

India Registration Receipt

Part C : 1947 to 2020

Post Independence India - Hand written receipts.



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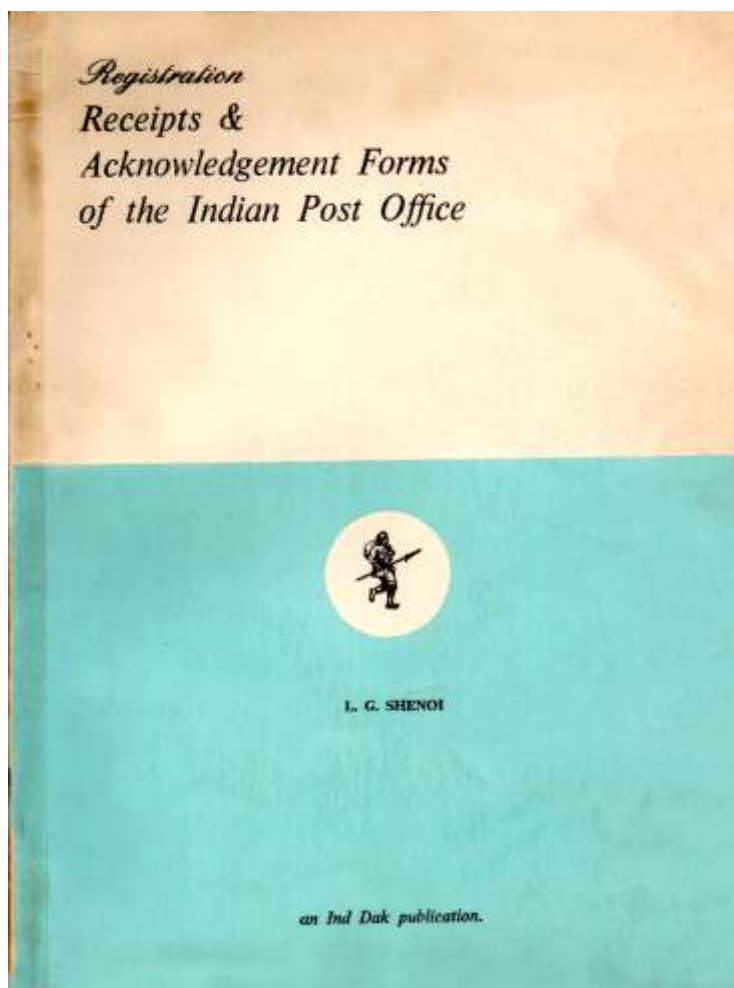
From the 1st Reference book on the same subject...

“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.”

(Late) 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)

The Purpose of this book is to :-

(a) Illustrate the actual images (in colour) of the Receipts

(b) Mapping the time period & zones of usage

(c) Listing variations (& errors)

This section of the essay is limited to the period from year 1950 to year 2000.

This book is the second attempt of listing Registration Receipt;

(The first book being done by Col. L.G.Shenoi in the 1990's.; about 30 years ago)

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 bilingual receipt printed ?
2. Earliest charges in Values denomination Rs / np /p.?
3. Reason for change in Reg. form no's.
4. Printer's - Who were authorised to print these receipts ?
5. Bilingual Receipts (besides Hindi & English)
How many different language were used in India?



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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.

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.

The valuation of rare to difficult to find items helps in understanding the rewards of our collective knowledge.

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 day 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.”*

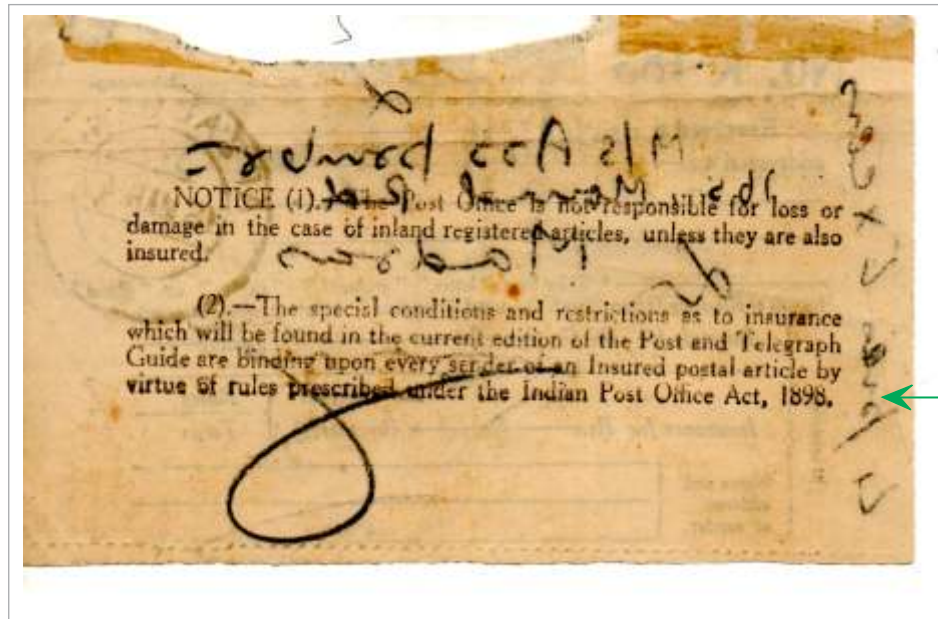
Registration Receipts

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Series	lxb (Size in mm)	118 x 76	Year - 1947	\$
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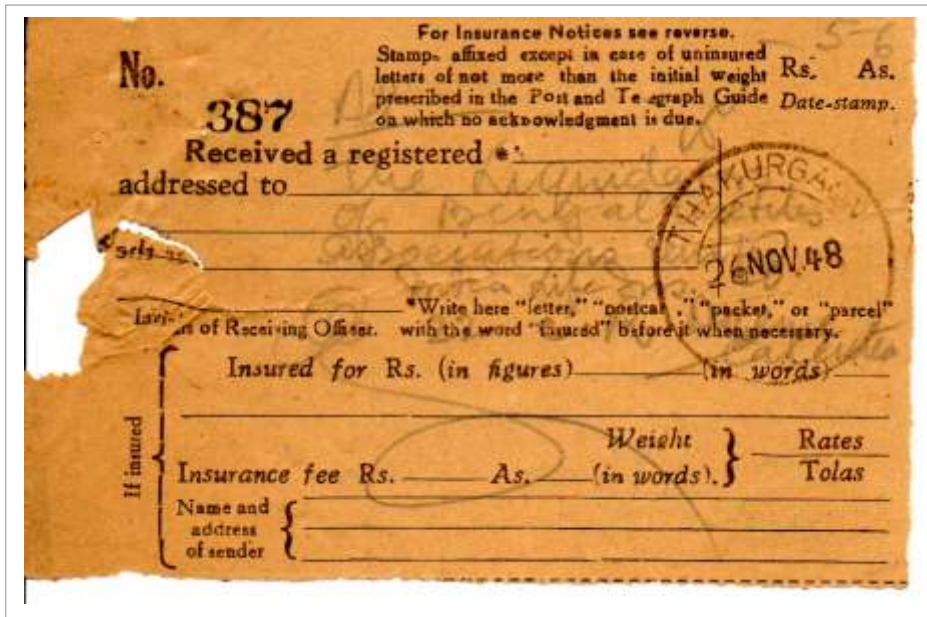


