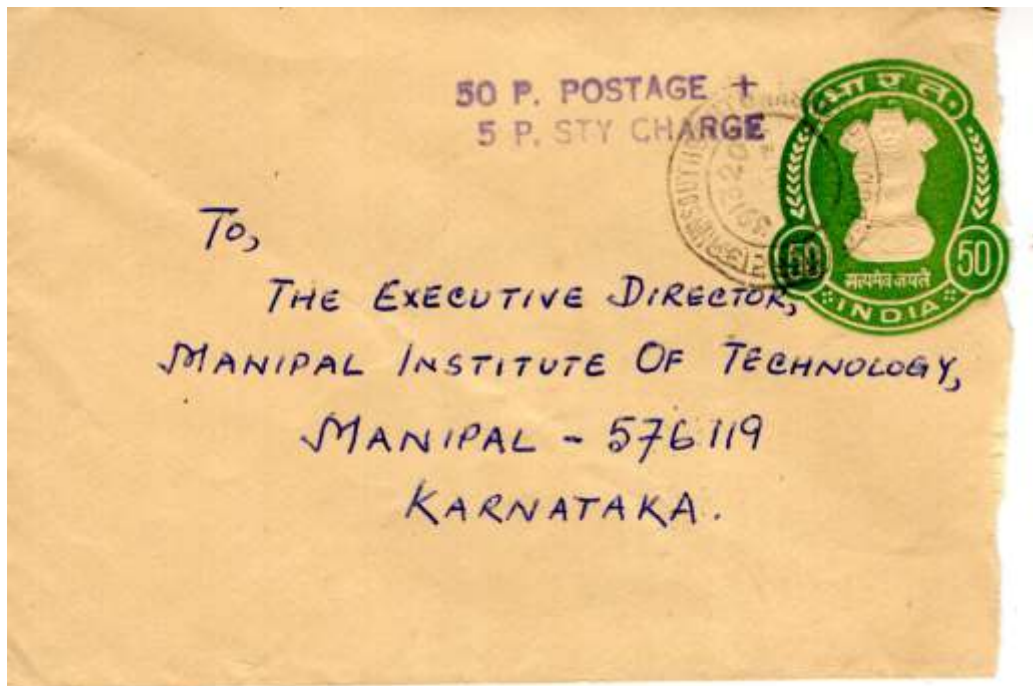


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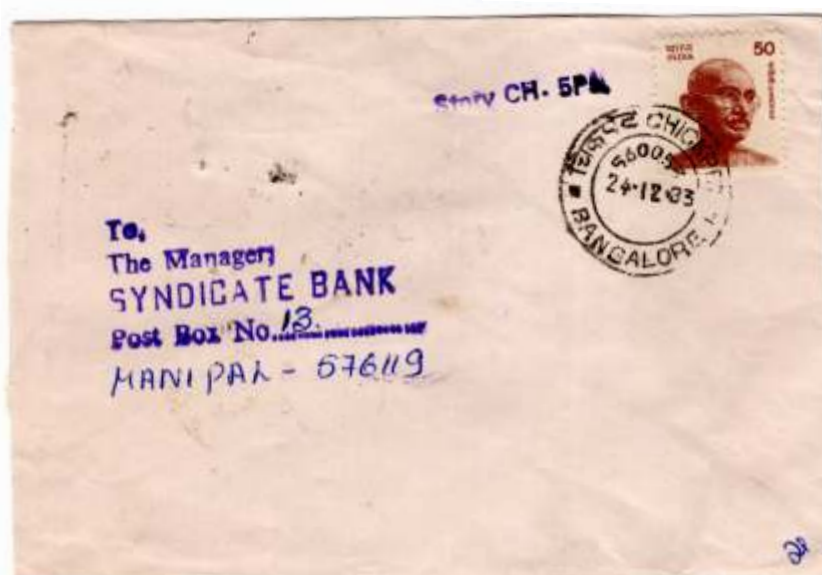
5p Stationery Surcharge
on Envelopes (of 1983)



