Post Card.

Year - 1908



Reconstituted

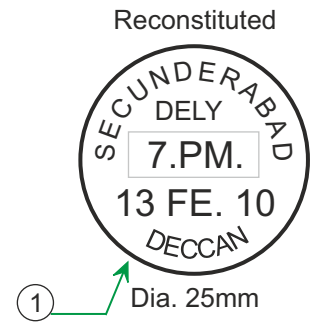


Dia. 30mm

Route : Gulbarga (18/Apr/08 to Secunderabad (18/Apr/08)  
Rate : Rate of three pies prepaid on Post Card.

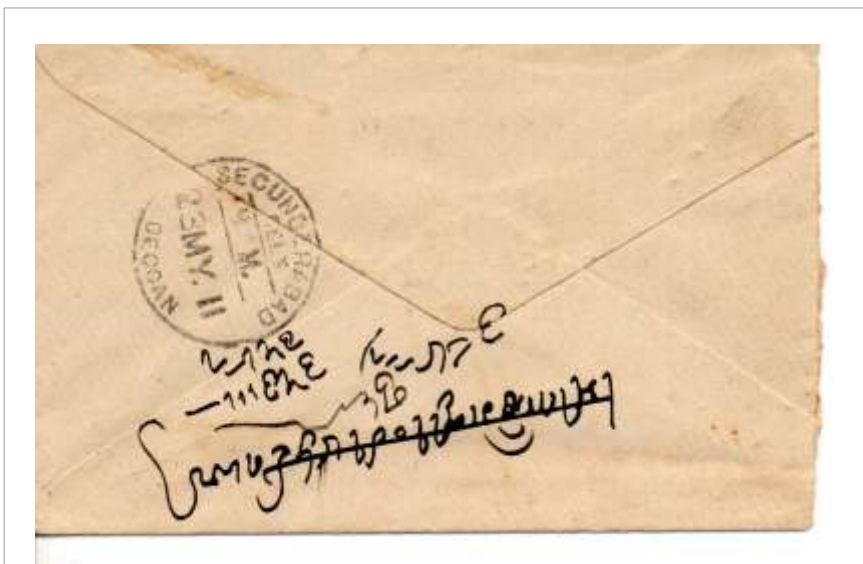
① Bazar card of India (with unauthorized lion & Unicorn emblem)

Year - 1910



Route : Posted (07/Feb/10) to Secunderabad (13/Feb/10)  
Rate : ½A prepaid by Stamps

Year - 1911



Route : Posted ( /05/1911) to Secunderabad (23/05/1911)  
Rate : ½A prepaid by Stamps

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Pre Independence Period (1922/1925)

Year - 1922



Route : Sowcarpet (26/10/1922) to Secunderabad (27/10/1922)  
Rate : 1A prepaid by Stamps

Year - 1925



Route : Flower Bazar (10/10/25) to Secunderabad (12/10/25)  
Rate : 1 A rate prepaid by stamps.



Year - 1935



Route : Sowcarpet (16/09/1935) to Secunderabad (17/09/1935)  
Rate : 1 A rate repaid by stamps.

Year - 1938



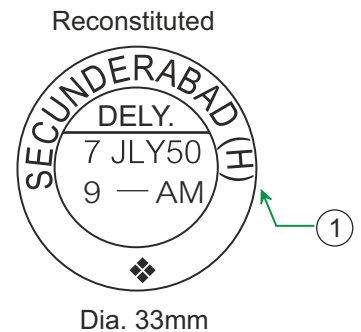
Route : Bombay (1/Aug/38) to Secunderabad (2/Aug/38)  
Rate : 1 A letter rate prepaid by Stamps

① Similar to the H.S. of 1925, the orientation of diamonds changed from “❖” to “❖”

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1950 Size:31 mm	1951 Size:30 mm	1951 Size:32 mm	1954 Size:30 mm		
1960 Size:32 mm	1961 Size:32 mm	1966 Size:32 mm	1970 Size:32 mm	1971 Size:32 mm	1975 Size:32 mm
1985 Size:27 mm	1986 Size:27 mm	1987 Size:28 mm	2010 Size:33 mm	2011 Size:33 mm	2019 Size:33 mm
			No time		

Year - 1950



Route : Mahbubnagar (5/7/50) to Secunderabad (6/7/50)  
Rate : 1 A Post Card rate prepaid stationery

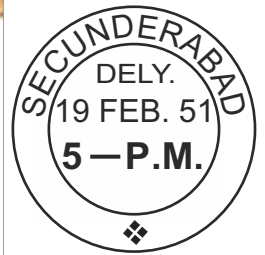
After 1st April 1950, the Hyderabad State post offices were referred as Ex-Hyderabad State Post offices. An alphabet (H) was introduced in the post mark next to the name of the post office. This was used for a short period of less than 24 months.

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Post Independence Period (1951)

Year - 1951



Reconstituted



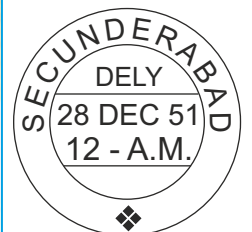
Dia : 32 MM

Route : Surat (18/2/51) to Secunderabad (19/2/51); regular delivery stamp applied.  
Rate : 2A + 6ps Express Delivery charges prepaid by stamps.

Year - 1951



Reconstituted



Dia. 30mm

Route : Karur (20/Dec/51) to Secunderabad (28/Dec/51)  
Rate : 2A, letter rate prepaid by Stamps (1½A,6ps.)

① & ② British India stamps used in combination with Republic India stamps  
They were valid for Usage in 1951

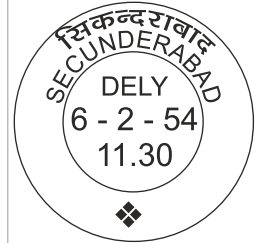
Secunderabad - A Study of Delivery Cancellation  
Post Independence Period (1954/1960)

Year - 1954

“Hindi” first Policy



Reconstituted



Dia. 30mm

Route : Bombay (5/2/54) to Secunderabad (6/2/54)

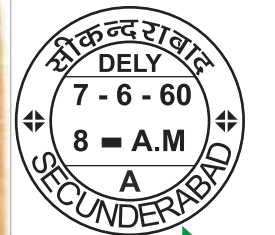
Rate : Letter rate of 2A prepaid by stamps.

Note : First use of a bilingual hand stamp with Hindi “first” for the city name.

Year - 1960



Reconstituted



Dia.32 mm

Route : Ahmedabad (4/6/60) to Secunderabad (7/6/60)

Rate : Letter rate of 15NP prepaid by stamps.

Note : The letter ‘A’ denotes more than one delivery H.S. used

Year - 1961



Reconstituted



Dia. 32mm

Route : Adoni, A.P (8/9/61) to Secunderabad (9/9/61)  
Rate : Letter rate of 15NP prepaid by stamps.

Year - 1966



Reconstituted



Dia. 32mm

Route : Ahmedabad (19/8/66) to Secunderabad (20/8/66)  
Rate : Letter rate of 15np prepaid by stamps.

Note : "SD - 3" in the Hand Stamp; indicates Zone 3.  
"Zonal system" was introduced to expedite delivery in larger cities.  
(It was first effected in India from 1st May 1946 in Madras, then gradually to other PO)

Year - 1970



Reconstituted



Dia : 32 mm

Route : Armour (27/5/70) to Secunderabad (28/5/70)  
Rate : 20p Letter rate prepaid by Stamps.

