

INDIAN REGISTRATION LABELS - 1909 Onwards



REGISTRATION SYSTEM - Introduction

Registration is a special postal service, which makes the transmission of articles more secure. For which, if lost or damaged, the Post office pays compensation upto the value of the loss within prescribed limits. Prepayment of postage and registration fee is compulsory in case of all registration fee is compulsory in case of all registered articles.

ORIGIN

Initially registering all letters was the normal practise, but as it involved considerable additional work, a special fee was introduced in 1850; so as to restrict its use to important letters only. Originally this system confined to Bombay and Bengal presidency only. In 1854 it was extended to the whole of India. This was the beginning of the system of 'Registration' as we know of it today.

REGISTRATION LABELS

Under the 1906 Universal Postal Union Convention in ROME, all Countries are required to identify registered mail by the use of a label which shows the place (P.O.) of origin and the registration number of the item. In India these labels were introduced around 1909. (Circular attached in the next page)

TREATMENT & CLASSIFICATION

The two broad era considered are the Pre and the Post Independence periods. Instead of proceeding in a 'wooden' chronological order the exhibit has been categorised according to the format of the labels.

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(a) Pre - Independence :

(b) Post Independence :

The exhibit includes labels in English, Hindi & Multilingual; with advancement of technology with bar codes.

Reg. covers displayed also include FPO/IUA/Indian states & Early meter markings.

HIGHLIGHTING

Scarce Items are framed in **blue** and very scarce pieces in **red** thick borders.

PERIOD

The following exhibit is the study of these labels from 1909 onwards.

Reference : *Postal Label study group - USA. Publications on Postal labels of India. India post published by India study circle for Philately (UK).*

POSTAL NOTICE OF (1908)

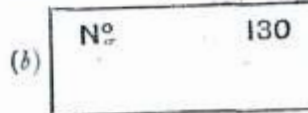
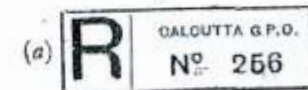
Post Office.

Director-General's Circular, No. ⁶⁹/₆₂, Calcutta, the 10th November 1908.

SUBJECT.

Introduction of registration No. slips.

It has been decided to introduce, with effect from the 1st January 1909, the use of registration No. slips to be pasted on registered articles of the letter mail by the offices of posting. These slips will be of two kinds, namely, (a), containing the letter "R", the name of the office of posting, and the serial No. of the registered article, for use by the three Presidency post offices and the head post offices at Rangoon, Lahore, and Cawnpore, and (b), containing a printed serial registration No. only, for use by all other post offices. The designs of both these No. slips are given in the margin.



2. In the case of registered articles of the letter mail posted at the six principal post offices named in the preceding paragraph, it is intended that the (a) pattern registration No. slip shall, on and after the 1st January 1909, take the place of the impression of the registration stamp, the use of this stamp being altogether discontinued. Other post offices, which will use the (b) pattern registration No. slip, will be required to impress their registration stamps very carefully and legibly on the No. slips before bringing the latter into use, and postmasters of such offices must insist on this rule being strictly complied with, as in many cases it would not be possible to obtain a good and clear impression of the registration stamp on the No. slip after the latter had been pasted to a registered article.

3. Registration No. slips for the use of head offices will be supplied in blocks containing slips numbered from 1 to 1000, while those for the use of sub-offices will be supplied in blocks containing slips numbered from 1 to 200.

4. The new No. slips should be securely affixed to the address-side of registered articles of the letter mail, both inland and foreign, in the same way as parcel No. slips are now affixed to registered parcels. In the case of a registered article of the letter mail posted at a branch office which is not authorised to do registration work independently, the No. slip should be affixed to the article by the account office.

5. Supplies of the form of registration No. slip should be obtained at once on indent from the usual sources. It should be carefully noted that the (a) pattern of slip, bearing the name of the office of posting, is to be indented for only by the offices named in paragraph 1 of this circular.