(Part A)

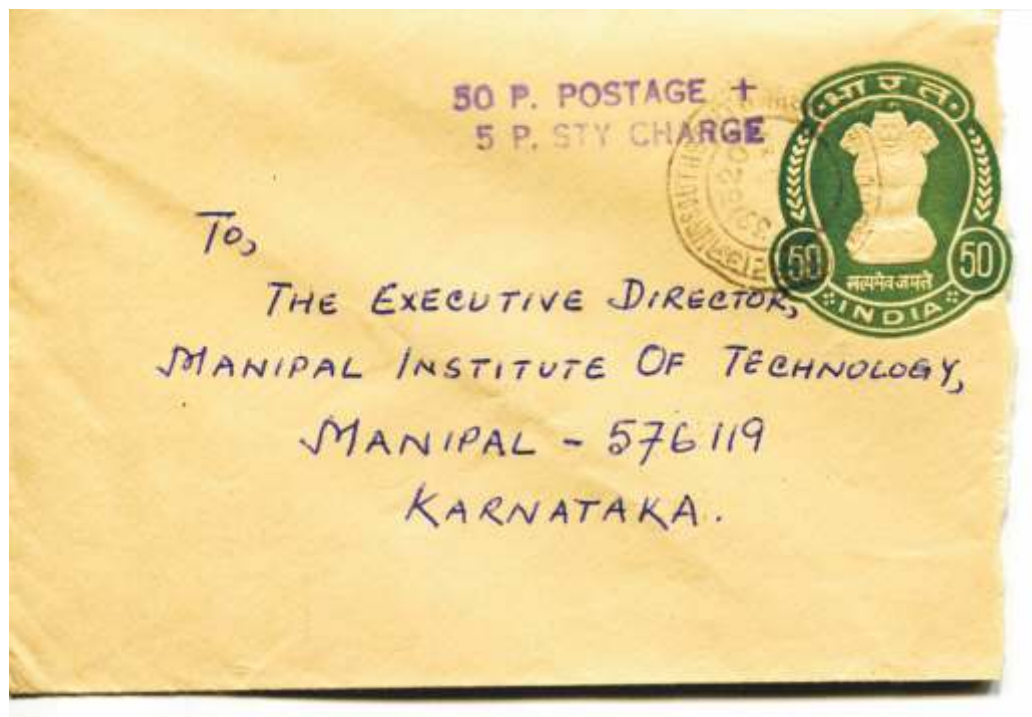
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No.		Essential Details Captured from the Cover-In order of Importance
1	K	Key Word
2	V	Charge Exp
3	P	Money Exp / "Paise" Expressed as ...
4	F	Format - Style of Presentation
5	L	Length of Handstamp
6	PIN	PIN Code
7		City (Either from Post Mark or From Address-as visible)
8		State of India (Pre-1983 Level)
9		Postal Zone-There were 22 zones in 1983.
10		Postal Stamps used (if different from 50p rate)



STATIONERY CHARGE OVERPRINTED POSTAL STATIONERY ENVELOPES

With effect from 1.3.1983, stationery charge was introduced on the postal stationery envelopes by the Department of Post. Postmasters were authorised to apply rubber stamp impressions for the stationery charge on the envelopes locally.



There are numerous forms of surcharges for the stationery charge or cost of envelope both with text and numeric, sometimes in English or Hindi only and in the other cases bilingual or even trilingual.

Here are some examples of rubber stamp impressions for the stationery charge in different denominations.

Examples are also seen with hand stamp in Hindi, English and Gujarati language. Bilingual & Tri-lingual too.

A short History of Postal Rates for ordinary envelopes is reproduced here (for first 10 grams)

01.06.1982	50p
01.03.1983	50p + 5p Stationery charge
01.01.1987	50p + 10p Stationery charge
01.04.1988	50p + 15p Stationery charge

Overprints can be found for 5p / 10p & 15p on these envelopes.

An Introduction to ... Provisionally Surcharged Embossed Postal Envelopes

By Late Dr. P.G. Krishnamurthy

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting introduced a new regulation in the proposals of the supplementary budget for the year 1982-83 namely that of collecting a nominal fee of five paise as the cost of embossed postal envelope, without raising the basic postal charges. Surprisingly enough this was enforced from 1st of March, 1983 itself,

(Thus indicating that it is a promulgation by the President!) even before the proposal was presented in the full house of the Parliament and had received the formal approval (in which case it will become an “Act” of the Parliament and would normally have come to effect from 1st June). The only reason that can be attributed to the immediate enforcement is the fact that in the Government departments the financial year starts from April 1st, in India.

Consequently the-Director General P & T issued a DO (Departmental Order) instructing Post Master Generals of Various circles to enforce the revised tariffs from 1st March as well as detailed accounting procedure with respect to the levy on embossed envelopes. The PMG's in turn sent copies of this circular to Superintendent of Post Offices of Various divisions who in turn sent copies to Post Masters of sub offices under this jurisdiction.

(Please note that there are 16 circles and few 100's of divisions and about 1.5 lakh Post Offices in India).

It was also mentioned that to avoid confusion and/or repeated explanation to the enquiries from the public, a suitable rubber stamp impression is to be applied on the face the side of the envelopes. It is also mentioned that on no account, additional postage stamps to cover this enhanced cost should be affixed on the envelope.

This has given rise to a peculiar situation. Being a very large country geographically with diverse ethnic divisions (there are 19 official “State” languages recognised by the centre apart from the National language namely HINDI), the method enforcement of this levy, differs considerably literally thousands of varieties of this provisions “surcharge” will be produced as it happened during November, 1971 to February, 1973 period when “Refugee Relief” Tax was imposed on all, postal items except post cards. (Here it must be noted that no such “tax” was collected in only one state in India namely Jammu and Kashmir).

Though this is a veritable bonanza for a “contemporary” philatelists, it is a severe headache to any serious postal history student. Utilising this golden opportunity, a representative collection can be assembled very easily by anyone. However an exhaustive study will require the best part contacts in the different postal zones.

Background Information on the Provisional Surcharge

1. The basic postal rate was increased to 50 paise for the first ten grammes, on 1.6.1982 only and a new entire with green coloured die was prepared. Thus a huge stock of these are available with Post Offices.

(2) Another big lot of 35 paise envelopes released on 5.9.1980 (with post office red die) are also available with sub-treasuries and lower cadre offices, on which the deficient postage is to be made up by affixing postage stamp of the 15 paise value. Thus the provisionally surcharged Red die envelopes can be found only used from such offices.

(3) It is not unusual to come across used specimens of either the green die or the red die envelopes without any endorsement.

This can occur due to -

(I) non availability of a rubber stamp with the particular subtreasury (in which case occasionally simple manuscripts making may be found) or

(ii) they are part of the reminder stock with the public, bought by them before 1st March 1983.

(4) On rare occasions one may come across plain white or brown "M" size envelopes on which a single 50 paise postage stamp has been affixed and the rubber stamp endorsement added on. This is due to the fact that during November, 1979 to February, 1981 as well as September, 1982 to January, 1983 a section of the work force at India Security Press, Nasik struck work, totally disrupting the production of Postal stationeries. The obviate the crisis once again the Superintendents of P.O.'s were authorised to buy in bulk commercial plain envelopes, for sale across the counter after affixing the appropriate stamp. This unsold stock of such envelopes in the inventory at sub-treasuries, on the close of working hours. On 31st March, 1983 are also being subjected to this levy. Under extreme circumstances, when the distribution system totally fails, the Post Masters of Sub-Offices have been issued instructions to tide over the emergency, by making temporary purchase of plain envelopes.

(A small but significant related point here is that during the first period, DG, P & T even authorised the production of formula envelopes and Inland letter cards by the various PMG's confirming to a single common design and few did produce them by giving contract to reliable local printer.

DG, P & T, New Delhi letter No.1/3/83-R dated 21.2.1983 A/T.

All PMG's as quoted by PMG, Bangalore letter No.Tech/36-4 dated at BG., 24.2.1983

Extract of the Circular issued ...

Office of the Post master General, Andhra Pradesh , Hyderabad - 500 001

No.Tech. 22/67/III dated at Hyd-1 the 28/2/83

Subject : Increase in the cost of Money order forms and introduction of stationery charge on embossed envelope w.e.f. 1-3-83.

Copy of DG letter No. 39-1/83-Phil dated 26-2-83.

It has decided to charge the sum of 5 paise as stationery charge on all embossed envelopes w.e.f. 1-3-83. This charge will be applicable on all embossed envelopes sold from the Post Office on and from 1/3/83. It is clarified that this charge will not be applicable for envelope purchased prior to this date, although posted on or after 1-3-83.

All Post Offices under your control may please be directed to take charge of unsold embossed envelopes remaining at the end of the working hours of 28-2-83, revalue the same by marking the stationery charge of 5 paise per envelope and take them on stock on 1-3-83.

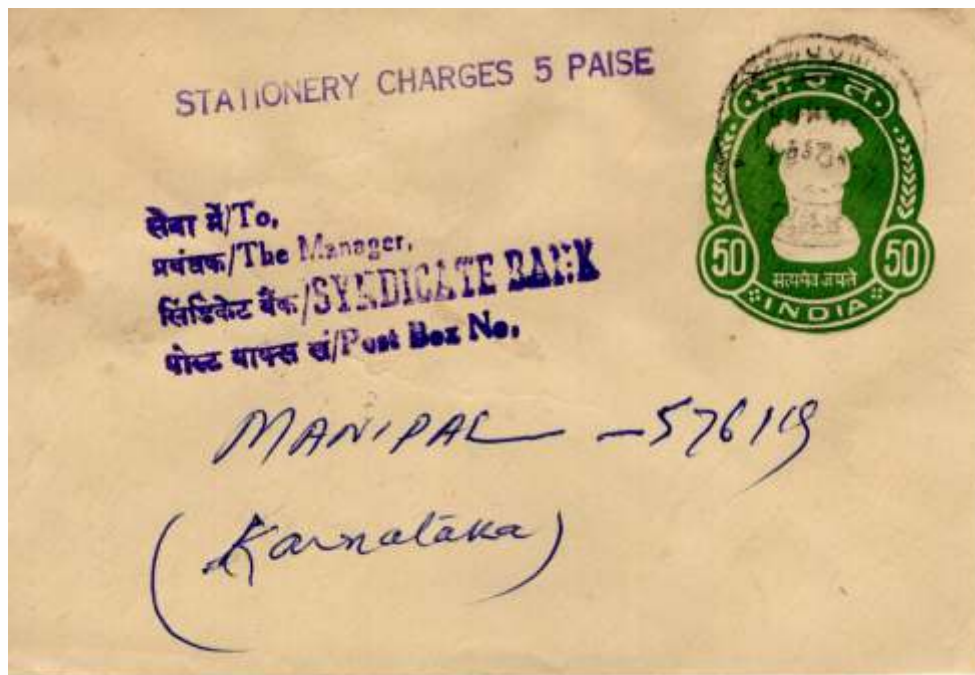
The officer may be instructed to rewrite the cost of envelope remaining unsold at the close of 28-2-83, either by means of a rubber stamp or otherwise.

My study on the 1983 Stationery Surcharge of 5 Paise . By Rajesh Pamnani							
No.	K*	KeyWords Explained	A	B	C	D	Z
1	K 01	Stationery Charges					
2	K 02	Stationery Charge					
3	K 03	Stationery Charges of...					
5	K 05	Stationery					
6	K 06	Stationery Fee					
7	K 07	Stationery charges					
8	K 08	Stationery Surcharge					
10	K 10	Stationary Charges					
11	K 11	Stationary Charge					
15	K 15	Stationary					
16	K 16	Stationary Fee					
17	K 17	Stationary Charges of ...					
18	K 18	Stationary Surcharge					
20	K 20	STNRY. CHARGES					
21	K 21	Stnry, ch / Stnry, CH					
22	K 22	Stny. Charge/s					
23	K 23	Sty. Charge					
24	K 24	Sty. Charge					
25	K 25	Sts. Charges					
26	K 26	STC					
29	K 29	CSP					
30	K 30	SC					
31	K 31	S.C. /S.C					
32	K 32	S/C					
33	K 33	S:C. / S:C: / S.C:					
35	K 35	S.F.					
40	K 40	Cost of Envelope					
41	K 41	Cost of Envelop					
42	K 42	Cost of Cover					
43	K 43	Cost of Mfg.					
45	K 45	Envelope Costs					
46	K 46	Envelope Cost					
47	K 47	Envelope Costs...					
50	K 50	Levy					
51	K 51	Levy of...					
52	K 52	New Levy					
53	K 53	New Levy of					
54	K 54	S/C Levy					
55	K 55	Levy sty. CH.					
60	K 60	Manufacturing Charges					
61	K 61	Making Charges					
70	K 70	Selling price					
71	K 71	Surcharge					
72	K 72	Price					
73	K 73	Plus					
74	K 74	(+) Plus symbol used solo without parenthesis					
		(80's) Narrative					
80	K 80	50p Postage + 5 Sty. Charge					
81	K 81	PS 0.55 /PM < City>					
82	K 82	Cost of 55p /Including 0.05 for Stationery Charge					
83	K 83	Envelope costs 5 Paise excluding Face Value					
		(90's) Miscallaneous					
90	K 90	Sub Post master/Post Master/P.M.					
99	K 99	Manuscript					
Note	K*	A few Number of Series are not yet allocated .They are reserved for future finds.					