Year - 1971



Reconstituted



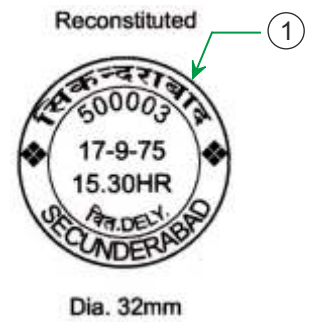
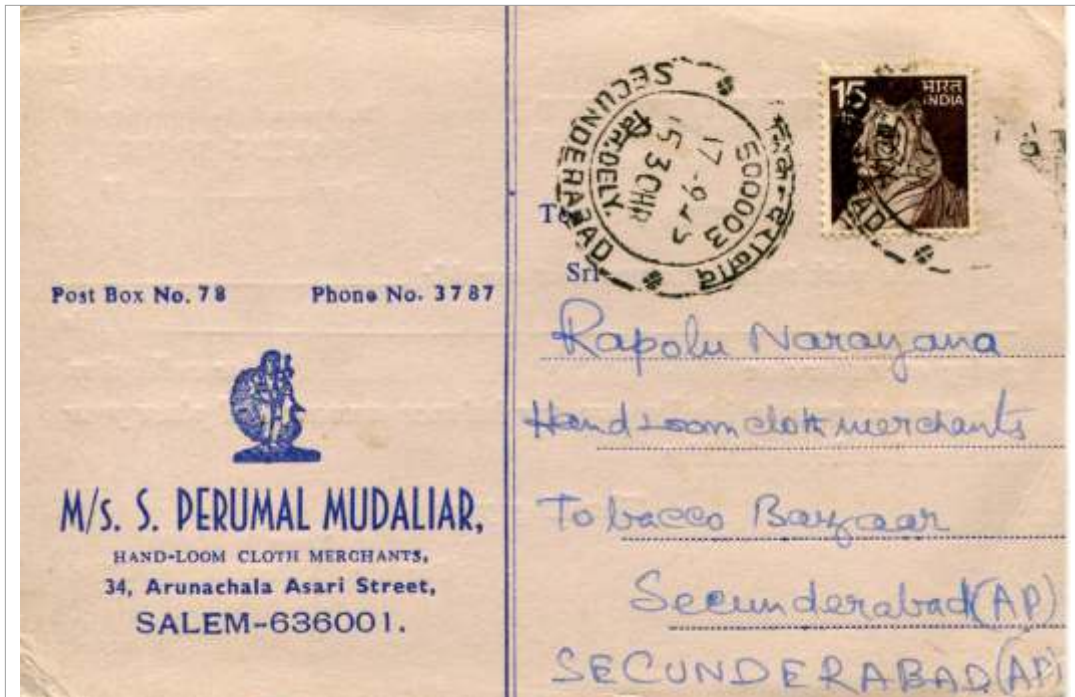
Dia. 32 mm

Route : Bidar to Secunderabad (30/12/71)  
Rate : Letter rate of 20p paid. 5p Refugee Relief Tax prepaid too.

Note : Translation of 'Dely' word 'वित' used for the first time in the early 1970's.

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Post Independence Period (1975/1985)

Year - 1975

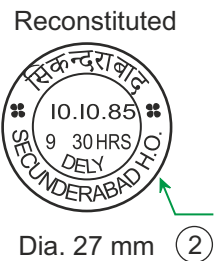


Route : Salem (15/9/75) to Secunderabad (17/9/75)

Rate : 15np prepaid by stamps.

Note 1 : 'Pincode : (500 003) appearing on the Hand stamp in the year 1975 for Secunderabad. Pincode system was started on 15/08/1972 to expedite delivery of mail all over India.

Year - 1985



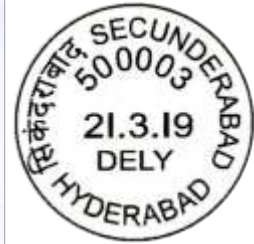
Route : Bournemouth (07/10/1985) to Secunderabad (10/10/1985)

Note-2 : Secunderabad PO was Upgraded as Gazetted Head Post Office on 01-02-1974

Year - 2019



Reconstituted



Dia. 33 mm

Route : Greece to Secunderabad (21/03/2019)

Note : This delivery hand stamp is continuing till date. (2021).

### Confusion of Similar Names

“Secunderabad” (Deccan) instead sent to “Sikandrabad” (Bulandshahr)

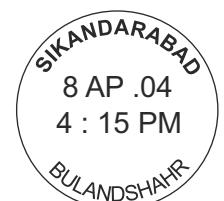
A muchtravelled cover due to wrong spelling of the city posted at Delhi : 5th April 1904

Travelled to Sikandrabad : 8th April 1904 attempted dely 7:15 AM

Then resent at Secunderabad : 11th April 1904



Reconstituted



Route : From Delhi Gate to Secunderabad (Deccan) (11/04/1904) via  
Sikandrabad (Bulandshahr) (08/04/1904)

Rate : ¼ A Rate Post Card