## "SPEED POST" A Philatelic Guide

## "Meter Mark" Catagories



Meghdoot Meter Mark

## Speed Post "Meter Marks" Introduction

Meter Marks (For Speed Post) Used at Post Office's classification is divided in the following sections.

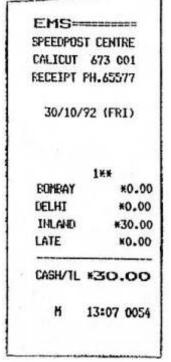
- 1.'K' Series "Kilburn" Meter Franking Marks
- 'R' Series "Kelvinator Registrex"
  - R(A) Registrex (Framed)
  - R(B) Registrex Digital (Frame less)- Cash Register -Receipt style
- 3. M Series Meghdoot PoS Machines
  - M1 Printed on Plain Sticker
  - M2 Pre-Printed Sticker (India Post 1993 Design)
    M2A India Post on RHS
    M2B India Post on LHS
  - M3 India Post 150 years Logo (2004)
  - M4 Pre-Printed Sticker (India Post 2008 design) Bi-Colour & Bi-Lingual M4A India Post Logo on RHS

Note:-

There are instances of mark of other Franking Machines also used at same PO's however, but not wide spread or extensively found.







<u>Series K</u> <u>Series R(A)</u> Series R(B)

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### Series M1



Series M3

Series M2



Series M4



## Speed Post is a high-speed postal service provided by India Post

It was introduced on 1 August 1986, where letters, documents and parcels are delivered within a given time frame failing which full refund of postage is made to the customer.

| Rarity Index |          |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| Common \$    |          |  |  |  |  |
| Difficult    | \$\$     |  |  |  |  |
| Rare         | \$\$\$   |  |  |  |  |
| Very Rare    | \$\$\$\$ |  |  |  |  |

### K-01\_1990



Type "SPEEDPOST"replacing country name at top. Key letter "K" at lower right, unengraved block at lower left.

Note: This was used for a short time
The header "Speed Post" replaced the "India Post".

(Hence was Un-suitable for use out of Country without the Country indicator)

### Meter Marks Introduction

- 2. 'R' Series "Kelvinator Registrex"
  - R(A) Registrex (Framed)
  - R(B) Registrex Digital (Frame less)- Cash Register Receipt style

## R(A)-01



#### Kelvinator "Registrex" (MV).

Printed in violet through a ribbon on a rectangular label, both white and tan labels seen.

Frank has horizontal orientation.

Inscribed "INDIA POSTAGE" at top.

M# with two letter prefix at lower left, "RP" and "HD"

TM: SL with post office identification at top, date and 4-digit (registration?) number at center, and "REGD. LETTER" at bottom.

The date figures have Roman numeral month vertical reading up between the day and year figures.

### R(A)-02



### R(A)-03



### Kelvinator "Registrex" (MV).

As Type R(A)-01 but frank has vertical orientation. "INDIA POSTAGE" in panel at top with Wheel of Ashoka/"Rs." immediately below.

Blank at bottom.

A. With double circle around date with redundant post office name between the circles

B. Without the double circles around date but with horizontal lines above and below the number at right of date. Without ID letters

TM: SL with post office identification at top, date and number (transaction counter?) at center, and ID letters at bottom

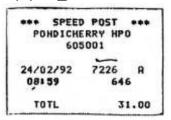
V/F: 000.00g up between the day and year figures.



R(B)-10 1989



R(B)-20\_1992



# My Collection Data

|        | Lahal Data | Year | PO Name    | State  | Pincode  |
|--------|------------|------|------------|--------|----------|
|        | Label Data | real | PO Name    | State  | Fillcode |
| Size   | 35 x 85 mm | 1989 | Trivandrum | Kerala | 695014   |
| City   | Trivandrum |      |            |        |          |
| State  | Kerala     |      |            |        |          |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |            |        |          |

The stamp is printed on tape and has the appearance of a cash register receipt.

"\*\*\* SPEED POST \*\*\*" at top above post office name and number. Through the center are the date and time at left and numbers of unknown purpose at right. The postage value preceded by "TOTL" is at the bottom.

My Collection Data

|        | Label Data  | Year | PO Name     | State       | Pincode |
|--------|-------------|------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| Size   | (?)         | 1992 | Pondicherry | Pondicherry | 605001  |
| City   | Pondicherry |      |             |             |         |
| State  | Pondicherry |      |             |             |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$    |      |             |             |         |

R(B)-30\_1992



|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name | State      | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|---------|------------|---------|
| Size   | 60 x 70 mm | 1992 | Madras  | Tamil Nadu | 600002  |
| City   | Madras     |      |         |            |         |
| State  | Tamil Nadu |      |         |            |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |         |            |         |



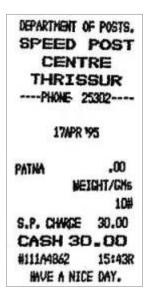
## R(B)-40\_1992



### My Collection Data

|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name   | State  | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 36 x 72 mm | 1992 | Ernakulam | Kerala | 682011  |
| City   | Ernakulam  |      |           |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |      |           |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |           |        |         |

R(B)-50\_1992



Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital). Shown at right Tall, narrow design similar to SSPM\_20.03\_1992. "DEPARTMENT OF POSTS." at top followed by "SPEED POST/ CENTRE", town name, phone number, date, destination, weight, postage, ID number and time. Across the bottom is "HAVE A NICE DAY."

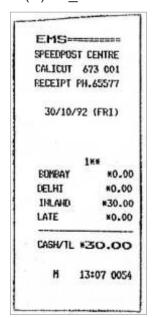
|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name | State  | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|---------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 36 x 72 mm | 1995 | Trissur | Kerala |         |
| City   | Trissur    |      |         |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |      |         |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |         |        |         |



R(B)-60 1990



R(B)-61 1992



R(B)-62 1999



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"SPEEDPOST" replacing country name at top. "Time of day is at the bottom. This is undoubtedly a cash register receipt, but it is also found on mail used".

### My Collection Data

|        | Label Data | Year      | PO Name | State  | Pincode |
|--------|------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 36 x 80 mm | 13-2-1990 | Cochin  | Kerala | 682015  |
| City   | Cochin     |           |         |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |           |         |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |           |         |        |         |

Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital).

Similar to Type R(B)-60 but tall, narrow tape with "EMS==" at top above "SPEEDPOST CENTRE", town and post code, and receipt number. Through the center are the date and a tally of services and total postage costs. Time of day is at the bottom. This is undoubtedly a cash register receipt, but it is also found on mail used as a stamp.

My Collection Data

|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name | State  | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|---------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 36 x 80 mm | 1992 | Calicut | Kerala | 673001  |
| City   | Calicut    |      |         |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |      |         |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |         |        |         |

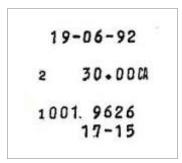
Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital).
Tall, narrow design similar to Type R(B)-61.
"EMS" at top followed by "SPEED POST/ CENTRE", town name, phone number, date, destination, weight, postage, ID number and time.
Message at bottom is "HAVE A NICE DAY."

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|----------|--------------|------|---------|-------|---------|
|          | Label Data   | Year | PO Name | State | Pincode |
| Size     | 38 x 65 mm   |      |         |       |         |
| City     | Kollam       |      |         |       |         |
| State    | Kerala       |      |         |       |         |
| Rarity   | \$\$\$\$     |      |         |       |         |

R(B)-70\_1989



R(B)-80\_1992



R(B)-90 1989



Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital).

Without country inscription or Speed Post identification. Date at top followed by postage, ID number ("134" in the example shown) and transaction number (9738). At bottom is the time of transaction.

My Collection Data

|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name    | City   | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|------------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 43 x 55 mm | 1992 | Trivandrum | Kerala |         |
| City   | Trivandrum |      |            |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |      |            |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |            |        |         |

Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital).

Without country inscription or Speed Post identification. Date at top followed by postage, ID number ("1001" in the example shown) and transaction number (9626). At bottom is the "TIME" of transaction.

My Collection Data

|        | Label Data |      | PO Name | City | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|---------|------|---------|
| Size   | 45 x 55 mm | 1992 |         |      |         |
| City   |            |      |         |      |         |
| State  |            |      |         |      |         |
| Rarity |            |      |         |      |         |

Kelvinator "Registrex" (digital).

Same as "SSPM 28B 1992"

Pre printed, security paper with red coloured wavy lines on either sides of the margins.

|        | Label Data | Year | PO Name   | City   | Pincode |
|--------|------------|------|-----------|--------|---------|
| Size   | 80 x 45 mm | 1989 | Ernakulam | Kerala |         |
| City   | Ernakulam  |      |           |        |         |
| State  | Kerala     |      |           |        |         |
| Rarity | \$\$\$\$   |      |           |        |         |





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Speed Post Pick Up Service

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## Meter Mark



# (Marks Obverse)

| City          | Salem           |
|---------------|-----------------|
| State         | Tamil Nadu      |
| Label         | W:62 x H: 21 mm |
| Total         | Rs. 30.00       |
| Postage Date  | 20.08.1993      |
| Delivery Date | 21.08.1993      |

# (Marks Obverse)

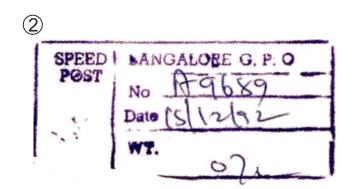
| City          | Bombay          |
|---------------|-----------------|
| State         | Maharashtra     |
| Label         | W:70 x H: 21 mm |
| Postage       | Rs. 30.00       |
| POD           | Rs. 10.00       |
| Total         | Rs. 40.00       |
| Postage Date  | 23.02.1995      |
| Delivery Date | 24.02.1995      |



Mail Business <u>Unit</u> (MBU) Office (MBO)

1 Postage Paid Calculation





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