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No.	P	Paise Expression Explained	A	B	C	D	Z
1	P 01	Paise					
2	P 02	PAISE					
3	P 03	Paise Paid/paise Paid					
4	P 04	Paise Extra					
5	P 05	paise					
	P 06	Paise Only					
10	P 10	Paisa					
11	P 11	Paisa:					
12	P 12	Paisa Extra					
13	P 13	PAISA					
14	P 14						
15	P 15						
20	P 20	Ps /Ps.					
21	P 21	ps					
22	P 22	PS / P.S.					
23	P 23	PS. Extra					
24	P 24	PS Paid / Ps Paid					
30	P 30	P / P.					
31	P 31	p /p.					
32	P 32	P.					
33	P 33	P:					
34	P 34	< Reserved>					
35	P 35	< Reserved>					
40	P 40	N.P / NP /NP.					
41	P 41	n.p.					
42	P 42	Np					
43	P 43	np					
44	P 44	NP. Only					
50	P 50	Nps					
51	P 51	< Reserved>					
52	P 52	< Reserved>					
60	P 60	NPSC					
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70	P 70	< Reserved>					
80	P 80	< Reserved>					
90	P 90	< Reserved>					
99	P 99	< Reserved>					
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No.	V	Table of Value	A	B	C	D	Z
1	V 01	Five (5)					
2	V 02	(5) Five					
3	V 03	5 (FIVE)					
4	V 04	5 FIVE					
5	V 05	FIVE / Five					
6	V 06	Five 0.5					
7	V 07	0.05 FIVE					
8	V 08	00.05 FIVE					
9	V 09	00.05 (FIVE)					
10	V 10	.05					
11	V 11	05					
12	V 12	5 / 5'					
13	V 13	-5 / =5					
14	V 14	0-5 / 0.5					
15	V 15	+5 / / +05					
16	V 16	0.05 / 0-05 / 0=05					
17	V 17	00.05 / 00-05 / 00=05					
18	V 18	00.5					
19	V 19	+0.05					
20	V 20	Rs 0.05 / Rs 0-05					
21	V 21	< Reserved>					
22	V 22	Rs:0-5					
23	V 23	Rs 00.05 / Rs 00-05 / Rs 00=05					
24	V 24	Rs 00005					
30	V 30	0.55					
31	V 31	0-55					
32	V 32	00-55					
33	V 33	55 / -55					
34		< Reserved>					
35		< Reserved>					
40	V 40	Fifty Five					
41	V 41	0-55 (Fifty Five)					
42	V 42						
50	V 50	< Reserved>					
51	V 51	< Reserved>					
52	V 52	< Reserved>					
60	V 60	< Reserved>					
61	V 61	< Reserved>					
62	V 62	< Reserved>					
70	V 70	< Reserved>					
80	V 80	< Reserved>					
90	V 90	< Reserved>					
99	V 99	< Reserved>					
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1	F 01	Single Straight Line					
2	F 02	In Two Lines					
3	F 03	In Three Lines					
4	F 04	In Four Lines					
5	F						
		<i>Rectangular Box</i>					
10	F 10	In Rectangular Box					
11	F 11	In Dotted Rectangular Box					
12	F 12	Ornamental Rectangular Box					
13	F 13	< Reserved>					
14	F 14	< Reserved>					
15	F 15	Between Parallel Lines					
16	F 16	Underlined					
17	F 17	In Parenthesis "...."					
18	F 18	Within brackets (....)					
19	F 19						
		<i>Circular</i>					
20	F 20	Circular - Within Single Ring					
21	F 21	Circular - Within Double Ring					
22	F 22	Circular - Smaller Circle within BIG Circle					
30	F 30	Followed by word ...Paid					
31	F 31	Followed by words...Collected					
32	F 32	Followed by word ...Extra					
33	F 33	Followed by word ...Only					
34	F 34	Followed by word ...5 Ps + Five Paise					
		< Reserved>					
39	F 39	Followed by word ...Fine					
40	F 40	Preceded by word "Plus"					
41	F 41	Preceded by sign "+"					
42	F 42	Preceded by word ...Postal					
43	F 43	Preceded by word ...Addl					
44	F 44	< Reserved>					
49	F 49	Interjunction "of"					
		<i>Languages :other than English</i>					
50	F 50	In Hindi Only					
51	F 51	In Gujarati Only					
52	F 52						
		<i>Languages: Bi-Lingual</i>					
60	F 60	Hindi & English					
61	F 61	English & Hindi					
62	F 62						
		<i>Trilingual</i>					
70	F 70	Hindi,English & Gujarati					
80	F 80	< Reserved>					
90	F 90	< Reserved>					
<i>Format - Sub Classification may apply</i>							
	A	Upper Case Only					
	B	Combined Lower & Upper Case					
	C	Wordings before <Cost/Value>					
	D	<Cost/Value> before wording					
	Z	Others					



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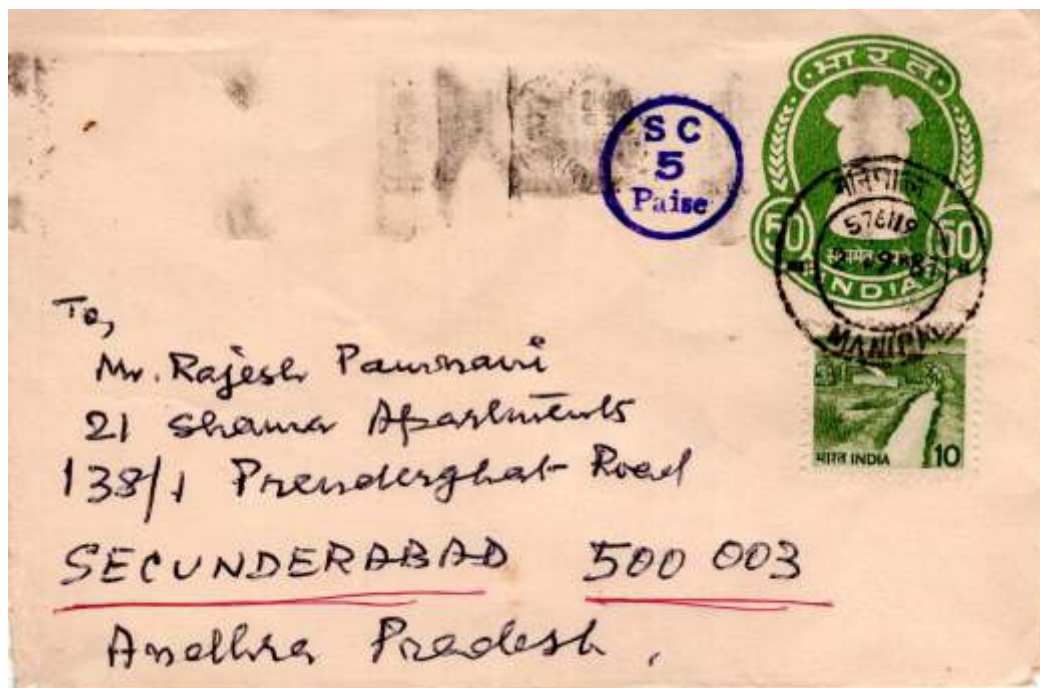


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State	AP
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Covers	1+5

City 2	Kankipadu
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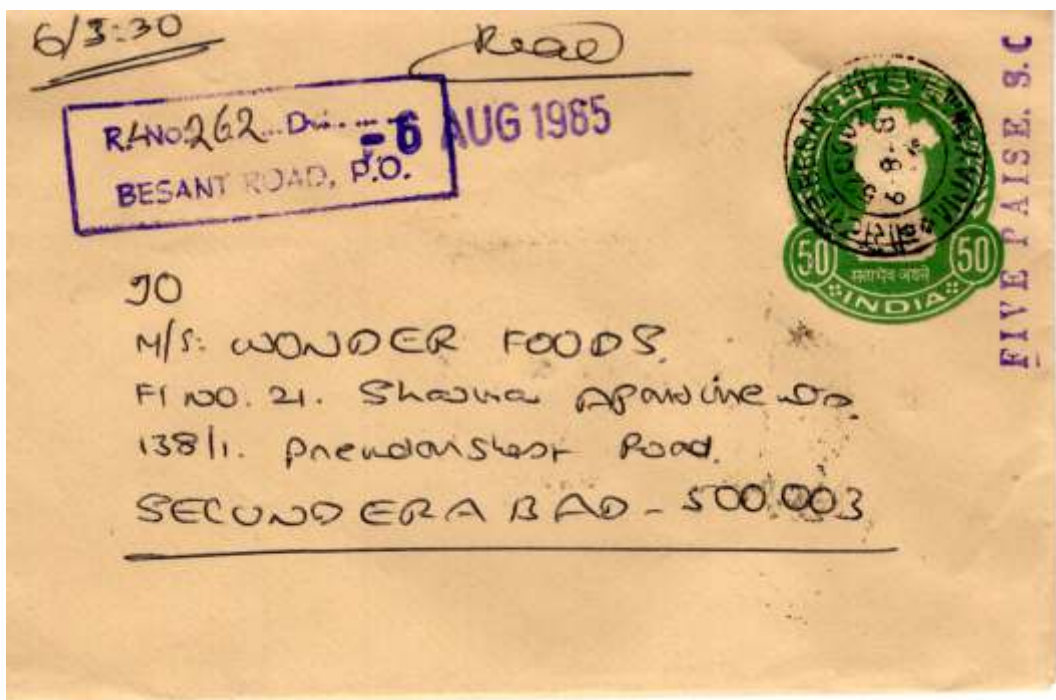


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No.	PIN	City	State	Format	K	V	P	Size	Notes
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I would like to connect with like minded Philatelist to expand the study for this subject
constructive suggestion from philatelist will always be welcome

I would also seek collaboration of expanding this study in a book (if possible).

Could you share image or data from your collection to be included here?

(They would be duly acknowledged)

Thanking you

Yours in Philately

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