

India Registration Receipt

Part B : 1900's to 1947
Pre Independence



①, ②, ③, ④ & ⑤

Some of the key differentiations for the variety of labels
Used during this period.

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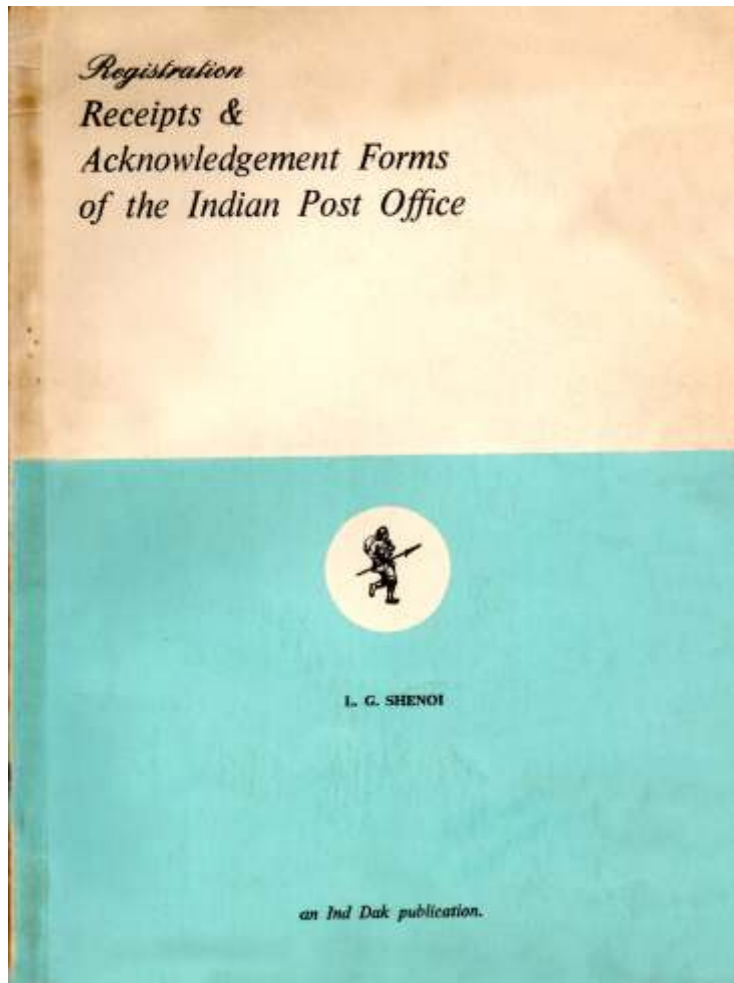
The 1st Reference book on the same subject...

“This is a reprint, in limited number, of the articles which appeared in the philatelic journal Ind Dak during the period 1985 to 1988. Registration Receipts and Acknowledgement Forms used by the Indian Post Office from circa 1857 to 1914 are covered in this study. Both have been classified under various type : ten in the case of Receipts and five in the case of Forms.

The main types have further divided into sub-types.

These Receipt and Acknowledgement Forms are relevant documents in a Postal History collection ; perhaps they are also legitimate items for collection as Postal Stationery.

But-future-who know ?”



SPECIAL NOTE:

“Since the publication of the first instalment of this article, Messrs. G. Madan Mohan Das, Rajesh Pamnani, S. Ranjan, Fredun P. Seervai and A.R. Singhee sent information, together with Xerox copies of the Registration Receipts in their possession.

These have been incorporated in the articles, necessitating additions to the earlier instalment. Such additions may continue to be necessary if, and as, more information is received.”

Col. L.G.ShenoI

In area of specialization of registration system in India,
this is an attempt to chronicle the “Registration Receipts” issued by the Post Office .

To segregate the voluminous data & illustration.

Part A - Period Covered from 1850's to 1900

Part B - Period covered from 1900's to 1950

Part C - Manually Written - Period Covered from 1947s to 2020

Part D - Machine Receipts (& Meghdoot)- (1990's to 2020)

This book is confirmed ‘as an’ second attempt of Pre-Independence Registration Receipt; the first being done by Col. L.G.Shenoi in the 1990's.

An appeal - to please do have a second look at your collection again , you may discover something new ...

In case you would to add to this listing ,

you may communicate the same to me ;

with Hi-Resolution images at my mail ID given below

Your effort & Images will be acknowledged appropriately.

These essays are always going to be work-in-progress as are newer varieties/variation are discovered from time to time.

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Questions that need to answering

1. When was the first bi-colour receipt printed ?
2. Postal rates & notifications affecting Registration.
3. Reason for change in Reg. form no's.
4. Printer's - Who were authorised to print these receipts ?
5. ‘Meghdoot’ software changes chronicle affecting the Receipt layouts (after 1990's).



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Preface

Many times I have thought about compiling my blog writings into a book.

This time I have finally made an attempt at doing that.

I believe the internet is, and well continued to be, a technology that will help us promote, grow and enjoy philately.

However, this will only happen if the unscrupulous, unfriendly and unethical of the world are not allowed to take advantage of collectors or undermine stamp sellers around the world.

The opportunities for stamp collectors and genuine sellers with integrity are many but with any success comes the opportunity for the less than honest to take advantage.

Knowledge is the key.

That is life - we all know it - in all walks of life.

So I am writing these chapters and my blog in the hope that collectors and sellers can take some benefit from my small experiences and that we can all enjoy our philatelic activities honestly and with respect for each other and in our dealings with each other.

Information is the gateway to building better and greater collection of our Rich 'Postal History' of India.

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

Registration Receipts

By (Late) L.G. Sheno

“Registration means the ‘act of registering or recording in a precise manner’ (in a Register). In this sense all letters tendered to the Post Office for dispatch used to be ‘registered’ as a normal routine until 1852 or 1853. The persons tendering the letters were required to put their names on a piece of paper or a book and, perhaps, indicate the destination of the letter etc. The Post Office applied the office date stamp against the entry, so that the sender had a receipt for the letter tendered. By about 1852 this system of recording all the letters was given up in many post offices and a system of special registration, on payment of 8 annas as registration fee, was introduced.

The Act No. XVII of 1854 for the Management of the Post Office instituted throughout India the system of Registration of letters as is current even today.

Section 38 of the Act stated:-

*“Any person posting a letter or other article shall be entitled to require that it shall be registered at the receiving Post Office and that a receipt shall be granted for such registered letter or article, and it shall be lawful for the Governor General in Council to direct, that, in addition to any rates of postage payable under this Act, a fee not exceeding **four annas** shall be charged on any letter or other article which the sender thereof shall require to be so registered, and such registration fee shall be paid on the letter or other article being delivered at the Post Office.*

The ‘Rules’ passed by the Governor General in Council on August 1854 had this to say on registration:-

“XXIV. Letters will be registered on payment of a fee of 4 annas, and parties posting such letters will be furnished with a receipt bearing the address of the letter and the office stamp. The fee must in all cases be paid in money. On the delivery of a registered letter, a receipt for the same must be given to the delivery peon.

*XXV. Receipts will not be granted for any letters or papers received at any Post Office for dispatch, except in the case of registered letters, and will be granted for parcels only when presented ready written, either in books or on separate slips of paper along with the parcels. **Receipts so presented will be duly stamped.**”*

From this time onwards, therefore, one would not find receipts given on senders’ dispatch books by the Post Office for letters, such receipts were confined to parcels only.

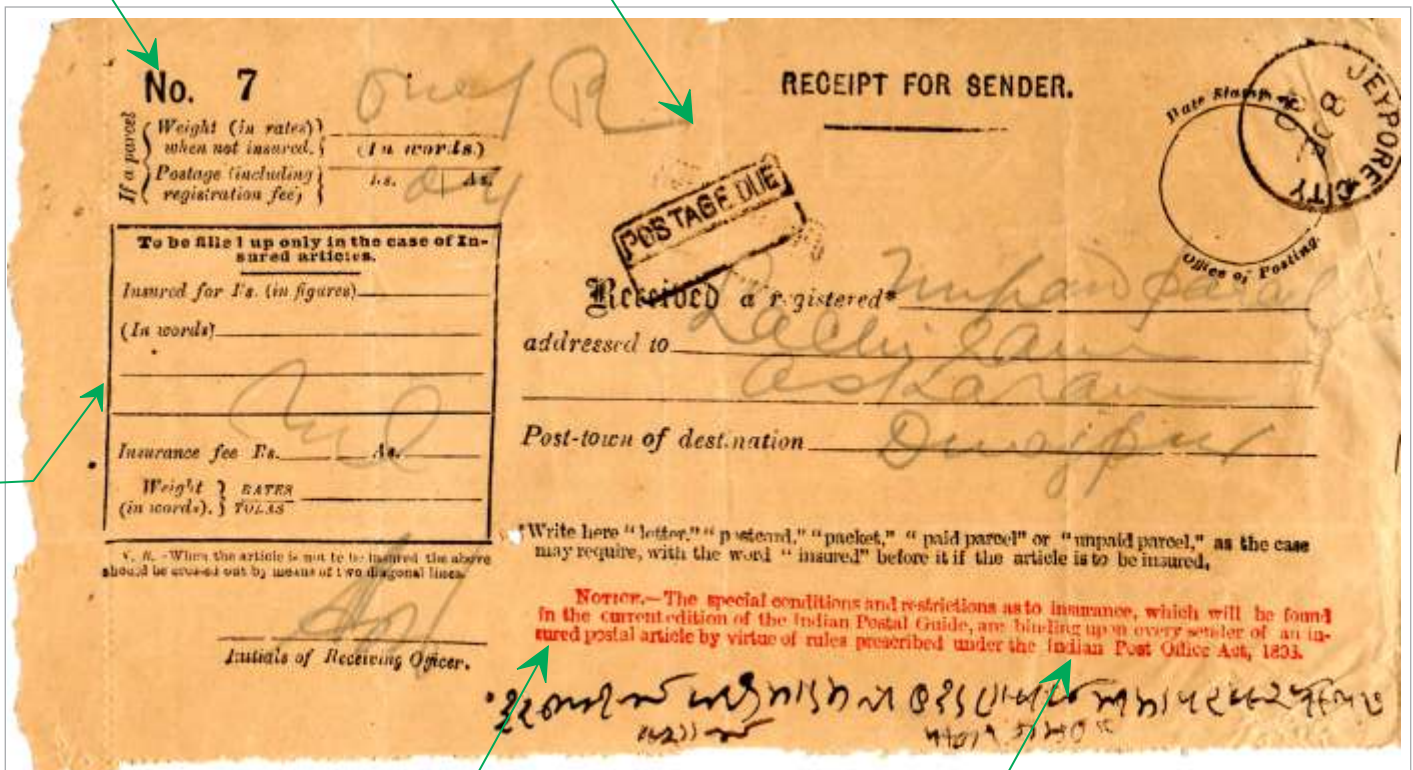
*Effective 1st February 1859, the payment of **registration fee of 4 annas in cash ceased**, and it became necessary to pay the fee by stamps to that value being affixed to the article.”*

Registration Receipts

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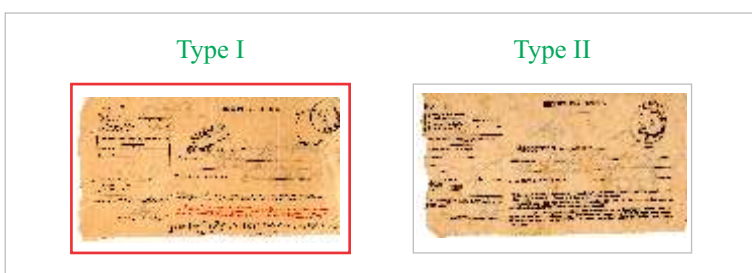
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	200 x 110	Year - 1900	\$\$
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Type I



Size reduced

Notes:	
1.	Bi-coloured Receipt (Red + Black Ink)
2.	Registered - Unpaid parcel, with postage due H.S.
3.	Combined "Registration with conditions for Insurance". Terms & conditions thereof.
4.	Box for Insurance data.
5.	



	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Jeypore	08/12/1900	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	200 x 110	Year - 1910	\$\$
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Type II

No. 118

RECEIPT FOR SENDER.

Weight (in tolas) when not insured. (In words.)
 Postage (including registration fee.) Rs. As.

To be filled up only in the case of insured articles.
 Insured for Rs. (in figures)
 (In words)

Insurance fee Rs. As.
 Weight (in words.) ROLES TOLAS

Initials of Receiving Officer.

Received a registered *
 addressed to *Bala Prasad*
Ch. Boston
 Post-town of destination *Boston*

*Write here "letter," "postcard," "packet," or "parcel" as the case may require, with the word "insured" before it if the article is to be insured.
NOTICE (1)—The Post Office is not responsible for loss or damage in the case of inland registered articles, unless they are also insured.
(2)—The special conditions and restrictions as to insurance, which will be found in the current edition of the Indian Postal Guide, are binding upon every sender of an insured postal article by virtue of rules prescribed under the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.

Notes:

1.	Printed in Black Ink only.
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Type I



Type II



	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Jeypore	08/12/1900	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	195 x 80 (Perf 3side)	Year - 1913	\$\$\$
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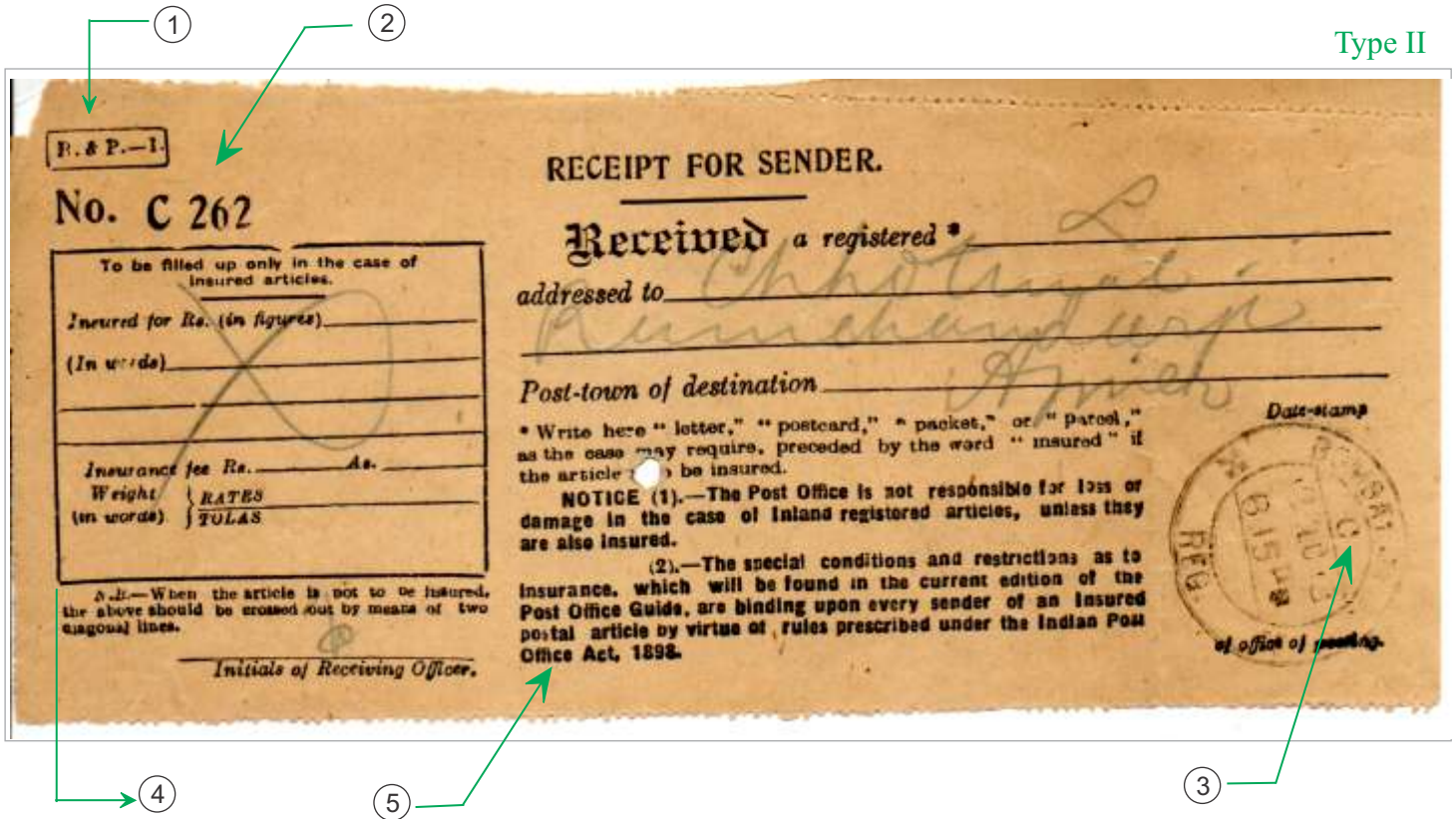
Notes:

1.	Form No “R&P-1” - Registered letter, Parcel + Insured (?)
2.	Prefix of alphabet before the number (N”c”)
3.	‘C’ in the Reg hand stamp. (Any link to point No2-above).
4.	Box for Insured articles - registered added on the LHS.
5.	Ending with ... office Act 1898.



	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Mumbadevi	20/11/1913	12/02/1914
2.	Kalbadevi	16/12/1913	26/01/1914
3.	Mandvi	05/01/1914	
4.			
5.			

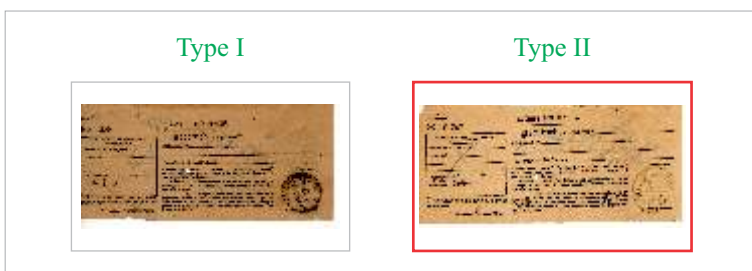
Series	Ixb (Size in mm)	185 x 85 (Perf 3side)	Year - 1913	\$\$\$
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Type II

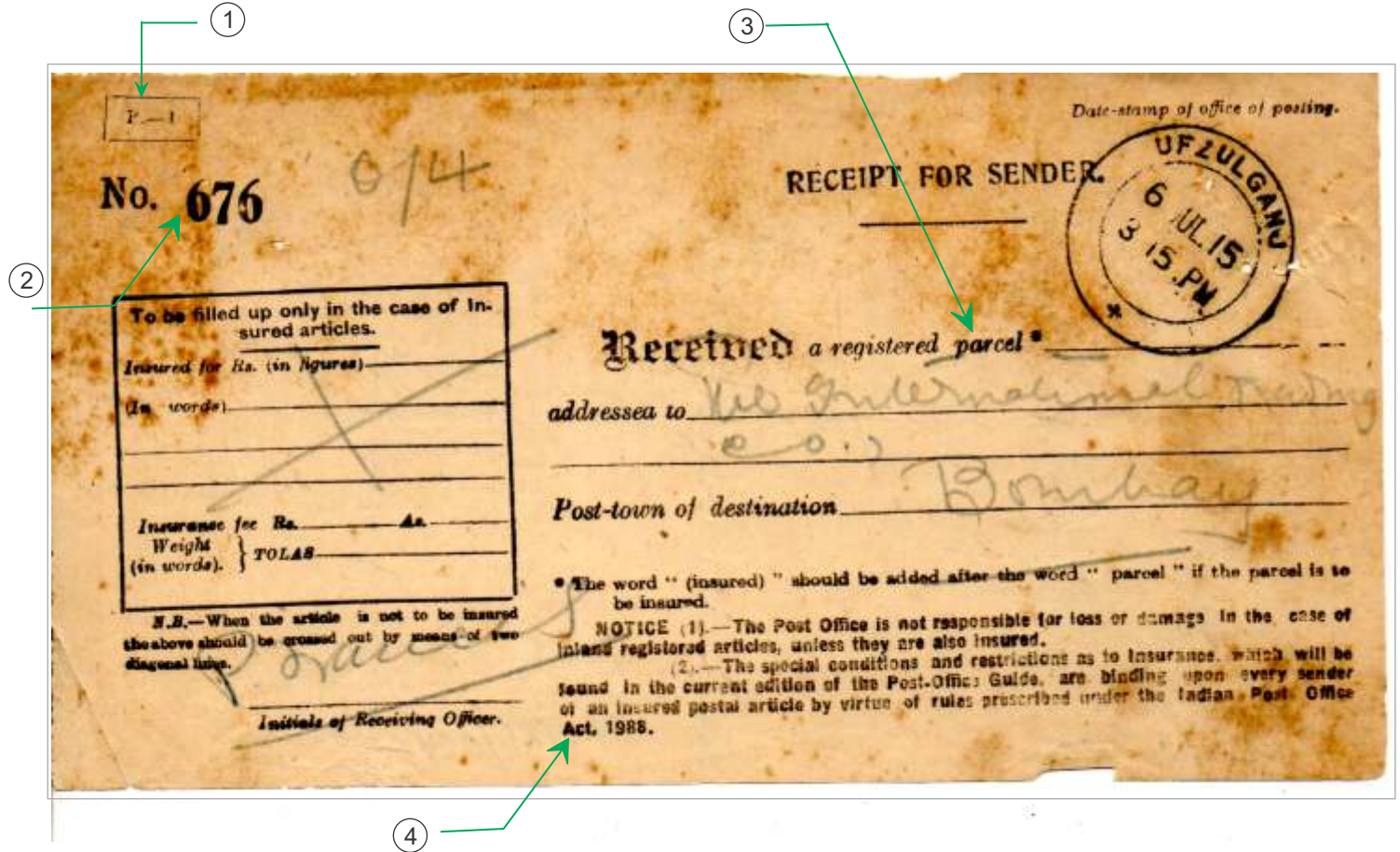
Notes:

1.	Form No "R&P-1" - Registered letter & Parcel
2.	Prefix of alphabet before the number ("c")
3.	'C' in the Reg hand stamp. (Any link to point No2-above).
4.	Box for Insured articles - registered added on the LHS.
5.	Ending with ... office Act 1898.



	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Bombay GPO	13/10/1913	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	200 x 100 (~105) (Perf 3 sides)	Year - 1915	\$\$
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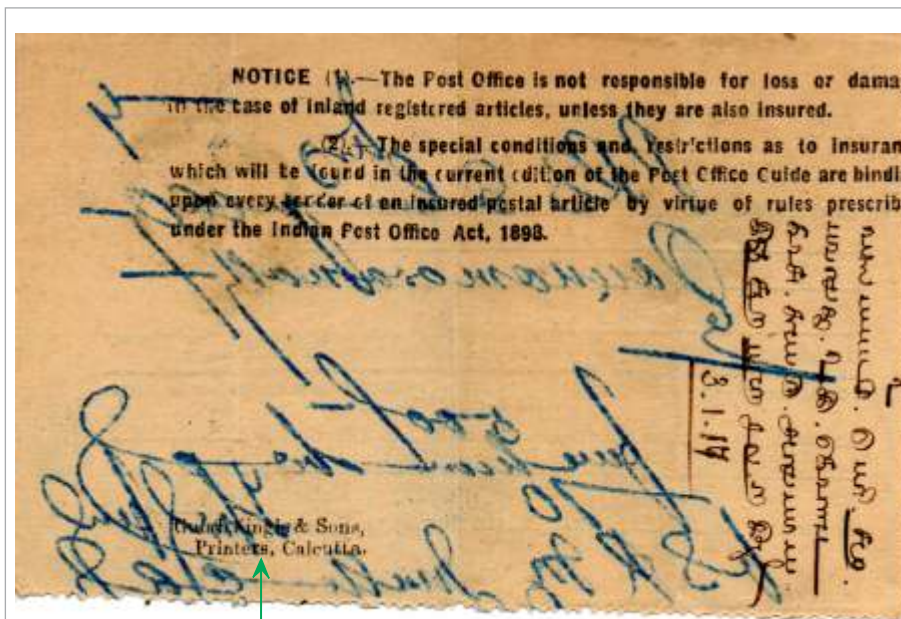
1.	Form No "P-1" - New form specifically for "Registered Parcel".
2.	Only numeral after "No." in Bold lettering
3.	... registered parcel*
4.	... Act, 1898
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Kalbadevi	05/12/1913	12/12/1913
2.	Bikaner	30/05/1915	
3.	Ufzalgunj	06/07/1915	
4.			
5.			

Series	Ixb (Size in mm)	120 x 75 (Perf 3 sides)	Year - 1917	\$\$
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Front



Back

Printer name

**Eal Chand & Sons,
 Printers, Calcutta.**

② Printer name

**Gulab Singh & Sons,
 Printers, Calcutta.**

Enlarged view

Printer I	Printer II
Gulab Singh & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.	Eal Chand & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Rangoon	03/01/1917	11/01/1918
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

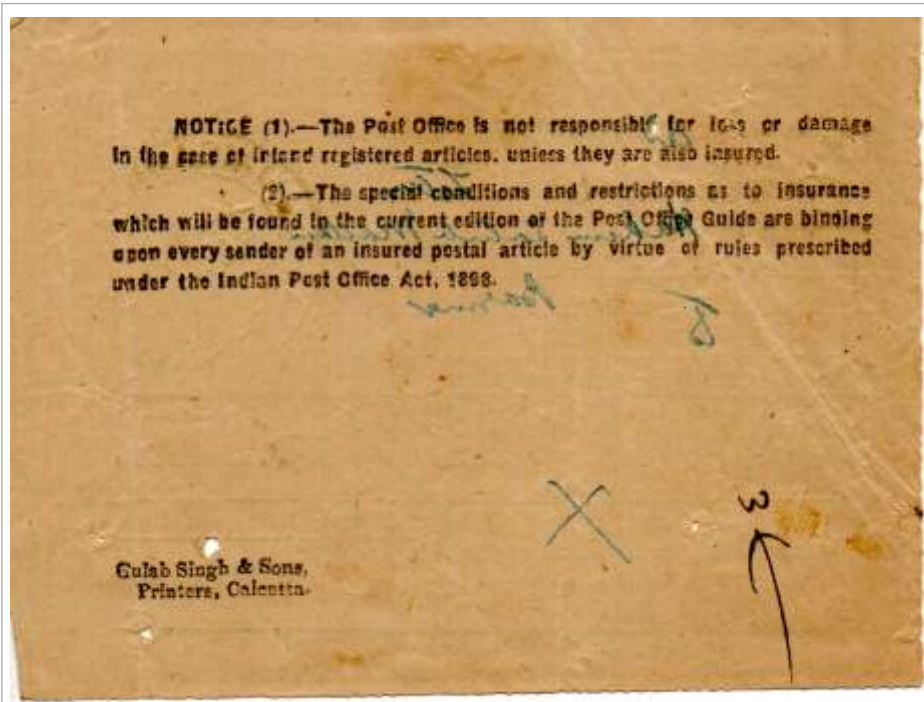
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 90	Year - 1917	\$\$
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Type I



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**Bai Chand & Sons,
Printers, Calcutta.**

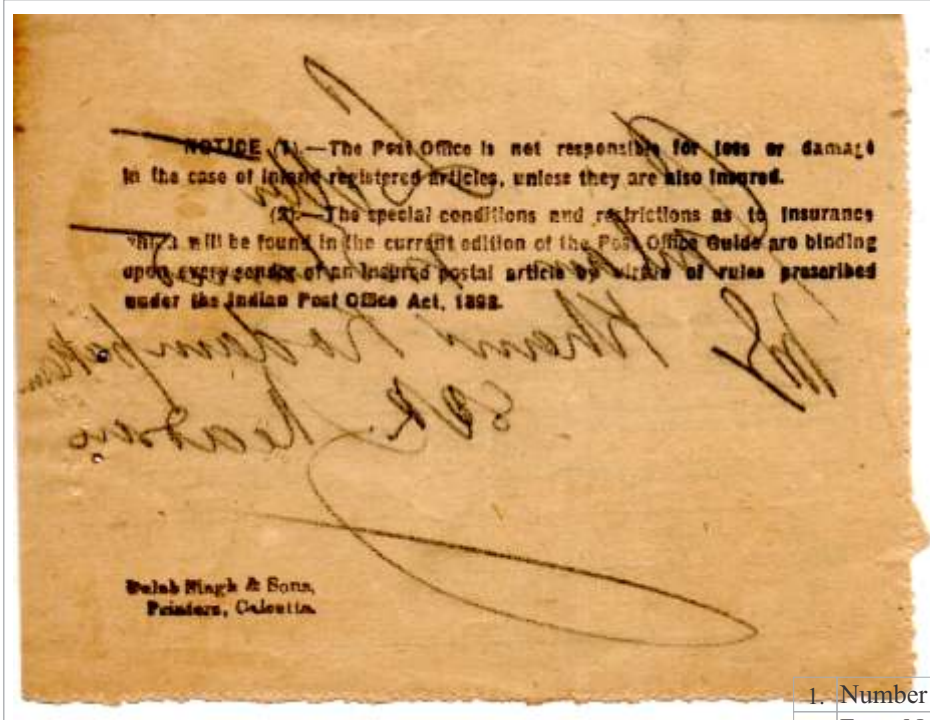
③ Printer name

**Gulab Singh & Sons,
Printers, Calcutta.**

Printer I	Printer II
Bai Chand & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.	Gulab Singh & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.