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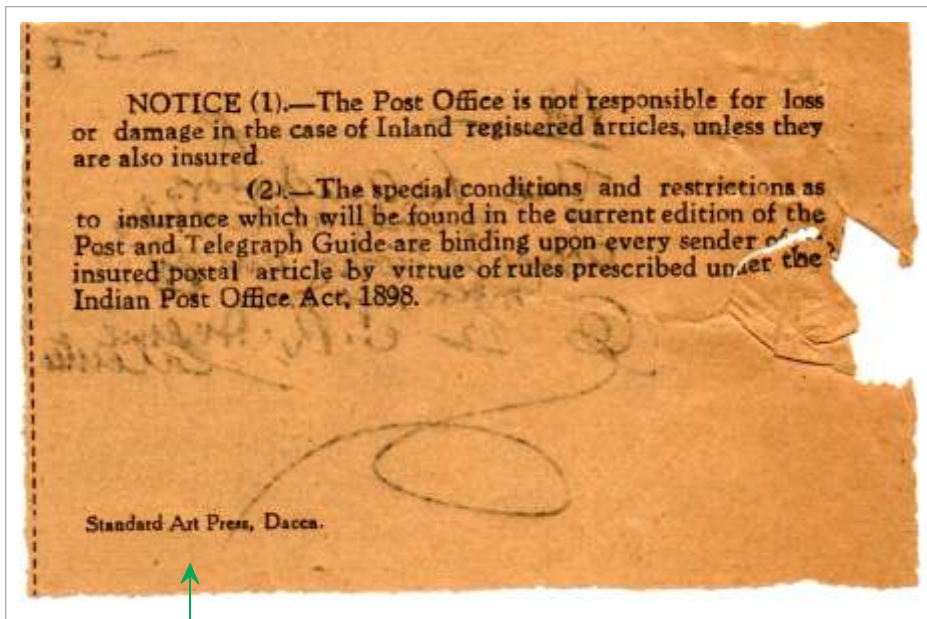
Notes:	
1.	Prefix of Alphabet (K)
2.	'Insurance'
3.	...Indian Post Office Act, 1898.
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
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Series	lxb (Size in mm)	118 x 76	Year - 1948	\$\$
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front



Standard Art Press, Dacca.

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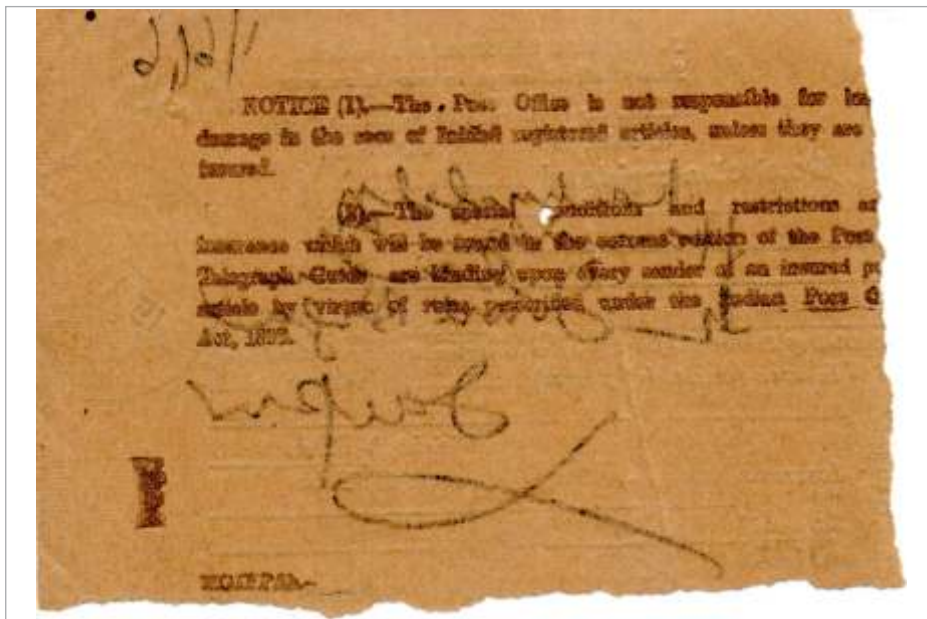
1.	Printer's Name
2.	
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	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
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Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1951	\$
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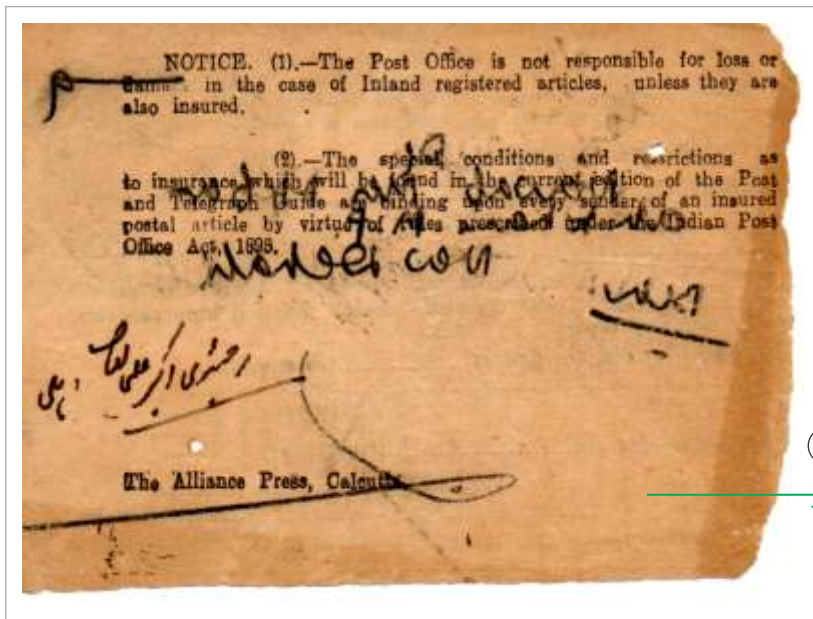
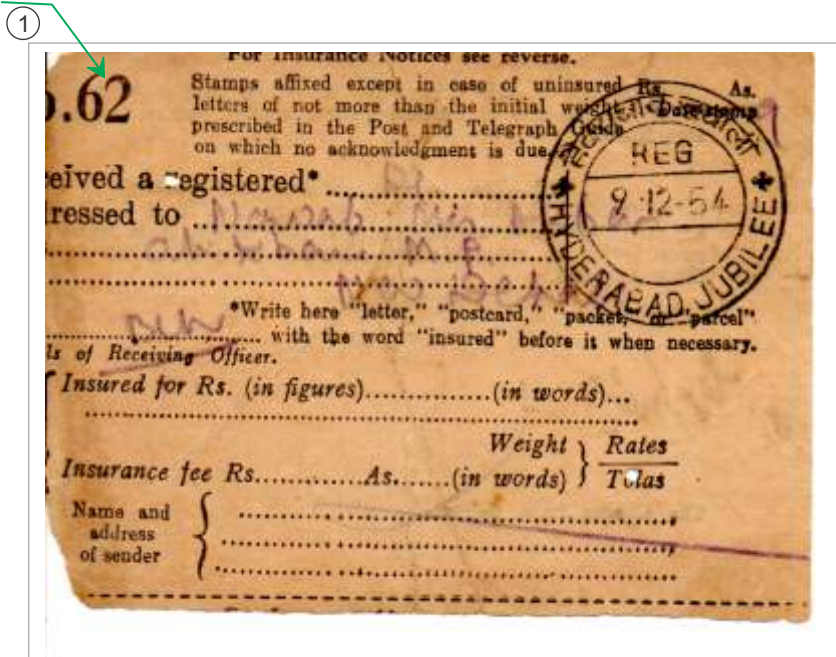


Obverse

Notes:	
1.	Printer's Name
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3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
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Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1954	\$\$
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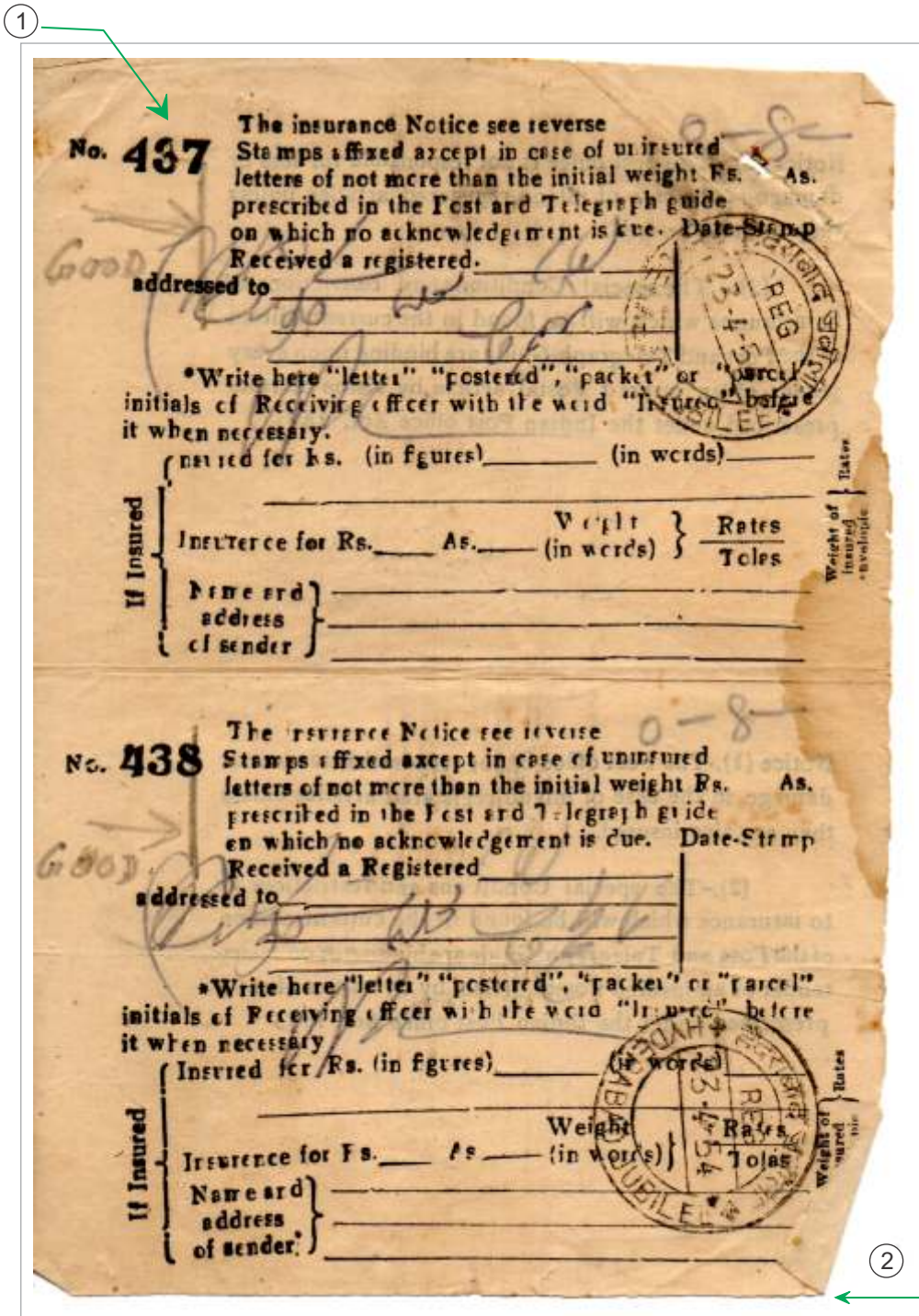
② **The Alliance Press, Calcutta**

Notes:

1.	'No' in Bold. '6mm' size serif numerals.
2.	Printer : "The Alliance press, Calcutta".
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyd.Jubilee	09/12/1954	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	125 x 90	Year - 1954	\$\$
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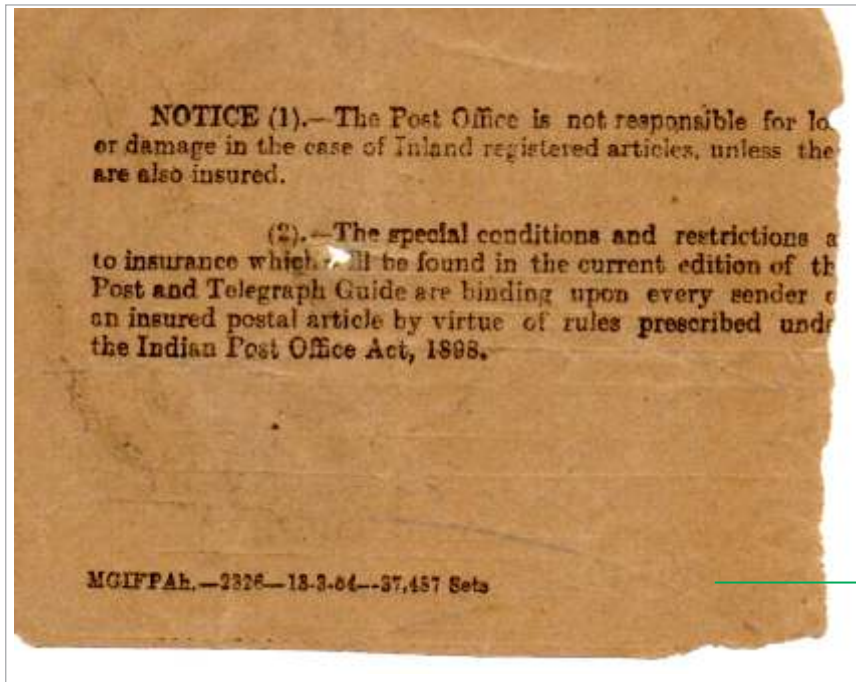
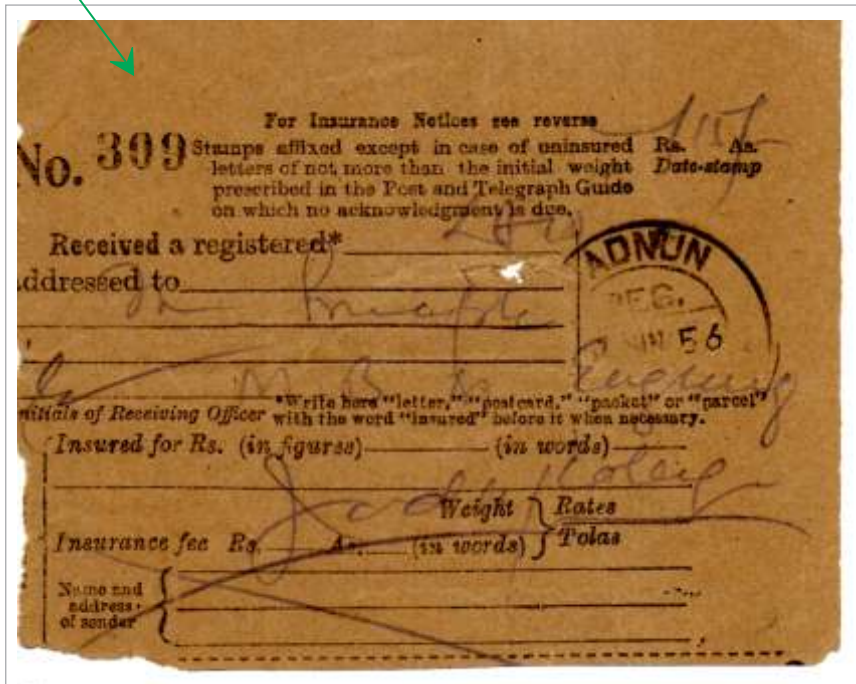
Notes:

1.	Bold numerals, 5mm size
2.	No Printer's name as rear
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyd.Jubilee	23/04/1954	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1956	\$
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MGIFPAh. - 2326 - 13-3-54 - 37,487 Sets

