

# WHAT'S NEW IN INDIA

Dr Gandhi's article on the reorganisation and demise of the railway mail service reminds us how little is known about this service, especially since independence. This, now, it is the time to put what we have on record.

Chris Bartlett has been tracing the early history of mail by rail in India, and Chris Haines has located in the early codes describing these sections of each code from records held in London in the India Office Library, London. Little seems to be recorded since independence except lists of RMS offices, which were static, at the railway station. I do know that Chris Haines on [chris\\_haines@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:chris_haines@blueyonder.co.uk) would welcome any records that members might have of postindependence covers bearing code marks where these can be identified with it a particular section of the cover's journey. Just the start you off, here are some of the division codes that were recorded by the 1966 postal manual and will be found on date stamps of the period.



Divisions 1966	Circle	Head Record Office
AG	Andhra Circle	Guntakal
Y	Andhra Circle	Vijayawada
Z	Andhra Circle	Hyderabad
S	Assam	Silchar
C	Bihar	Gaya
P	Bihar	Patna
U	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
Delhi Sorting and Air Mail	Delhi	Delhi
RJ	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
W	Gujarat	Baroda
EK	Kerala	Ernakulum
MP	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
JB	Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
Madras Sorting	Madras	"Madras Sorting Dn, