

A NOTE ON REGISTERED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DUE CARDS (1886—1990)

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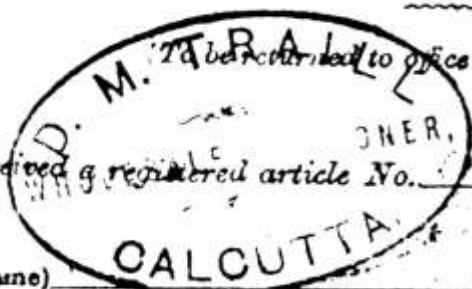
Being a Postal History Collector, I felt that, to the best of my knowledge, a detailed note had not been prepared on the Registered Acknowledgement Cards from the period 1886 till the present. An attempt has been made in this writeup to bring to light the various details of much Acknowledgement Cards. These findings are based on the various 200 & odds cards available with me. There may be many more, these may kindly be brought to my attention.

As the name suggests, Registered Acknowledgement cards, are sent from the sender (duly filled in) to the receiver for all types of Registered letters, Post Cards, Packets & Parcels. These Acknowledgement Cards are attached by the sender to the article in question & handed over to the Post Office for onward transmission to the receiver. Of course, the sender pays the requisite fees for sending Registered Articles to the receiver. The receiver, on his part, on receipt of the registered article, signs the Acknowledgement Card, detaches it from the registered article, and hands it over to the postman. Such Acknowledgement Cards are then sent back to the sender, to indicate delivery of the registered article.

Restricting, my note from 1886 onwards, initially the acknowledgement cards were printed in English. In the year 1960, these acknowledgement cards were printed in Bilingual script (Hindi & English). These cards were initially printed yellow colour card, then these were printed on white card. Only in 1986, possibly on experimental basis, the acknowledgement cards were printed on green card. In 1987-88 there were printed in Trilingual script (Hindi, Tamil & English).

Normally these cards are printed on both sides. In the front, it has the name and address of receiver, the weight of the article and the date and signature of the receiver. In the front there are also instructions as to what to fill/delete etc. On the top right corner, the postal authorities give the registration number and date. On the reverse of the card there is space for the name and address of the sender as well as space for giving postal mark of the post office of posting.

Acknowledgment.



To be returned to office of posting for delivery to sender
Received of registered article No. _____ addressed to _____
(Name) _____

Signature of addressee _____

M. S. Maitra

Date of delivery _____ 1958 .

8/4

Fig - 1

On Postal Service.

G. S. Maitra
10, Capital Building

Care of Postmaster

DHAR
BHEEL AGENCY

All the details observed by me are given in the attached tabular sheets. Any clarification or additional information may be given at the following address :

A. G. Shirolkar,
479/8, Hare Krishna Mandir Path,
Model Colony,
Shivajinagar,
PUNE 411 016
(Maharashtra)
India.

Acknowledgement

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On Postal Service



To

Sender's name and address

B. M. Bhakera
276 Sarai Bar
P.O. Kutumba



DECCAN GAZETTE

Fig - 2

आर. पी. 54

R. P. 54

प्राप्ति-स्वीकृति (रसीद)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(प्रेषक को देने के लिए हर भजन वाले दफ्तर को लौटा दिया जाय)

(To be returned to office of posting for delivery to sender)

A 368
27-6

हस्ताक्षर

Received by name

प्राप्त करने का नाम

Addressed to (name)

बीमा का मूल्य

Insured for Rupees

प्राप्त करने के हस्ताक्षर

Signature of addressee

वितरण की तारीख

Date of delivery

Cover Conty. No. 60/26-6-61

To, R.P. Singh
Vill: Sarai Bar
P.O: Kutumba
Dist: Gaya.

196 .

*अवकाश के अन्तर्गत यहाँ पर 'पत्र', 'पोस्टकार्ड', 'पैकेट', या 'पार्सल' लिखिये और यदि डाक-वस्तु बीमा की गई हो तो 'बीमा-कत' ये शब्द पहले लिखिये।

* Write here "letter", "postcard", "packet", or "parcel" as the case may be, preceded by the word "insured" if the article is insured.