6. The rules of the *Post Office Manual* affected by the introduction of registration No. slips will be corrected in the ordinary course.

E. A. DORAN,

Offg. Director-General of the Post Office of India.

S. G. P. L.—274 D. G., P. O.—25-11-1908—350

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 20.10 - 'No.' and a number - Sans serified numbers;a dot after 'No'

Earliest Documented Usage

2nd January 1909 Usage



Obverse

Colour Print (reduced in size)



Series	20.10
Size(F)	55 x 18 mm
Size(T)	6 mm
Year	1909
Perf.	Perf & Imperf.
Ink	Grey Ink
Colour	



This cover is Registered at Shah-Almi-Gate on 2nd January
Delivered next day at Jajgarm-Alwar

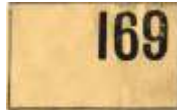
PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD - CATEGORIES

A Synopsis of few of the Labels used in Pre-Independence Period

Series - 11.10



Series - 11.30



Series - 11.55



Series - 20.10



Series - 20.21



Series - 20.30



Series - 20.40



Series - 30.10



Series - 30.20



Series - 40.10



Series - 40.11



Series - 40.15



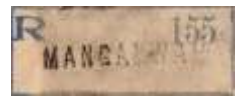
Series - 40.22



Series - 40.24



Series - 40.26



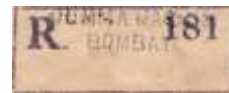
Series - 40.28



Series - 40.30



Series - 40.32



Series - 40.40



Series - 40.44



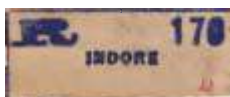
Series - 40.70



Series - 50.10



Series - 50.11



Series - 50.24



Series - 50.32



Series - 50.42



Series - 50.44



Series - 50.46



Series - 50.70



Series - 50.85



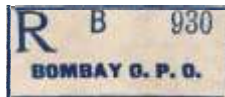
Series - 60.10



Series - 70.32



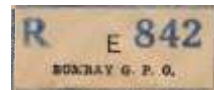
Series - 70.34



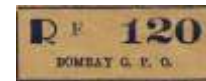
Series - 70.36



Series - 70.40



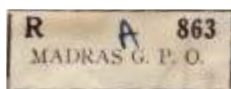
Series - 70.42



Series - 70.44



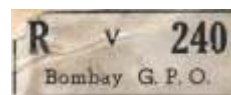
Series - 70.45



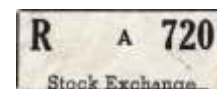
Series - 70.46



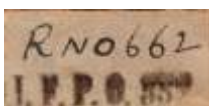
Series - 70.47



Series - 70.48



Series - 90.30



Series - 90.50



PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 11.10 - A number only.

Small serifed numbers , boxed in the upper half .



Series	11.10
Size(F)	45 x 18 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1909
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Red Ink

This cover originated from Katra Barian (31.05.1909)

SERIES 11.11 - Sans serifed number



Series	11.11
Size(F)	46 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1909
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Red Ink



This letter is from Bhiwani(22.03.1912) .

Note:

This is probably the Insured article / slip Used on registered letter Insured slip were generally printed in Red Ink to differentiate them.

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 20.11 - 'No.' and a number.

San Serifed Numerals with Sewing Machine Style Perf.



Series	20.11
Size(F)	56 x 18 mm
Size(T)	6 mm
Year	1909
Perf.	Perf 12
Ink Colour	Grey Ink

This letter was registered at Jhansi (09.11.1909)

SERIES 20.21 - Serifed Numerals with Perf. 13 Crude



Series	20.21
Size(F)	55 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1911
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

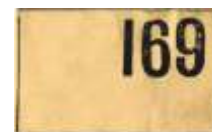
Originated from Santhome(Madras) (19.1.1911)