1.	Numeral in Red Ink		
2.	Foot note		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Fatehpur	11/12/1916	
2.	Jaisalmer	16/12/1917	28/04/1918
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 90	Year - 1917	\$\$
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Printer name (LHS)

**Balab Singh & Sons,
Printers, Calcutta.**

Enlarged view

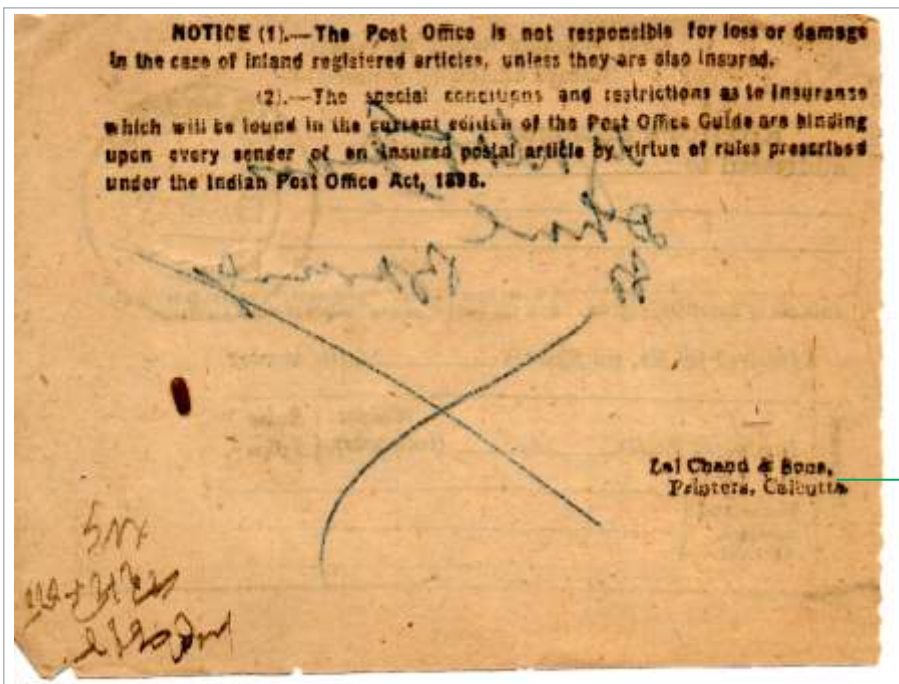
Printer I	Printer II
Balab Singh & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.	Bal Chand & Sons, Printers, Calcutta.

1.	Number in Black Ink		
2.	Form No (?-I) Partial visible		
3.	N.B. see Notices....		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyderabad	06/12/1917	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

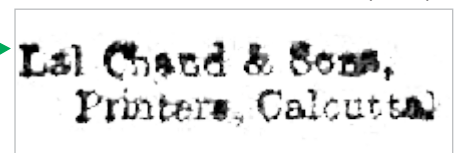
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	110 x 90	Year - 1920	\$\$
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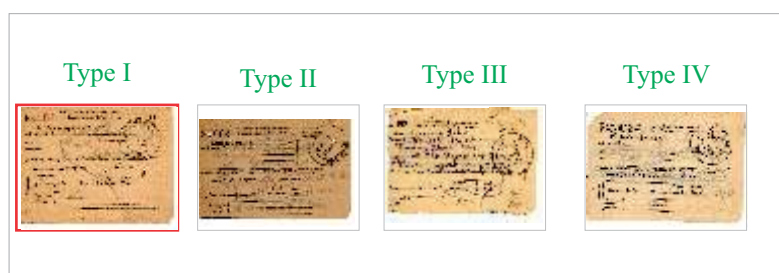
Type I



Printer name (LHS)



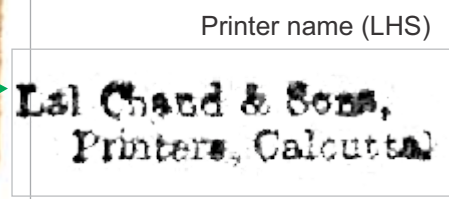
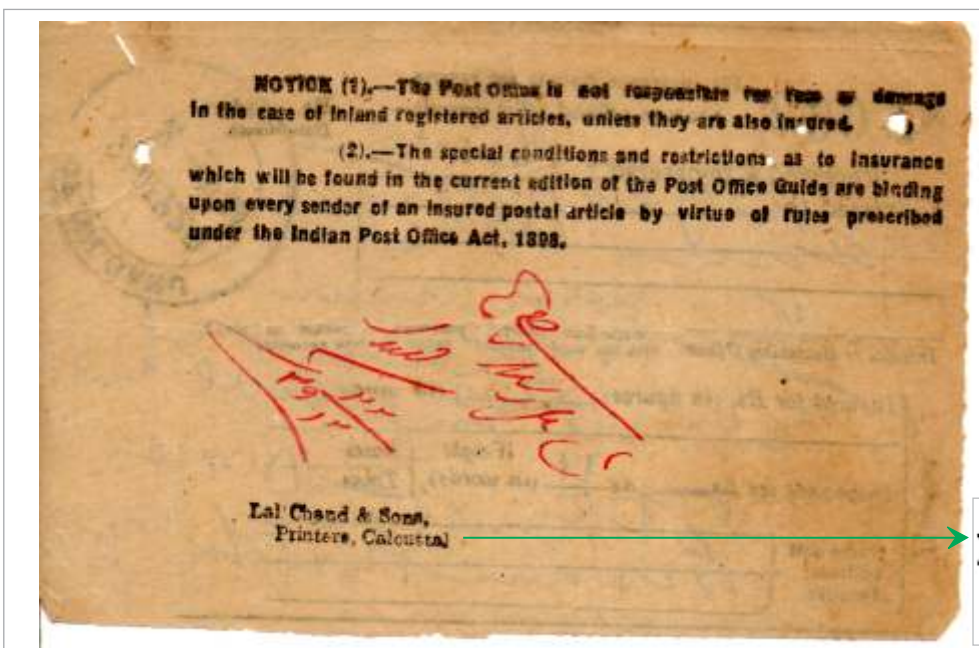
Enlarged view



1.	Large numerals Red Ink.		
2.			
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Jaisalmer	19/01/1920	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1920	\$\$
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① Type II

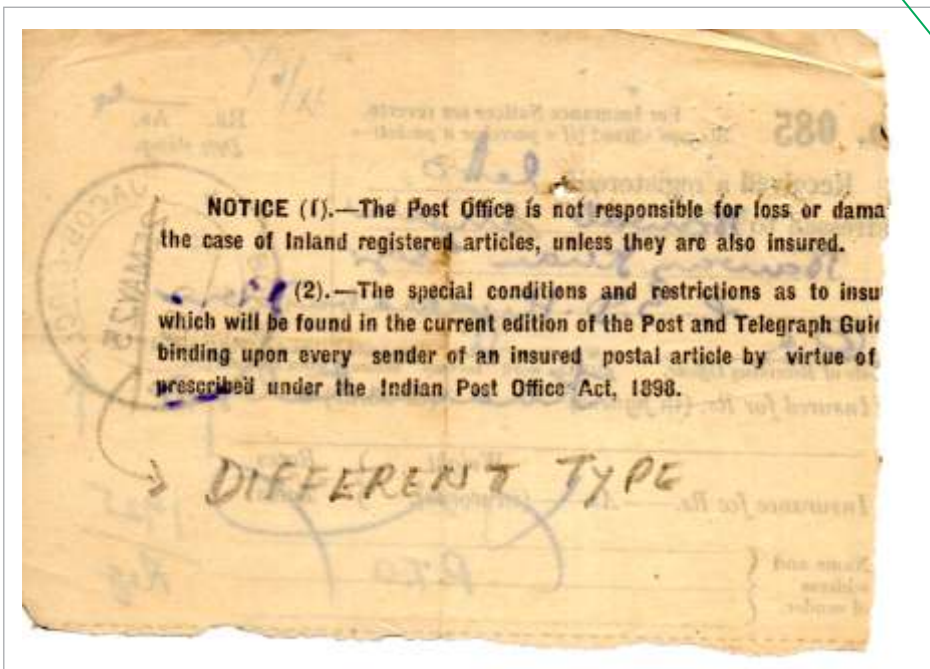
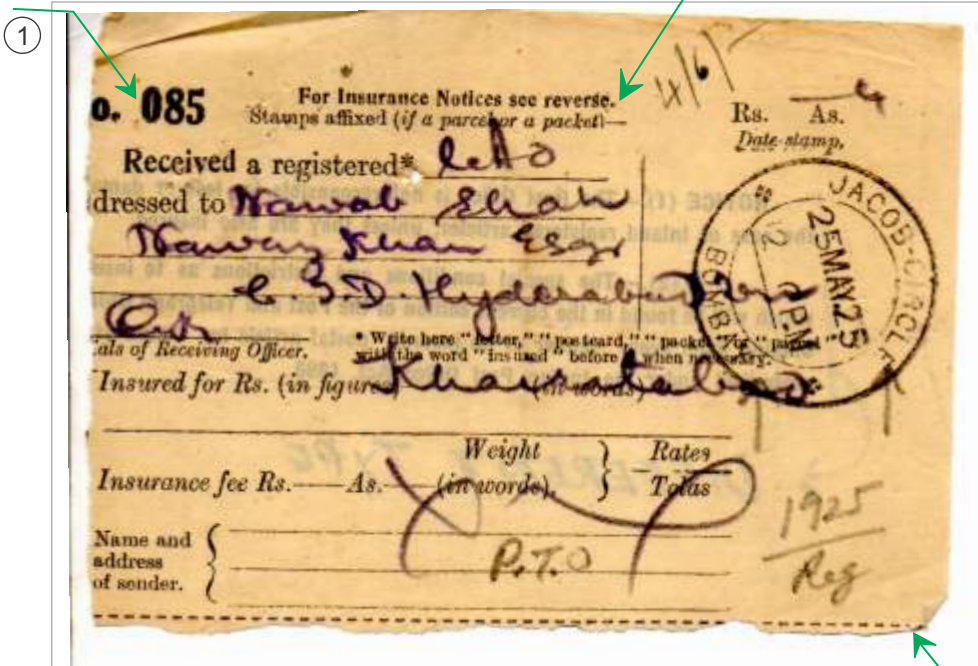