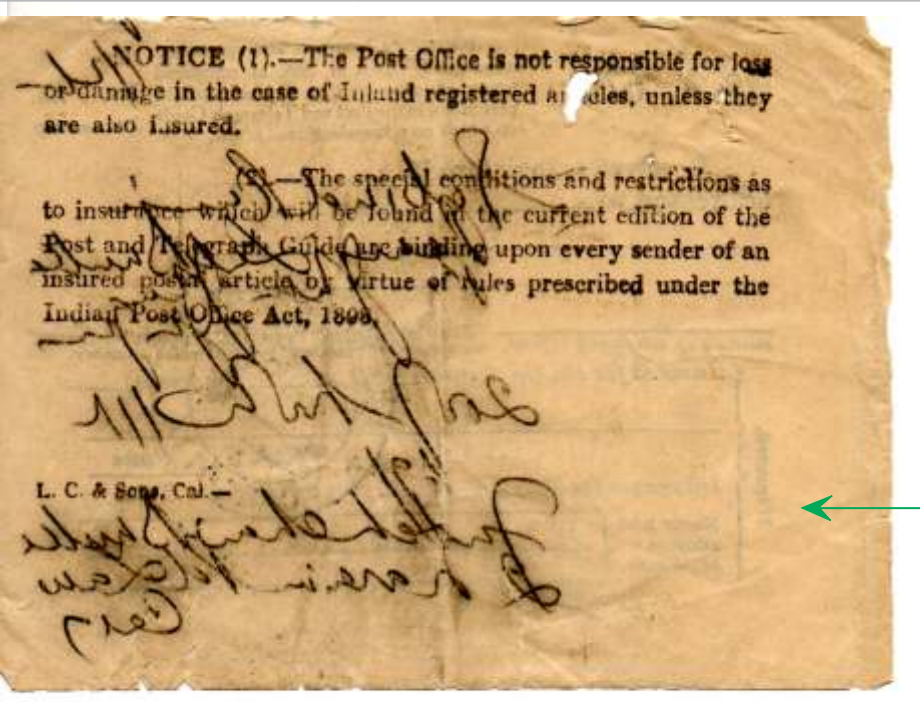
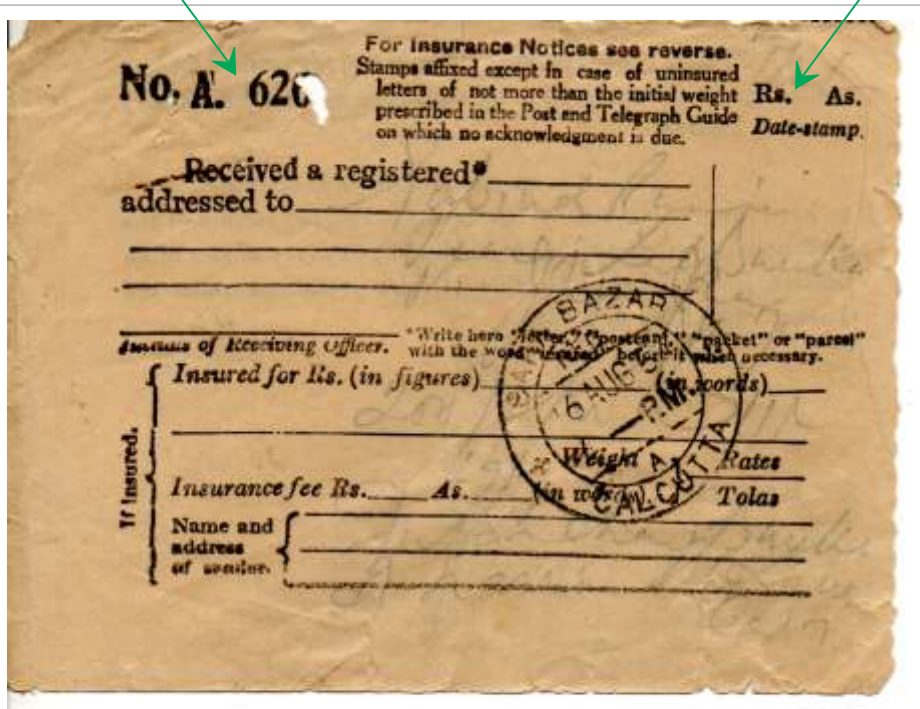
Notes:	
1.	
2.	Printed at 'MGIFPAh - 2326-13-3-54-37,487 Sets'
3.	
4.	
5.	

Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. (??ADNUN)	?/06/1956	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	Year - 1956	\$\$
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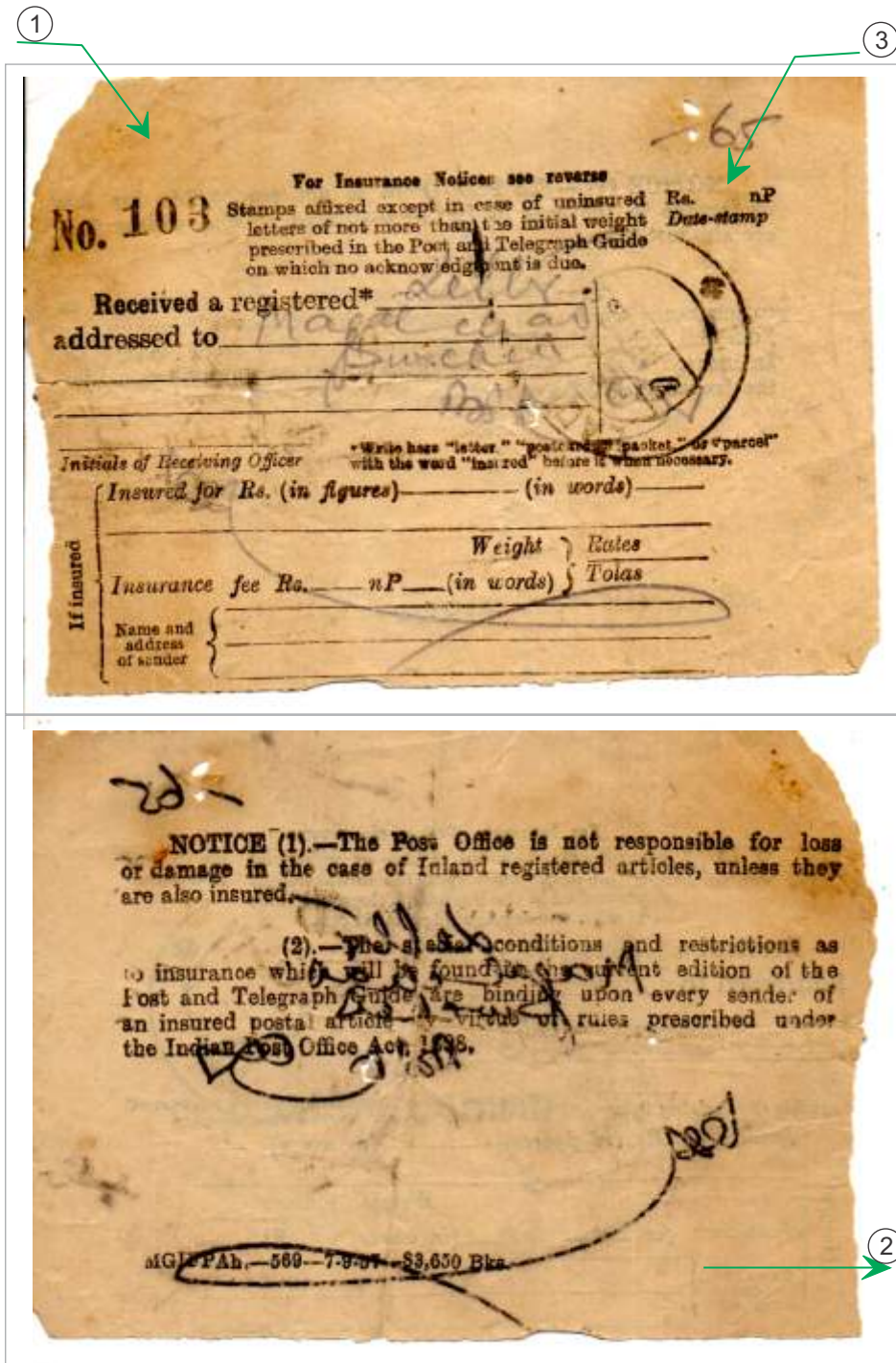
L. C. & Sons, Cal.—

Notes:

1.	Prefix 'A'
2.	Printed at 'L.C. & Sons. Cal.'
3.	Amount in "Rs. _As_"
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Bara Bazar	06/08/1954	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

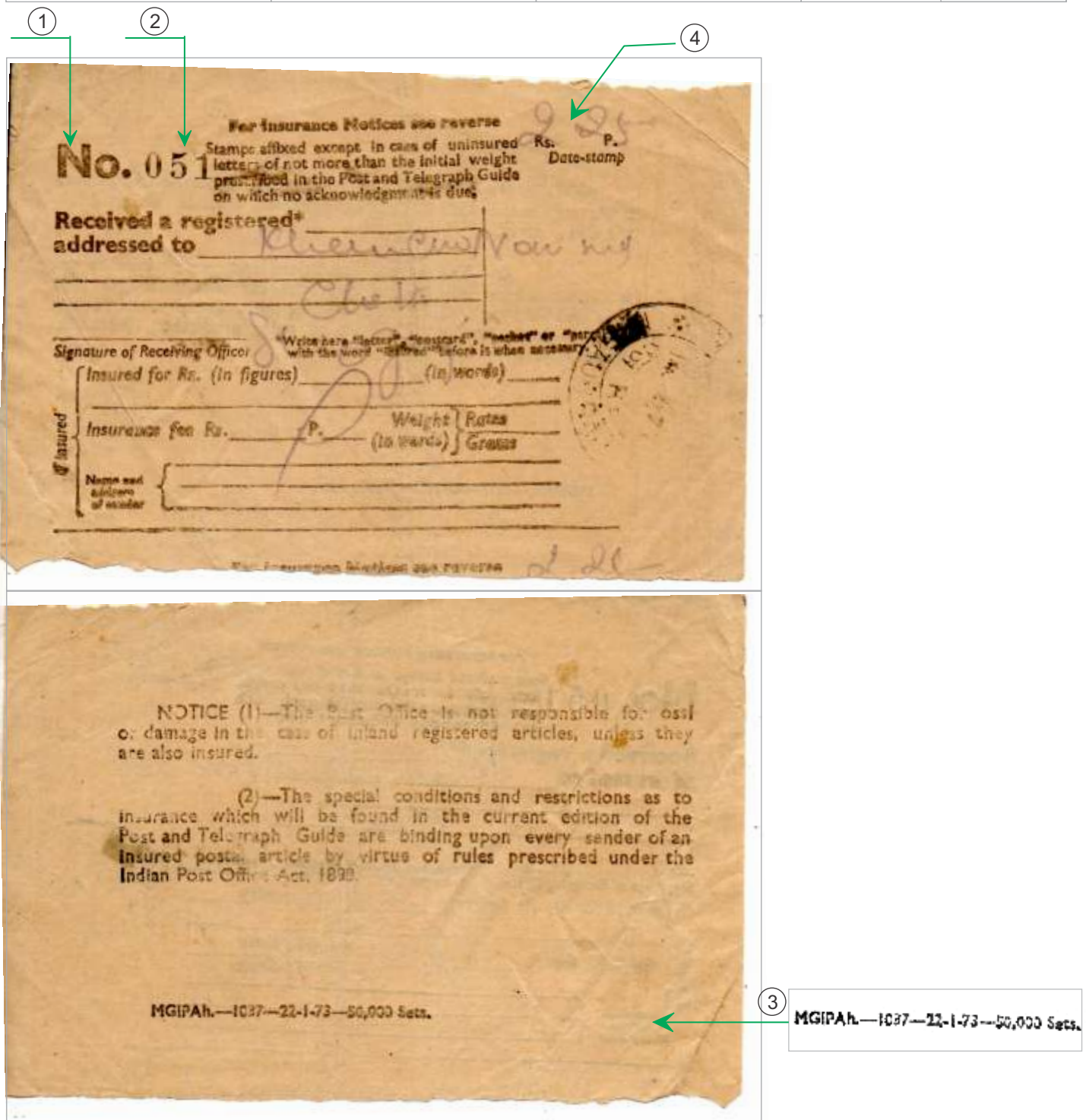
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	115 x 85	Year - 1957	\$
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Notes: Indian currency went decimal on 1st April 1957; and naya paisa was introduced.

Notes:		Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Numeral "floating" imprinted separately	1.	?/1957	
2.	Printed at MGIFPAh-569-7.9.57-83,650 Bks.	2.		
3.	Amount as "Rs.-np-"	3.		
4.		4.		
5.		5.		

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	130 x 87	Year - 1973	\$\$
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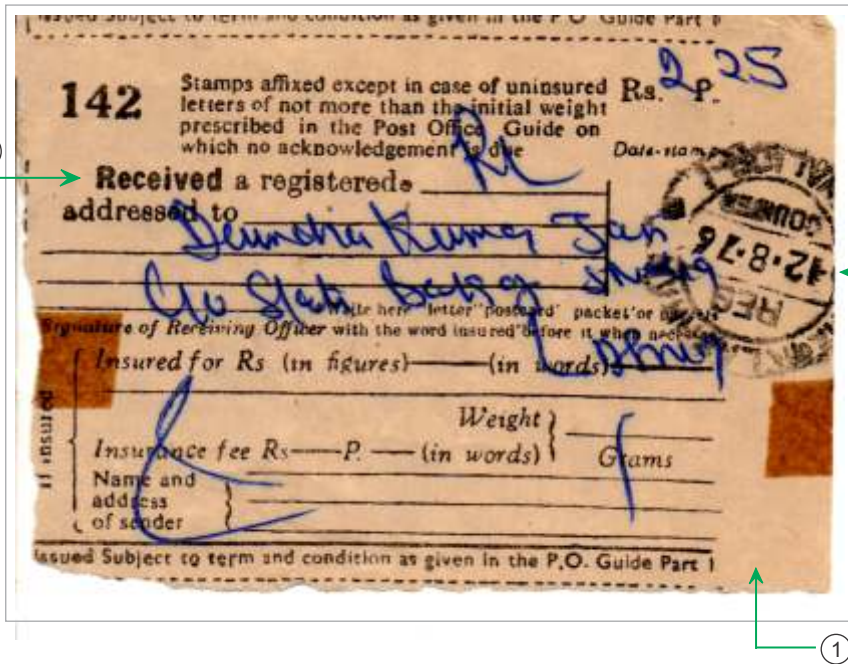


Notes:

1.	Bold "No" San serif, 6mm height
2.	Imprinted numbers, 5mm height, smaller
3.	Printed at MGIPAh.-1037-22-1-73-50,000 Sets.
4.	Amount as "Rs _ P _"
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	?	?/1973	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

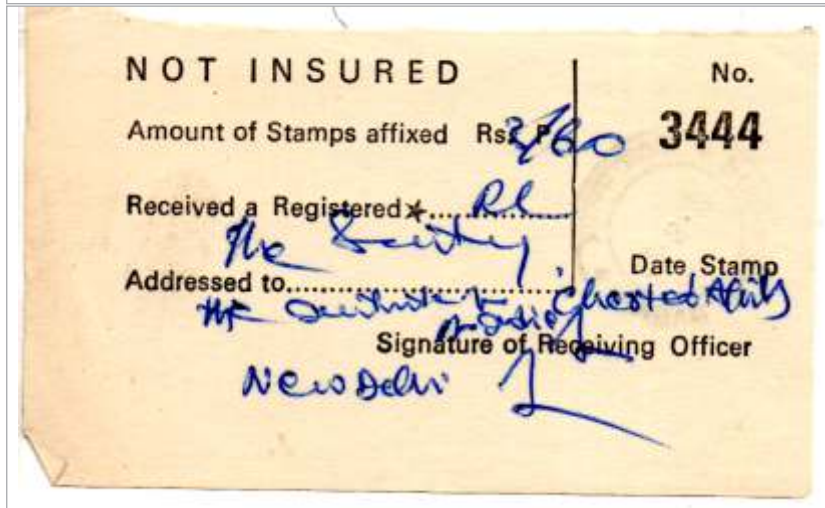
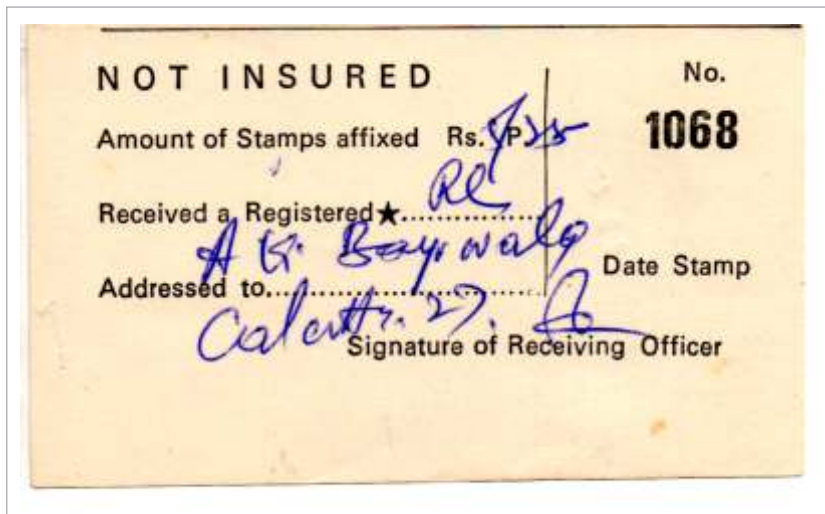
Series	lxb (Size in mm)	107 x 72	Year - 1976	\$
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Notes:	
1.	"... in the PO. Guide Part I"
2.	Bold "Received"
3.	'Cover' in Post Mark
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	105 x 60	Year - 1981	\$\$
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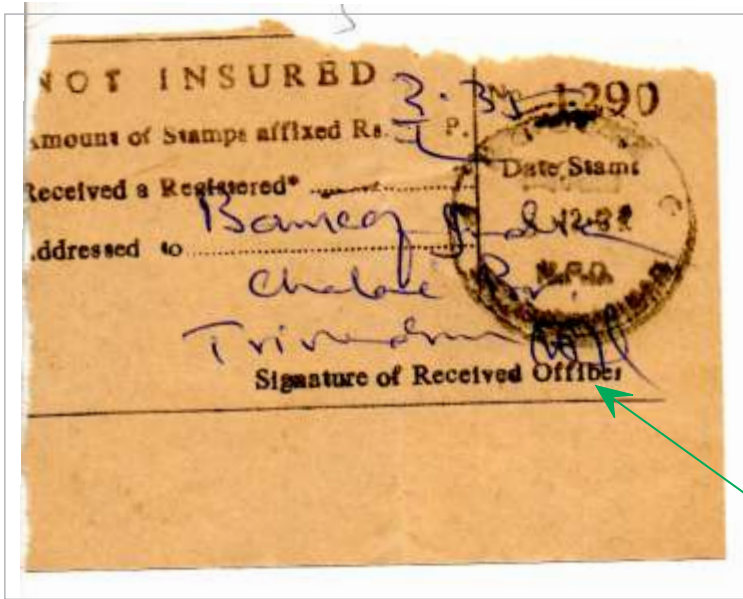
Notes:

1.	All India Series
2.	(*) star
3.	
4.	
5.	

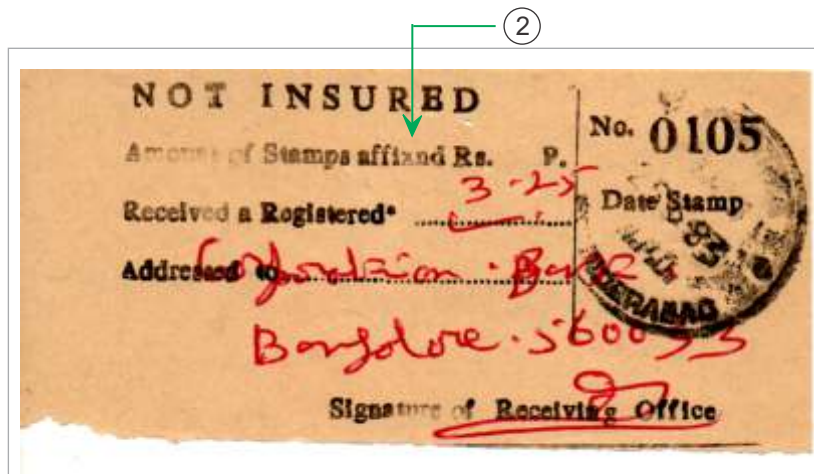
	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	All India	?/1981	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Error

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	105 x 60	Year - 1981	\$\$
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1983



1983

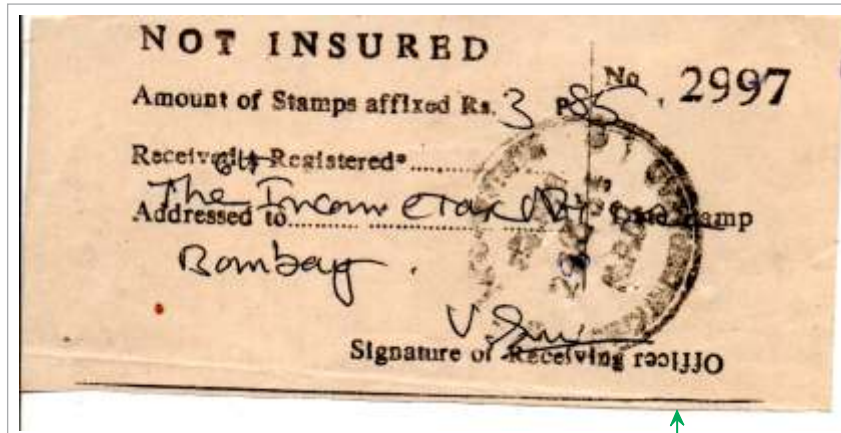
Notes:

1.	Spelling error Offiber instead of Officer
2.	Spelling Error affixnd instead of affixed
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Secunderabad		
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Error

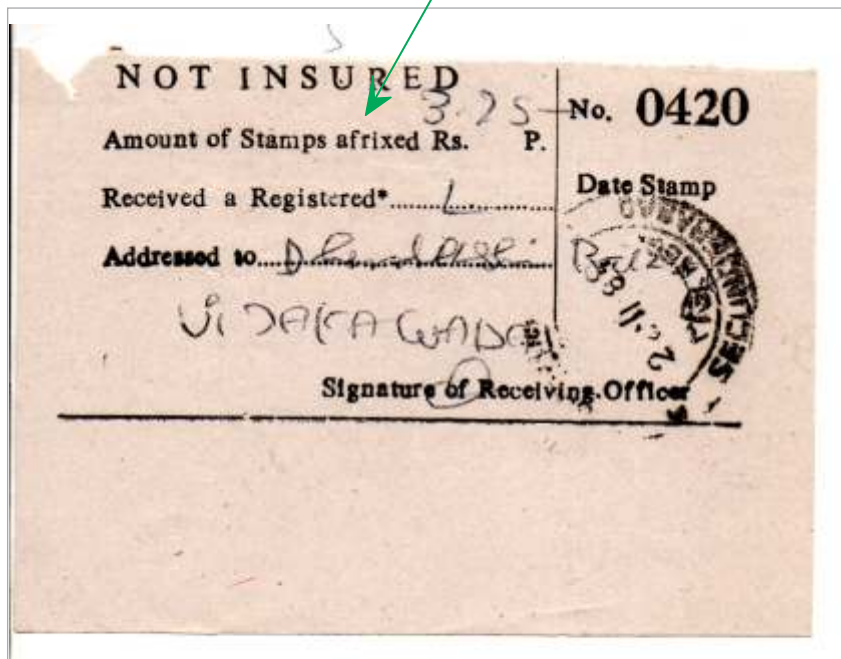
Series	lxb (Size in mm)		Year - 1981	\$\$
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1986