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

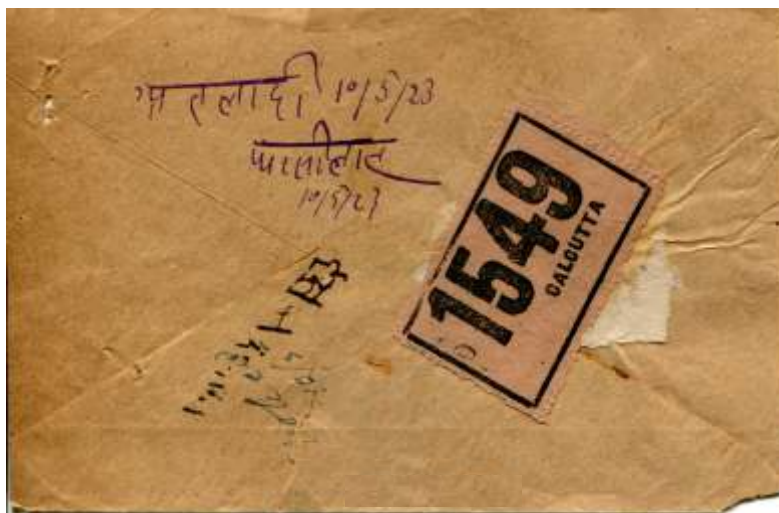
SERIES 11.30 - A number only- Bold Style San Serifed Numerals RHS/Top



This Cover is Registered at Salana (29th Nov 1944)

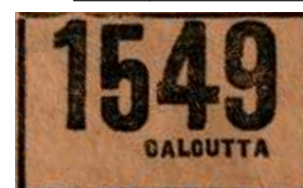


SERIES 11.55 - Numbers in 1st line / City name in second line
Serifed Numerals in First Line(Centered) / <PO Name> in 2nd Line (RHS)



Series	11.30
Size(F)	46 x 31 mm
Size(T)	9 mm
Year	1946
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink	Black Ink
Colour	

Series	11.55
Size(F)	43 x 27 mm
Size(T)	16 mm
Year	1921
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink	Blue Ink
Colour	



This Cover is Registered at Calcutta (10th May 1923)

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 20.30 - Serifed numbers just below 'No'; boxed in the left half. **Ink Black**



Series	20.30
Size(F)	75 x 15 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1910
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Black Ink

This cover was registered at Baidyanath, Deogarh (24.4.1911)

SERIES 20.40 - Serifed numbers just below 'No'; boxed in the left half. **Ink Blue**



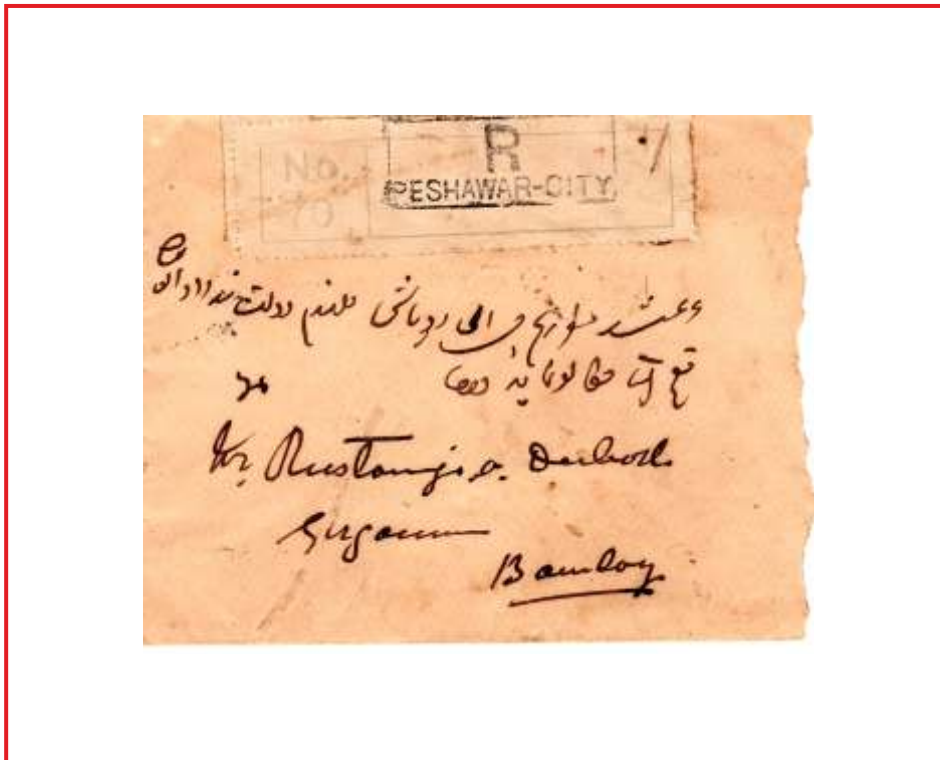
Series	20.40
Size(F)	75 x 18 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1910
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink



This letter was posted at Dhrangadra P.O. (25.8.1911), but was refused and returned with the remark "No such village in Khandesh. Returned for correct name of Post town, to Dhrangadra".

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

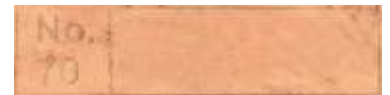
SERIES 20.31- Sans Serifed numbers just below 'No'; boxed in the left half. **Ink Black**
 Indian Used Abroad - Afghanistan



Transit time

28.08.1911 - Peshawar
 31.08.1911 - Bombay
 3 days

Series	20.31
Size(F)	73 x 18 mm
Size(T)	6 mm
Year	1911
Perf.	Perf.
Ink Colour	Black Ink

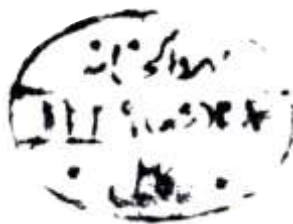


This cover was registered at Peshawar City, (28.11.1911)

Obverse

Kabul-Peshawar (285km)

The cover was carried from Kabul (3rd Ramzan 1329Hijri).Peshawar (Now in Pakistan) to be registered for travel to final destination of Bombay



Mohr Dak Khana
 Kabul
 3rd Ramzan 1329 H
 Postage : 2½ Annas Affixed

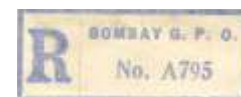


Colour Print (reduced in size)



PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 30.10 - Serphant 'R'+ City, Alphabet and numeral-Lighter



Lighter Numerals

Series	30.10
Size(F)	39 x 15 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1909~1911
Perf.	Perf.
Ink Colour	Black Ink

This cover was registered at Bombay G.P.O. (05.05.1911)

SERIES 30.20 - Serphant 'R'+ City, Alphabet and numeral-Heavy



Heavy Numerals

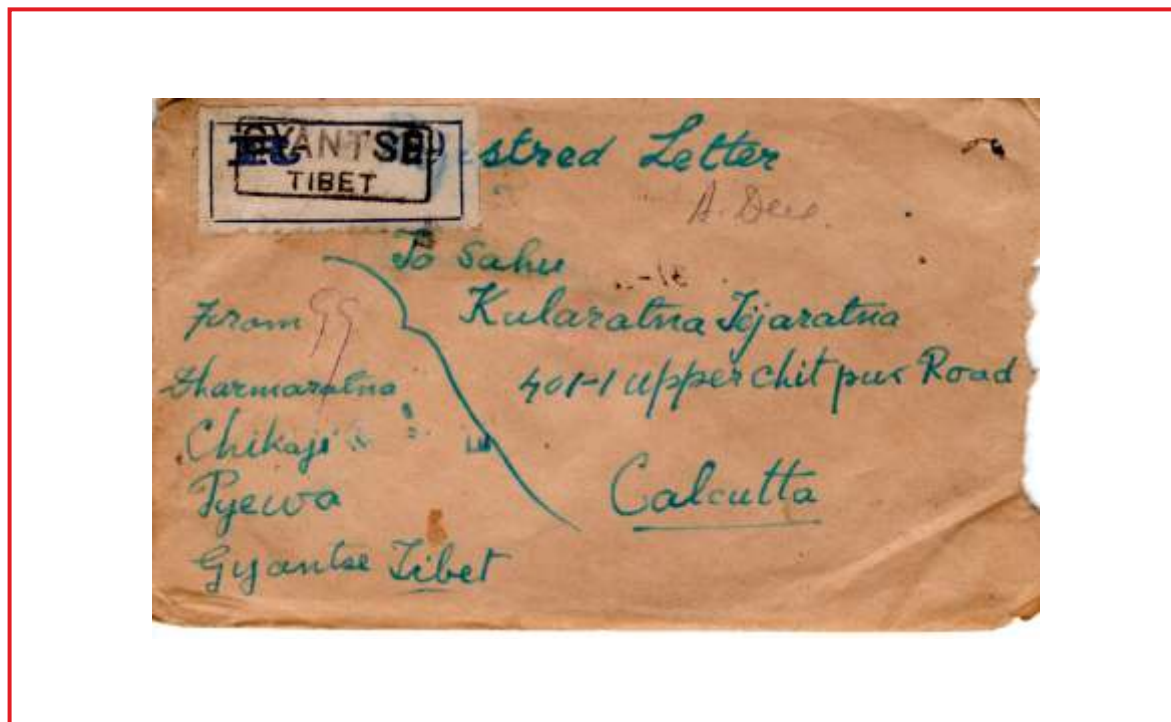
Series	30.20
Size(F)	39 x 15 mm
Size(T)	9 mm
Year	1909~1911
Perf.	Perf 11/12
Ink Colour	Blue Ink



This cover was registered at Calcutta (02.07.1910)

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.10 - India Used Abroad - TIBET



Regular Indian P.O. were opened at the trade centres at Gartok in Western Tibet, and at GYANTSE, Pharijong and Yatung on the the Indian-Lahsa trade route. These P.O.'s were later handed over to China on April 1,1955.



Obverse



Postage Date 26.10.41
 Delivery Date : 30.10.41
 Transit time 4 days
 Postage stamps: 3A+2A

Series	40.10
Size(F)	33 x 12 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1940
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink



This cover originated from Pyewa, was carried to the nearest Indian P.O. at Gyantse on the way to Calcutta.

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.10 - India Used Abroad - TIBET



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Obverse



Colour Print (reduced in size)

Date of posting: 2.3.45
 Delivery Date :14.5.45
 Transit time : 61days
 Postage stamp : 4 1/2A

Series	40.10
Size(F)	42 x 16 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1945
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink	Blue Ink

Note: Probably Philatelic prepared cover in 1945.

This cover originated from Yatung (Tibet) 2nd March 1945 to USA (14/05/1945)
 Censor label & Yatung(Tibet) passed by censor stamp (DHA/9)

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.24 - Medium size, Straight Serifed 'R' - Large Frame
 'R' and the numbers of unequal height.

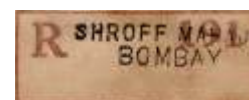


Series	40.24
Size(F)	44 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1922
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

This letter travelled from Jumma Masjid (16.8.1923) to Secunderabad.

SERIES 40.32 - Medium size, Straight Serifed 'R' - Large Frame, Double line

This letter was posted from Shroff Mahajan (Bombay- 28/11/1930)



Series	40.32
Size(F)	33 x 13 mm
Size(T)	3 mm
Year	1928~1930
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Red Brown Ink

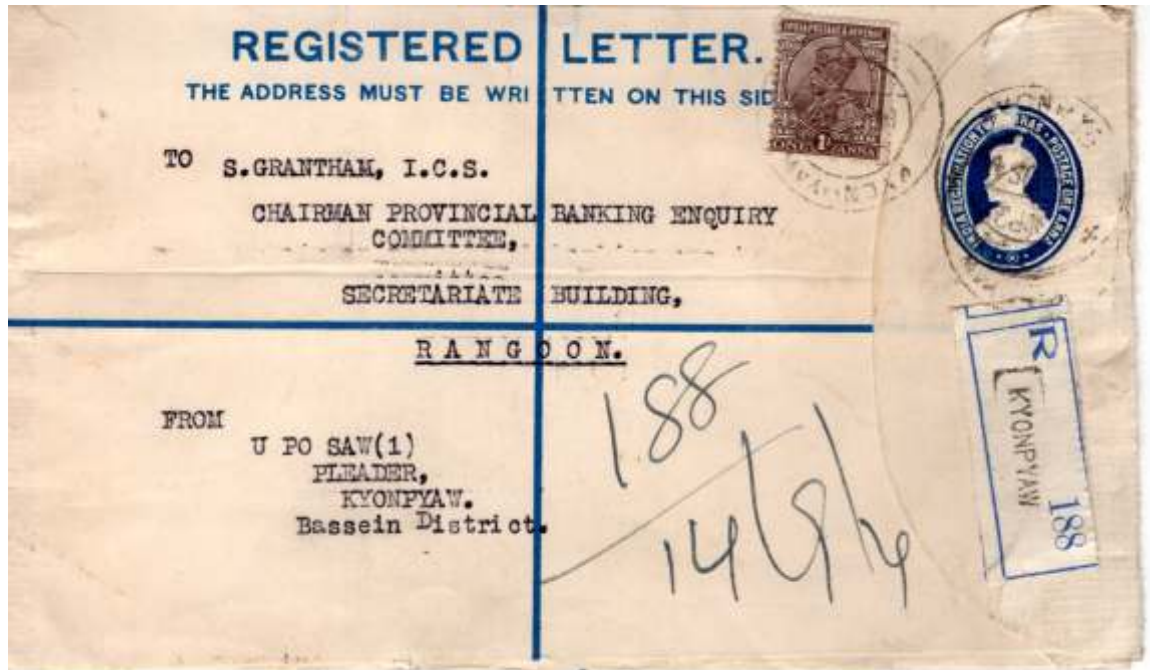


Series	40.32
Size(F)	33 x 13 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1928~1930
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

This letter was posted from Jumma Masjid (05/05/1928) to Secunderabad

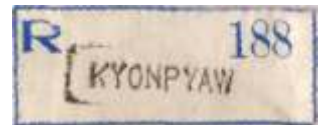
PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.26 - San Serif Numeral.
India Used Abroad - Burma - Kyonpyaw P.O.



This cover originated from Kyonpyaw 14/09/1929 to Rangoon 16/09/1929.

SERIES 40.24 - San Serif Numeral.



Series	40.26
Size(F)	42 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1929
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

Series	40.24
Size(F)	44 x 17 mm
Size(T)	6 mm
Year	1922
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink



This cover originated to Phalodi 18/08/1924.

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.20 - Large size Sans serified 'R', with small serified numbers.



This cover originated from Talcher (14.2.1922)



Series	40.28
Size(F)	44 x 17 mm
Size(T)	6 mm
Year	1922
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

SERIES 44.22 - Small serpentine 'R' with serified numbers.



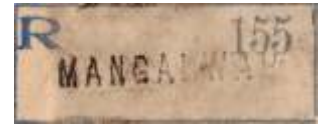
Series	40.22
Size(F)	43 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1922
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink



This letter was registered at at Morvi (4.2.1922)

PRE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD

SERIES 40.26 - Straight serifed 'R'; with thin sharp numbers.



Series	40.26
Size(F)	43 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1925
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

This letter originated from Mangalwarpeth (23.6.1925)

SERIES 40.70 - 'R' and the numbers of equal height.



Series	40.70
Size(F)	43 x 17 mm
Size(T)	5 mm
Year	1948
Perf.	Imperf.
Ink Colour	Blue Ink

This letter was registered from Kapadgunj (18.12.1948)