Enlarged view

Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	1.	Large numerals blank Ink.		
				2.			
					Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
				1.	Ufzalgunj	26/09/1920	
				2.	Jodhpur		22/12/1927
				3.	Jaisalmer	09/11/1921	
				4.			
				5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1925	\$\$
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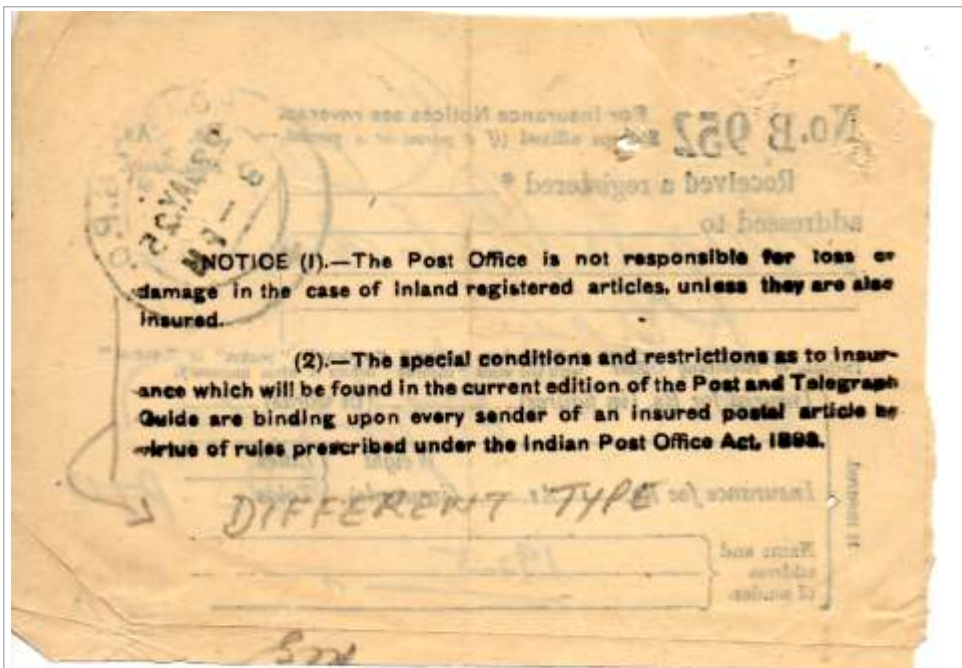
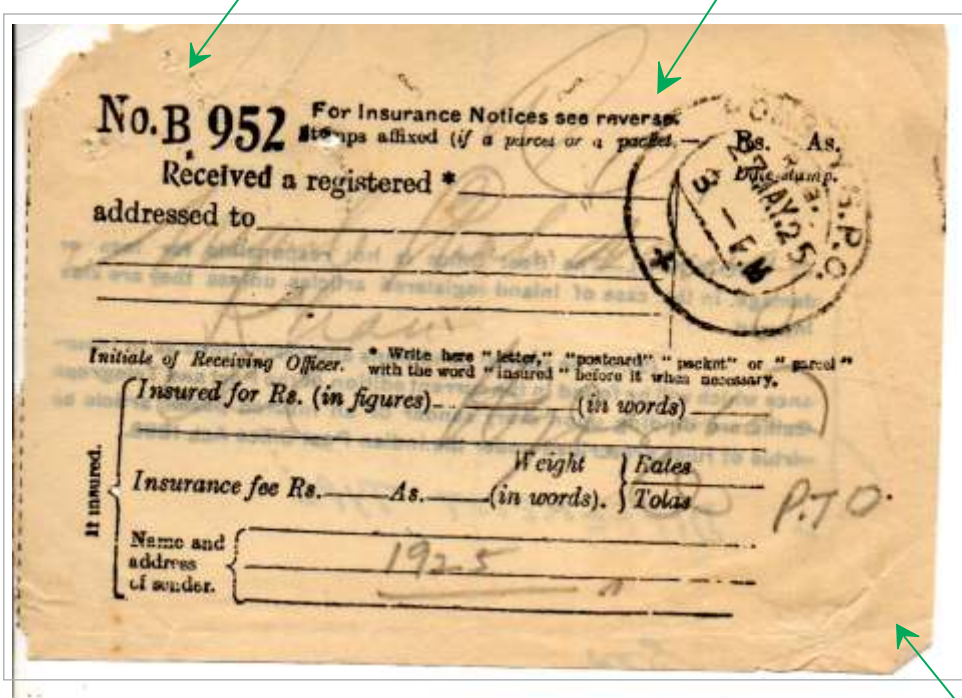
Type III



	1. Numeral height = 5 mm		
	2. Wordings ... if a parcel or a packet		
	3. Divider = 'Dashed' line.		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
Type I	1. Jacob Circle	25/05/1925	
Type II	2. Jaisalmer	10/05/1927	10/04/1934
Type III	3.		
Type IV	4.		
	5.		

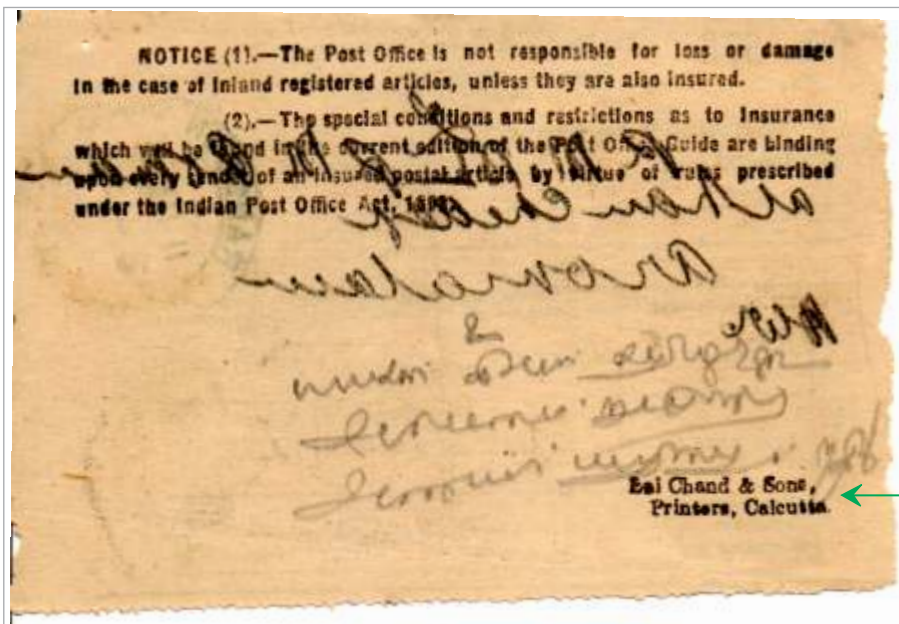
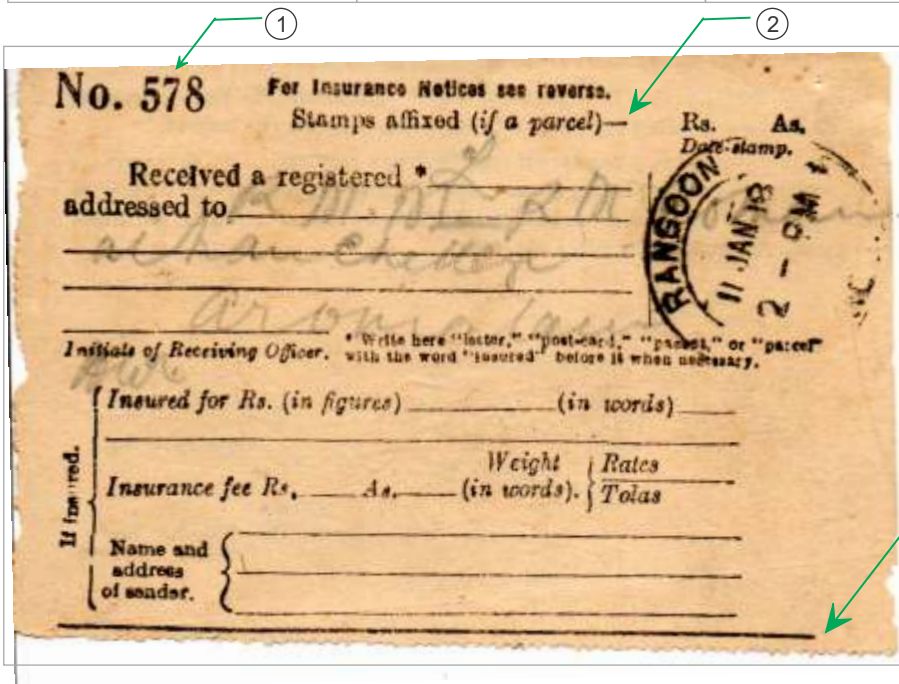
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1925	\$\$
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Type IV



	1. Number in Black Ink		
	2. For Insurance Notices see reverse.		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
Type I	1. Bombay GPO	27/05/1925	
Type II	2.		
Type III	3.		
Type IV	4.		
	5.		

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1918	\$\$
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Printer name (RHS)

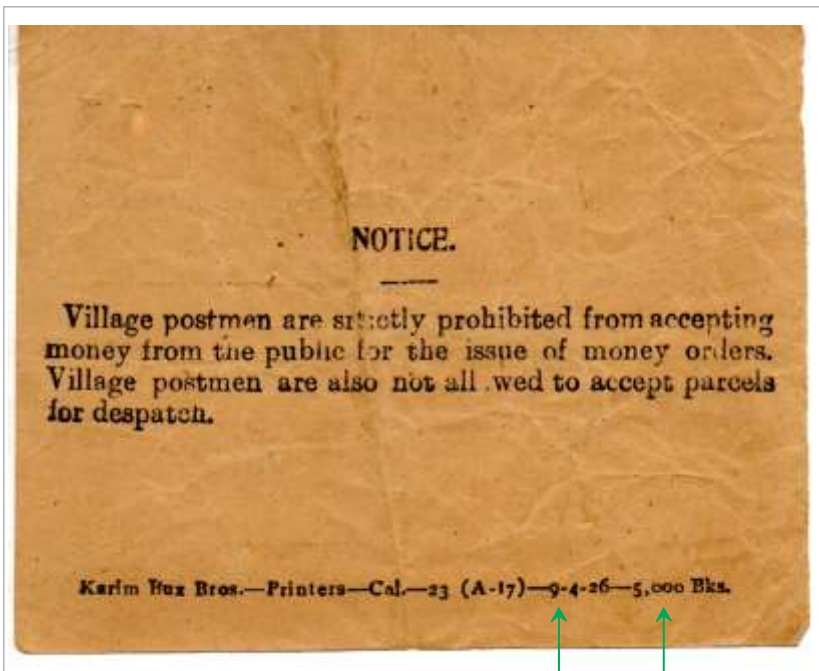
**Bal Chand & Sons,
Printers, Calcutta.**

Enlarged view

1. Number size = 5mm, black colour
2. "Wordings" if a parcel
3. Divider = Solid line.

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Rangoon	11/01/1918	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	105 x 85	Year - 1927	\$\$\$\$
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Printer name

Karim Hux Bros.—Printers—Cal.—23

Enlarged view

Notes:

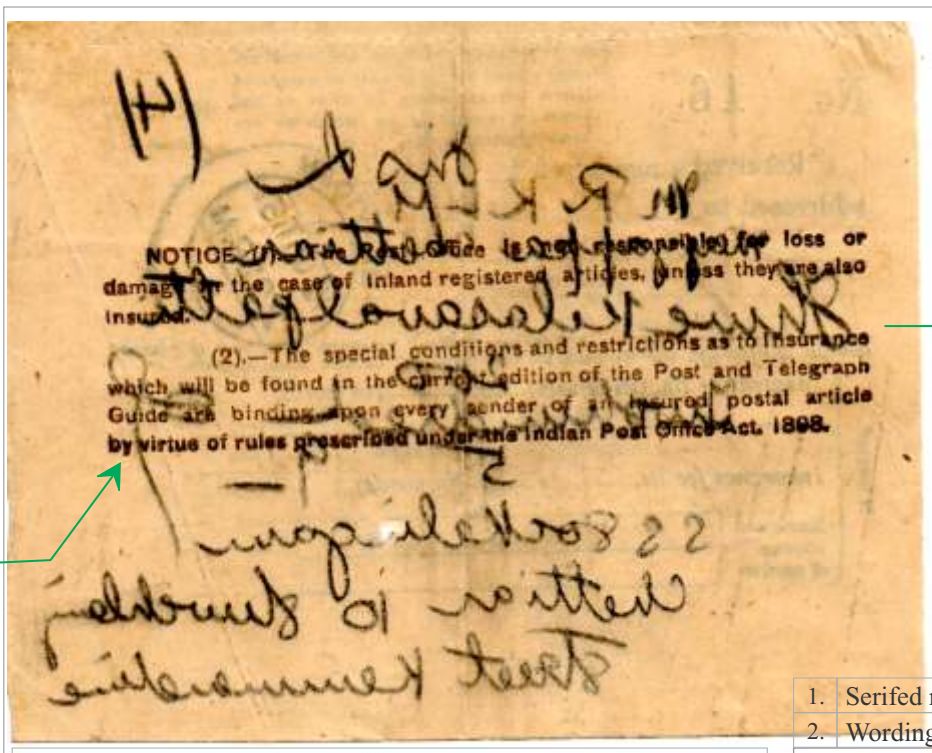
1.	“Village Postman”
2.	Number in bold
3.	Date written in manuscript, year in type
4.	Printing Quantity - 5000 Books
5.	Printing order date - 09.04.1926

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Nawalgarh	24/08/1927	
2.	Jaipur		
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 95	Year - 1931	\$\$
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Type I

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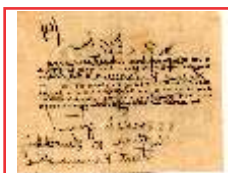


Font A

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Type I

Type II

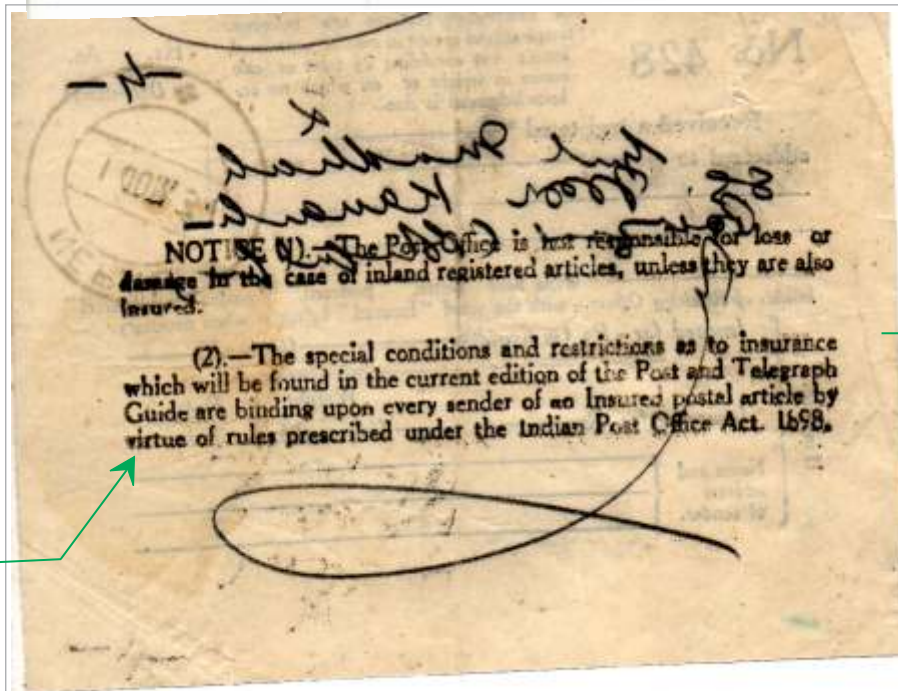
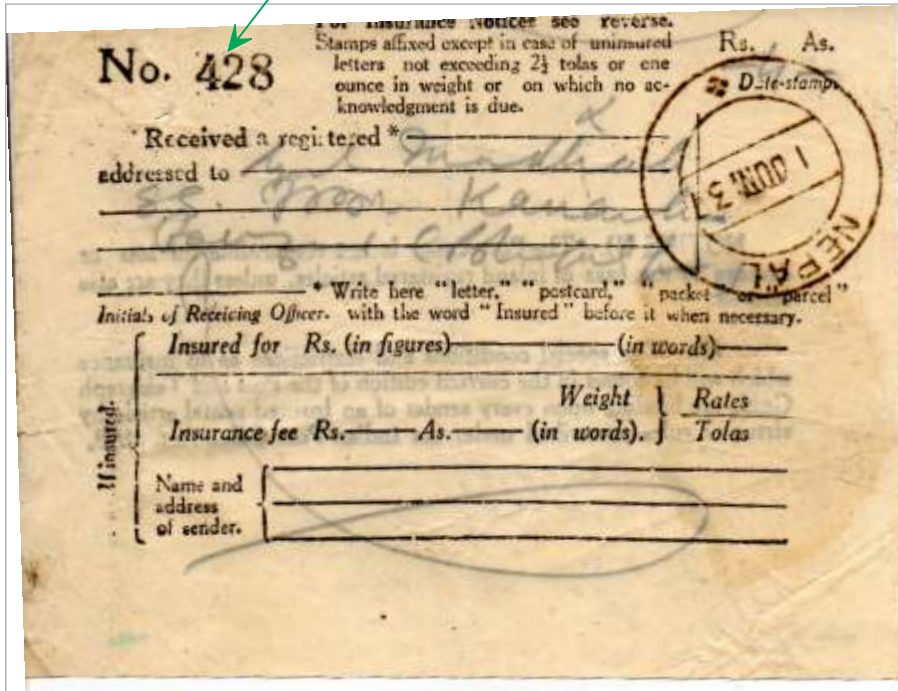