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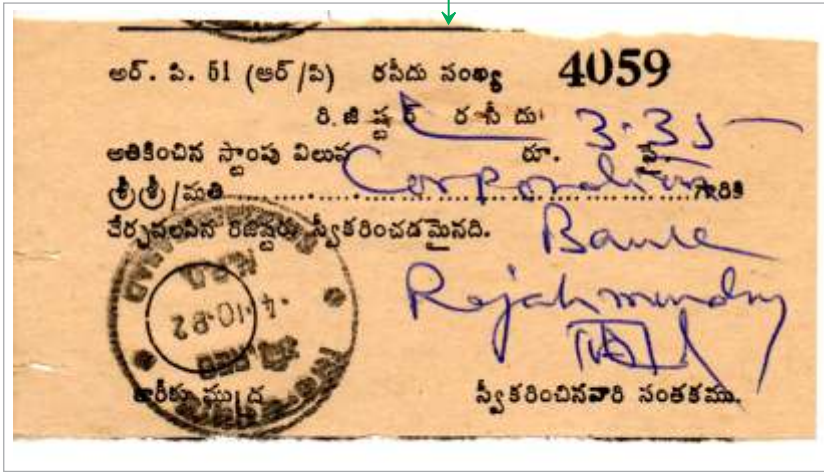
1984

Notes:	
1.	
2.	
3.	Type face Upside down
4.	Spelling error afixed instead of affixed
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Secunderabad		
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	T1 108 x 55 T2 100 x 70	Year - 1982	\$\$
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Type 1



Type II



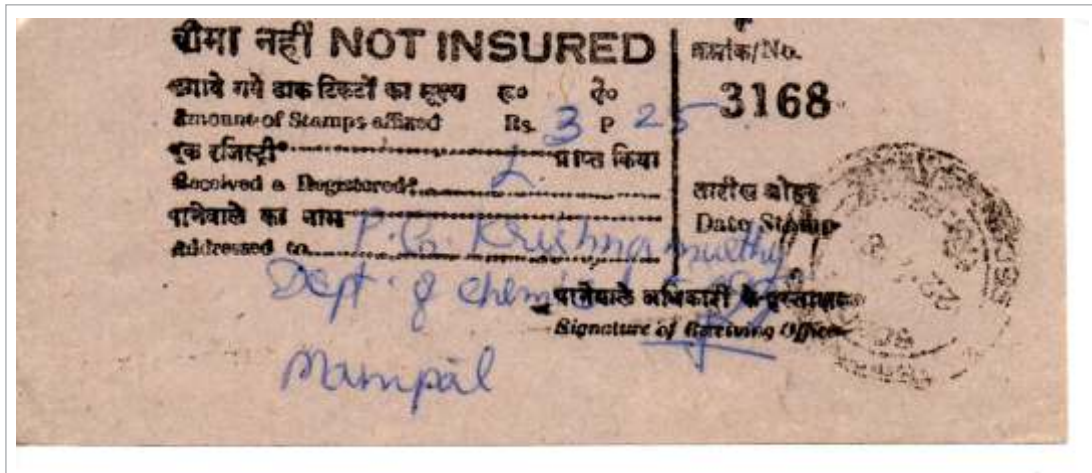
Notes:

1.	Regional Language-Telugu only
2.	Type I - Wider lettering , Type II - Narrow spacing
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
I.	Hyderabad	04/10/1982	
II.	Hyderabad	16/03/1983	
3.			
4.			
5.			

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	140 x 60	Year - 1984	\$\$
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Type I



1.	Bilingual
2.	Serifed 'No'

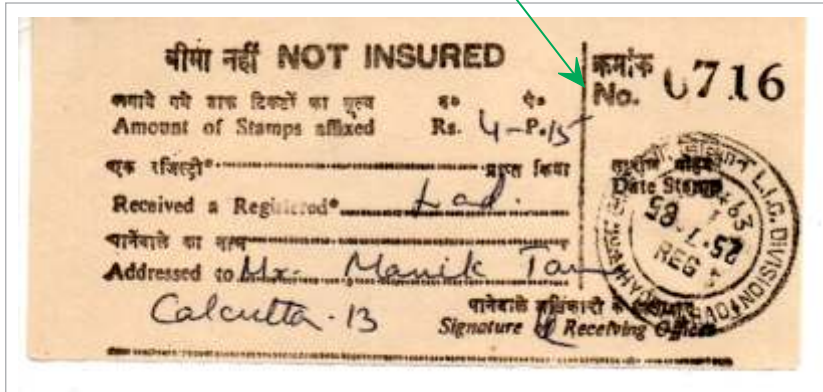
Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. Hyd GP	19/10/1984	
2. Secunderabad	22/09/1984	
3.		
4.		
5.		

Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	103 x 47	Year - 1985	\$
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Type II

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1.	Bilingual
2.	Sans Serif 'No'

Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. LIC/Hyd.	25/07/1985	
2. Secunderabad (NPO)	12/06/1985	
3.		
4.		
5.		

Type I

Type II

Type III

Type IV



Series	lxb (Size in mm)	105 x 50	Year - 1985	\$\$
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Type III



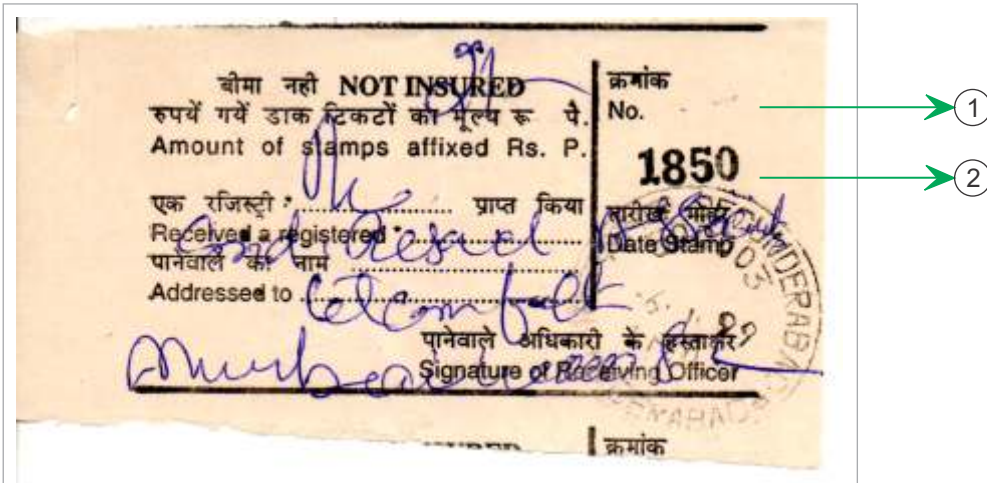
1.	Bilingual
2.	Serifed 'No'

Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. Secunderabad	20/7/1985	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	107 x50	Year - 1999	\$\$
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Type IV



1.	No on Top
2.	Numbering in Bold below it
3.	Printing in larger font & clear type
4.	Bilingual : Hindi + English
5.	
6.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Secunderabad	06/01/1999	03/09/1999
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	105 x 165	Year - 1951	\$\$
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No. 167
 Stamps affixed except in case of uninsured letters of not more than the initial weight prescribed in the Post and Telegraph Guide on which no acknowledgement is due.
 Rs. 0 روپیہ
 As. 0 آنہ
 Date-stamp: AFZALGUNJ 20 MAR 51
 Received a V. P. registered addressed to
 Initials of receiving officer.
 Insured for Rs. (in figures) (in words)
 Insurance fee Rs. As. weight Rates
 1550

① English
 ② Urdu

Name and full address of sender.
 Amount to be refunded to sender.
 No. and date of V. P. M. O. issued, or a note that the article is returned undelivered.
 Initials of Postmaster after weekly examination, or No. and date of any reference, or reminder issued.

Front

Obverse

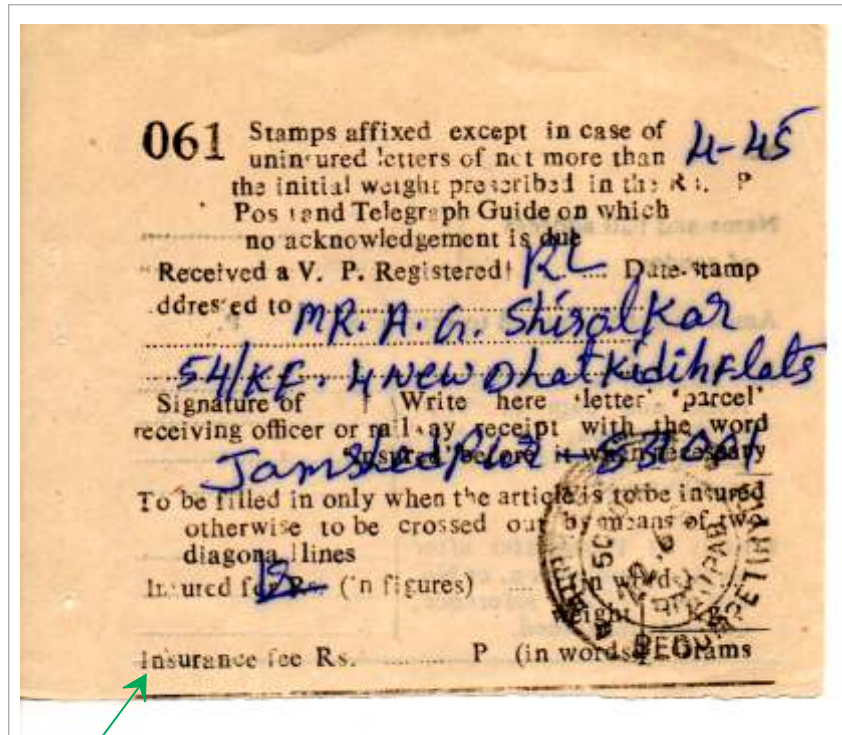
Notes:

1.	Bi-Lingual : English & Urdu
2.	Form No : "1550"
3.	(Used in Hyderabad state)?
4.	
5.	

Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1. Afzalgunj	20/03/1951	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

(V.P. Registered)

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1984	\$\$
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Notes:

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Begumpet	22/06/1984	
2.	Hyderabad	09/05/1984	27/03/1985
3.			
4.			
5.			

Registration Receipts (V.P. Registered)

Insured

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	120 x 80	Year - 1984	\$\$
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Type I

447 Stamps affixed except in case of uninsured letters of not more than the initial weight prescribed in the Post and Telegraph Guide Rs. on which no acknowledgment is due

Received a V. P. Registered letter... Date stamp

addressed to... by Suronda P. Gupta

791.286 Regu Rego S.

meenu 25000

Signature of receiving officer * Write here 'letter', 'parcel' or railway receipt with the word 'insured' before it when necessary

To be filled in only when the article is to be insured otherwise to be crossed out by means of two diagonal lines

Insured for Rs. (in figures).....(in words).....

Insurance fee Rs.....P..... Weight | K. G.
(in words) | Grams

No.

Name and full address of sender.

Amount to be remitted to sender Rs. P.

No. Name of the office of issue and date of V. P. M. O issued, or a note that the article is returned undelivered.

Initials of postmaster after weekly examination, or No. and date of any reference, or reminder issued.

Notes:	
1.	'*' write ...
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyderabad	09/05/1984	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Registration Receipts (V.P. Registered)

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	107 x 90	Year - 1985	Insured \$\$
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Type II



<No data>

No Print on rear

Notes:	
1.	“Recev-d”
2.	Dropped ‘S’
3.	‘+’ symbol before “wrote...”
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Secunderbad	17/03/1985	
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Insured

Series	lxb (Size in mm)	107 x 81	Year - 1984	\$\$
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No. **0987**

Amount of Stamps affixed Rs. **4.05** P.

Received a Registered Insured*

Addressed to **D.V. P. G. Krishna** Date Stamp

Insured for Rs. (in figures).....
(in words)

Insurance fee Rs. P. Weight (in words)

Name and address of sender.....
Same as above

Insured subject to terms and conditions in P. O. guide Signature of Receiving Officer

No. **0371**

Amount of Stamps affixed Rs. **3.25** P.

Received a Registered Insured*

Addressed to **S.P. Gupta** Date Stamp

Insured for Rs. (in figures).....
(in words) **Three and 25/100**

Insurance fee Rs. P. Weight (in words)

Name and address of sender.....

Insured subject to terms and conditions in P. O. guide Signature of Receiving Officer

Notes:

1.	Ink - Red (Insured)
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

	Post Office	Earliest Date	Latest Date
1.	Hyd. GPO	22/08/1984	13/09/1984
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

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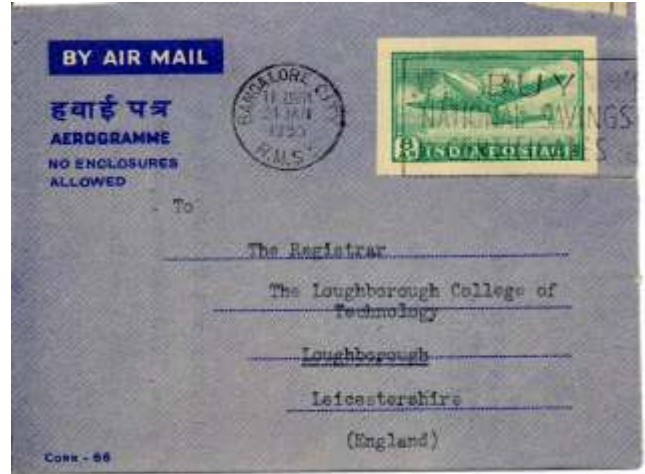
Slogan Cancellation of India

~ **By Machines - Part B - Pre Independence (Upto 1947)**



“Machine” Slogan Cancellation of India

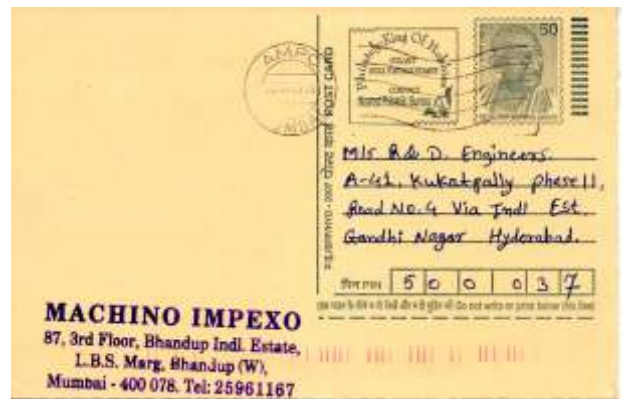
Part C - Post Independence (1947-1980)- Part I



“Machine” Cancellation of India
Part E - (Plain) Machine Cancellation of India



“Machine” Cancellation of India
Part F - AMPC Machine Sorting Marks



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