† कवरल बीमा-वस्तुओं के लिए; अन्यथा इसे काट दिया जाय।

† To be filled up only in the case of insured articles, and to be scored out in the case of other articles

Fig - 3

DETAILS OF REGISTERED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DUE CARDS

PERIOD : 1886-1990

SR. NO.	DATE OF PRINTING	SIZE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CARD	COLOUR OF CARD	ENTIRE TEXT IN	NAME/ ABBREVIATIONS OF PRINTER	HEADING ON THE REVERSE SIDE	NUMBER OF CARDS PRINTED	REMARKS
1.	Not known	121.5 x 77	Yellow	English	-	On Postal Service	Not Known	Used on : 09.04.1886. (Figure 1: Front & Reverse)
2.	13/10/1916	138.5 x 83.5	Buff	English	I.P.	-do-	-do-	Entire text different from that in Serial No. 1
3.	07/06/1924	143.5 x 95	-do-	-do-	Karim Bux Broz., Calcutta	-do-	-do-	
4.	Not known	142.5 x 90	Dark	-do-	MGIFDA h	-do-	-do-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Used on 19/12/1993 (Fig. 2) 2. On reverse side, top left corner RP-54 instead of R & P4 is printed. 3. No lines. 4. On the reverse side no box after "Name Stamp of Office of Posting."

प्राप्ति-स्वीकृति (रसीद)/ஒப்புக்க/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

एक रसिद / एक पोस्ट कार्ड / पॅकेट / पासल प्राप्त हुआ
बीमा

பெற்ற கடிதம் / அஞ்சல் அட்டை / சிப்பம் / கட்டு ஒன்றை
கட்டுறுதி பெற்றுக் கொண்டேன்

क्रमांक
எண்
No.

5967

Insured

पाने वाले का नाम
मुकवियानस (पेवस)
Addressed to (name)
बीमे का मूल्य (रुपयों में)

Binani Metal Ltd
12 J N Heredia Rd Bombay 30

Insured for Rupees

वितरण की तारीख 198 . पाने वाले के हस्ताक्षर

Date of delivery 198 . முகவியாளர் ஒப்புக்க
Signature of addressee

अनावश्यक को काट दिया जाए।
தேவையற்றவற்றை கோடிட்டு அகத்துவிடுக.
Score out the matter not required.
केवल बीमा वस्तुओं के लिए।
கட்டுறுதி பெற்ற பொருள்களுக்காக மட்டும்.



Fig - 4

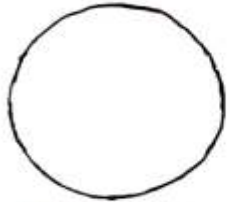
आर०पी०-54
R. P.-54

भारतीय डाक-तार विभाग
INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

तारीख-मोहर

प्रेषक डाक-घर की नाम-मोहर/Name-stamp of office of posting

[Empty rectangular box for name-stamp]



Date-stamp

पेजने वाले का पता/Sender's address

[Horizontal line for sender's address]

पिन/Pin [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

प्रभासमुको—71 पीएन्डटी/पी/84/MGIPK—71 P&T/P/84(197)—10-1-85—72,00,000.

Fig - 5

SR. NO.	DATE OF PRINTING	DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	SIZE OF CARD	COLOUR OF CARD	ENTIRE TEXT IN	NAME/ ABBREVIATIONS OF PRINTER	HEADING ON THE REVERSE SIDE	NUMBER OF CARDS PRINTED	REMARKS
5.	09/05/1940	145 x 91	Light Yellow	-do-	Lalchand & Sons, Calcutta	Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department	1,00,00,000	—	
6.	03/09/1941	126.5 x 90	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	10,000 pads	—	
7.	20/01/1945	120 x 85	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	20,000 Books.	—	
8.	09/08/1946	125 x 93	-do-	-do-	MGIPC	-do-	-do-	—	
9.	18/08/1952	139 x 87	Yellow	-do-	Lalchand & Sons, Calcutta	On Postal Service	3,05,000 Books		Rectangular Block after office of Posting on the Reverse side.
10.	-do-	138.5 x 84	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-		Without Bracket after the word sender in the front.
11.	-do-	139 x 84.5	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-		R. P. 51 instead of R. P. 54 at top left corner in the front.

S.R. NO.	DATE OF PRINTING	DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	SIZE OF CARD	COLOUR OF CARD	ENTIRE TEXT IN	NAME/ ABBREVIATIONS OF PRINTER	HEADING ON THE REVERSE SIDE	NUMBER OF CARDS PRINTED	REMARKS
12.	02/04/1960	141 x 101	White	English & Hindi	MGIFPAh	-do-	1,12,00,000 Nos.	"196" Instead of 19 in front of "Date of Delivery" in the front portion. (Figure 3)	
13.	07/09/1962	135.5 x 82	-do-	-do-	Lalchand & Sons Calcutta	Indian Posts and Telegraph Department.	90,000 Books	—	
14.	02/08/1983	134 x 85.5	White	English & Hindi	Lalchand & Sons, Calcutta	Indian Posts & Department.	90,000	—	
15.	17/05/1965	128 x 99	-do-	-do-	MGIP, Sant	-do-	2,30,000 Books	—	
16.	19/05/1965	133.5 x 84	-do-	-do-	National Press, Calcutta-12	-do-	11,000 Books	1. Thin Card 2. Text after "Date of Delivery" on front side entirely different. 3. Lines in front of — (a) Address to (name) (b) Date of Delivery (c) Lines are dotted	

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17.	04/05/1967	137 x 90.5	-do-	-do-	N.B.P.	-do-	8,500	-do- only for point no. 2 of Ser. No. 16
18.	9/1968	141 x 89.5	-do-	-do-	S.C.P.	-do-	40,000	-do-
19.	6/1969	140.5 x 90	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	22,000	-do-
20.	18/05/1976	141 x 87	-do-	-do-	MGIAP h	-do-	4,00,000 Books	1. Hindi and English of Acknowledgement in the name line, on the front side, instead of two different lines. 2. Text on Reverse side Entirely changed. 3. No line below "Date of Delivery" (in front).
21.	20/07/1978	147 x 101	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	2,00,00,000 Nos.	—
22.	05/05/1981	160 x 90	White	English & Hindi	MGIAP h Govt. Press, U. T. Chd.	Indian Posts & Telegraphs Development	2,50,000 x 50 Nos.	No rectangular printed block for "Name - stamping office of Posting" and also this portion omitted.

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23.	26/06/1981	142.5 x 99	Green	-do-	-do-	MGIPK	-do-	1,10,000 Books	—
24.	07/12/1981	136 x 95	Light Green	Hindi, Tamil and English	M.S.S. Sharma & Co.	-do-	-do-	50 Lakhs	Reintroduced. (Figure 4)
25.	20/07/1983	136 x 87.5	White	English & Hindi	M.G.I.P., Sant	-do-	-do-	2,42,60,000 Nos.	1. Thin Card 2. Date Stamp portion box square instead of rectangular.
26.	April 1984	139.5 x 86	Dark Green	-do-	H.P., Patna-3	-do-	-do-	75,000	1. Thock Card 2. Rectangular Box for Name Stamp of office of Posting (Reverse).
27.	10/01/1985	142.5 x 101	White	-do-	MGIPK	-do-	-do-	72,00,000	1. On the reverse side at bottom small squares introduced for writing sender's Pin Code. (Figure 5)

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28.	05/12/1985	148 x 99	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	Department of Posts India	1,75,00,000	—
29.	14/08/1986	152 x 89	Green	-do-	-do-	GIPN	-do-	20,00,000 Copies.	—
30.	09/06/1987	133 x 91	White	-do-	-do-	GMGIPNK	-do-	1,00,000 Books	—
31.	-do-	139 x 88	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	—
32.	-do-	143 x 90	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	—
33.	87-88	143 x 87	-do-	Hindi, Tamil and English.	MSMPW	Department of Posts, India.			No small squares for pin code.
34	29/12/1988	140 x 91	White	English & Hindi	GMGIPN	Department of Posts, India.		1,25,00,000 Nos.	1. On the reverse side the Name - Stamp of office of Posting and Sender's Name printed at right angles to rectangular block and lines respectively.

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35.	88-89	142 x 90	Light Green	Hindi, Tamil and English	MSMPW	-do-	40,000 Pads	1. Without pin code squares.
36.	08/07/1989	151 x 93	White	Hindi and English	MGIPK	-do-	1,30,000 Pads.	2. Date stamp (At Back)
37.	12/10/1989	142 x 95	Greyish White	Hindi, Tamil and English	MSMPW	-do-	40,000	-do- as in Ser. No. 34
38.	26/09/1990	141 x 91	White	English Hindi and Marathi	GMGIPN	-do-	3,00,00,000 Nos.	-do-
39.	-do-	147.5 x 86.5	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
40.	-do-	147.5 x 95	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
41.	26/09/1990	140 x 96	White	-do-	P S D	-do-	31,00,00,000	-do-
42.	-do-	147 x 91	Dark Green	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-