1.	Serified numerals		
2.	Wordings "by virtue"		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Magyidan	12/10/1931	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	Year - 1937	\$\$
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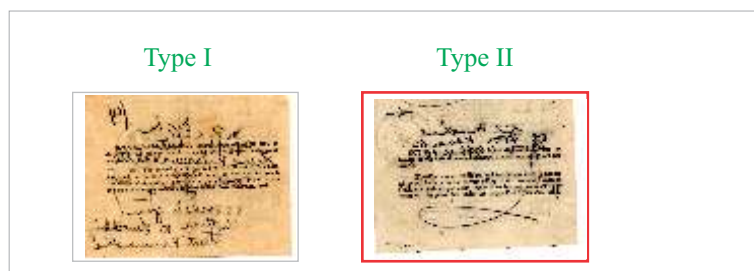
Type II

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Font B

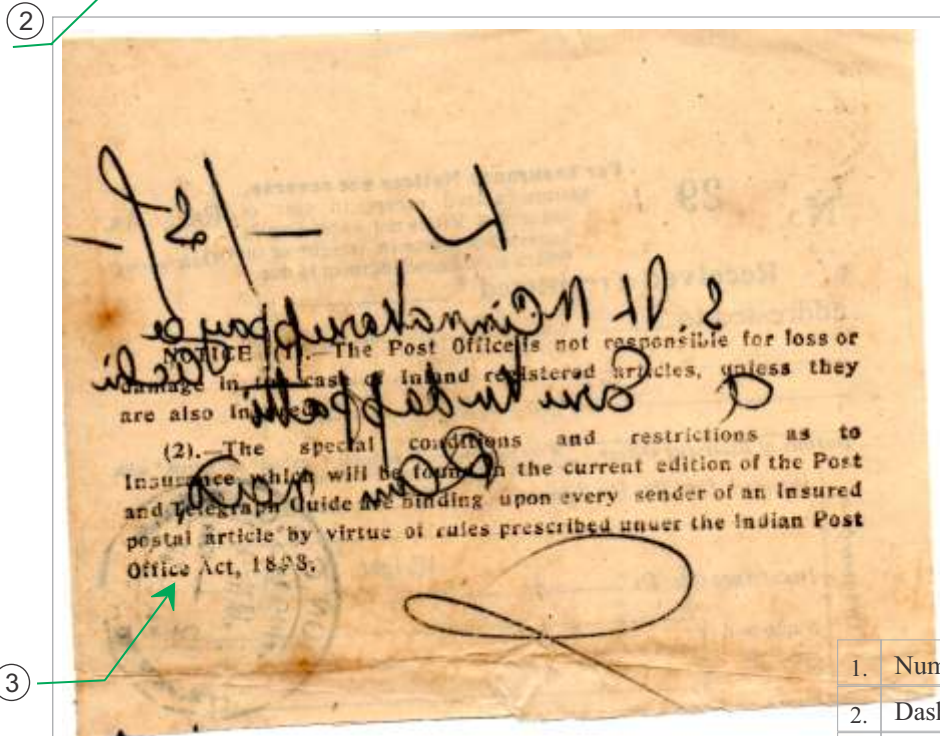
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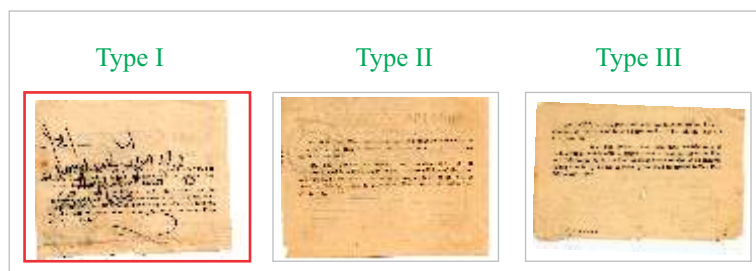
1.	Bold letterings		
2.	Wordings "virtue of..."		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Nepal	01/06/1937	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	115 x 90	Year - 1941	\$\$
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Type I



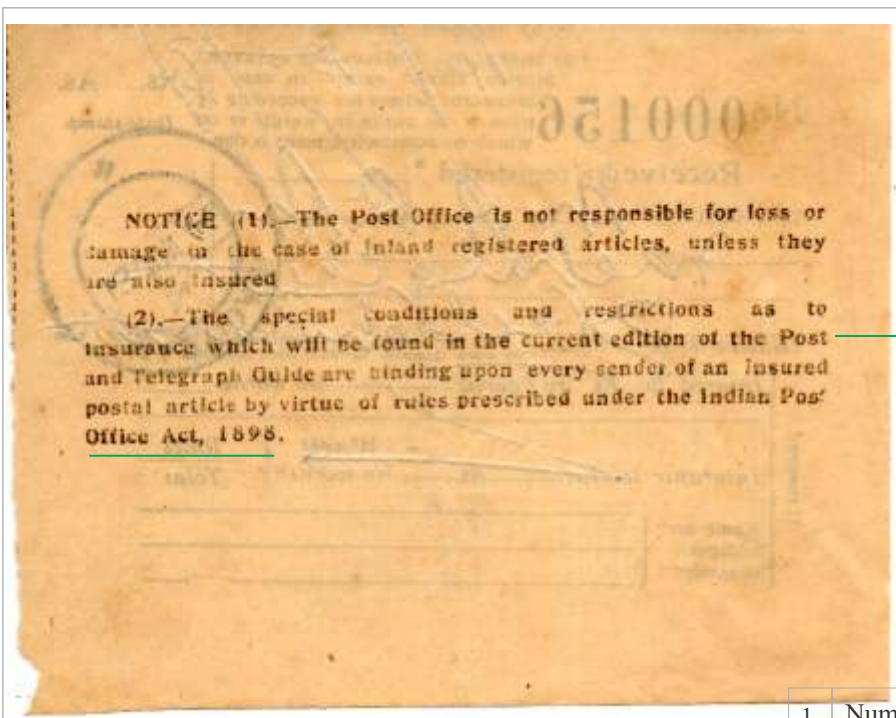
1.	Numeral = 2 digit / Smaller font
2.	Dashed seperator
3.	... "office Act, 1898"



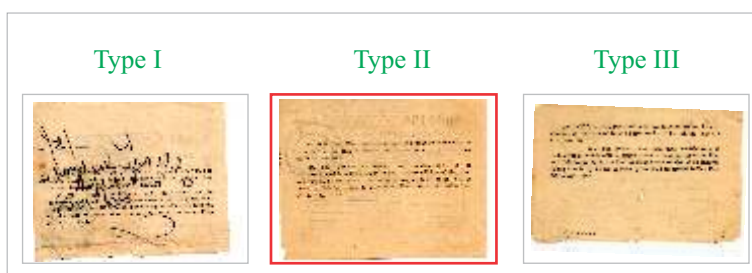
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Rangoon GPO	(?)	
2.			
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4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	115 x 90	Year - 1941	\$\$
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Type II

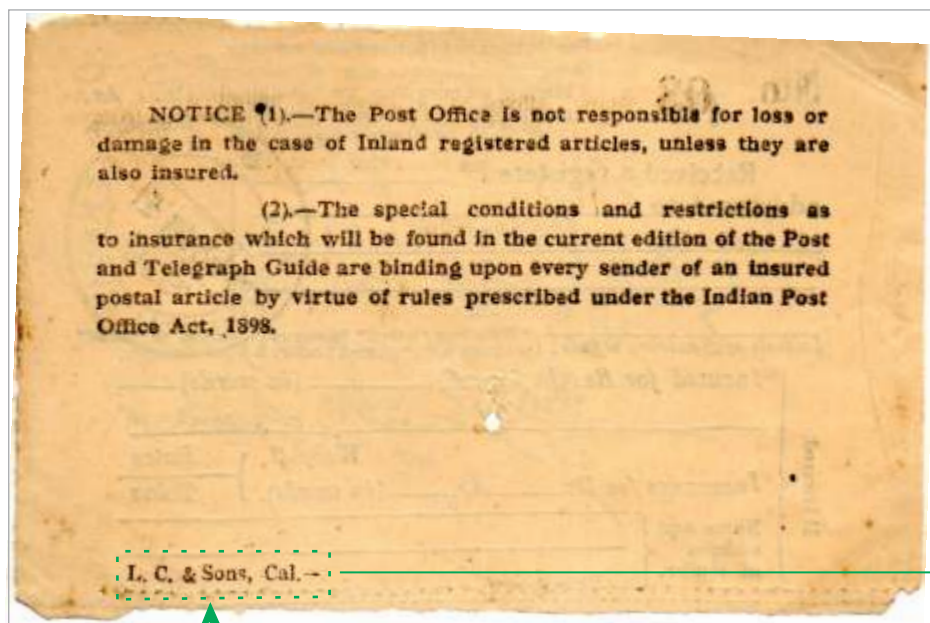
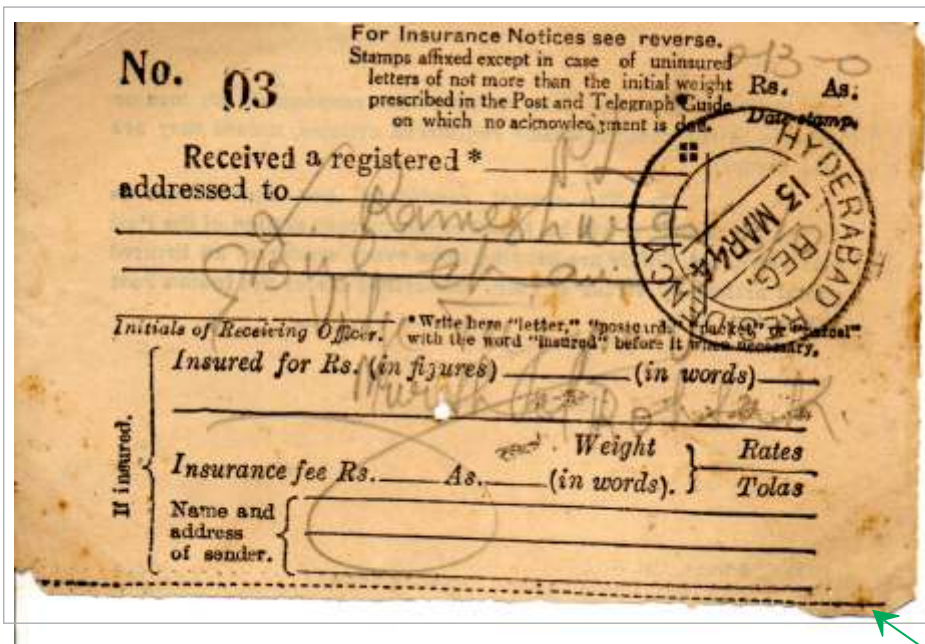


1.	Numeral = 6 digit, Bold numbering		
2.	No Printer name		
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Masyidah	13/06/1941	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			



Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1944	\$\$
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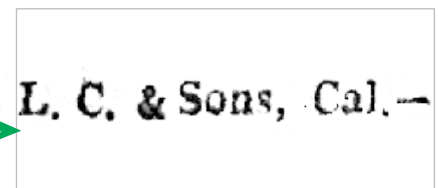
Type III



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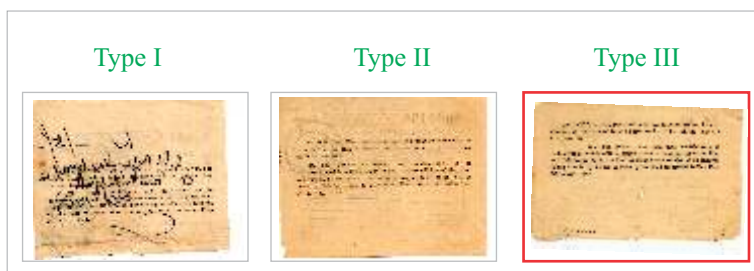
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Printer (LHS)



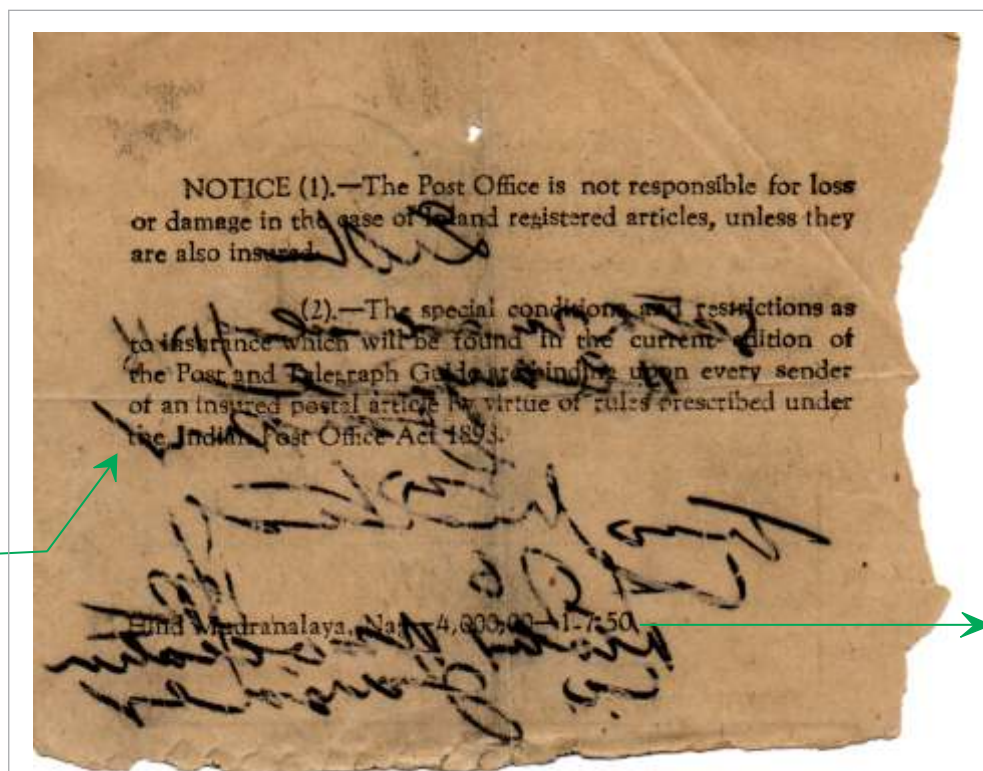
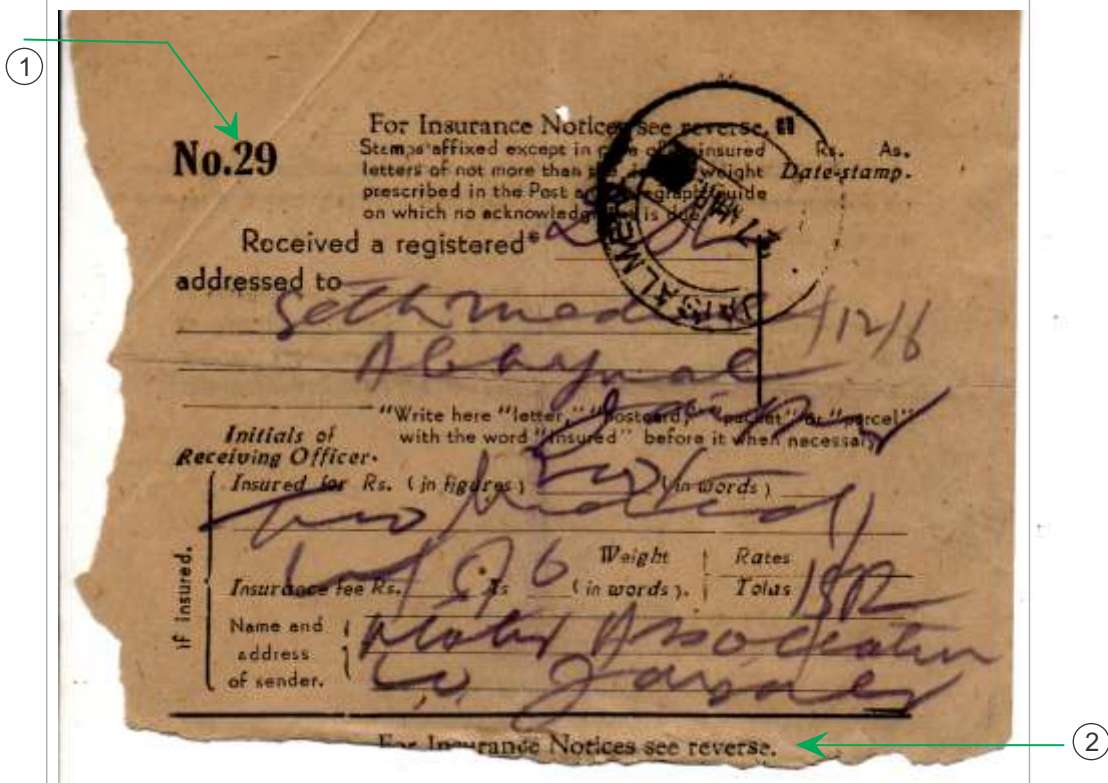
Enlarged view

1. Printer Name on (LHS).
2. Divider = Dashed line



	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyderabad	13/03/1944	
2.	Kotwali	05/10/1945	
3.	Pokaran	(?)/10/1948	
4.	Thakulgaon	26/11/1948	
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	125 x 95	Year - 1941	\$\$
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Notes:

1.	Bold 'No' & Numeral
2.	Solid line separator
3. the Indian Post Office Act 1898
4.	

Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. Jaisalmer	27/03/41 (?)	21/04/1939
2.		
3.		
4.		
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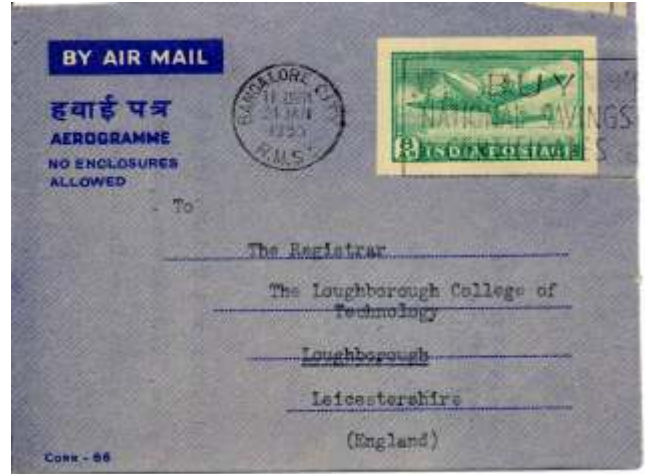
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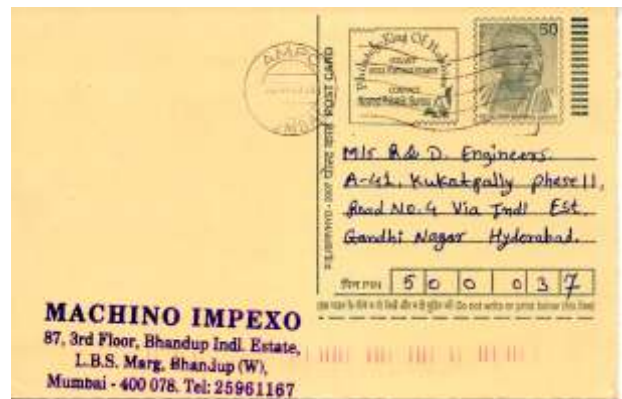
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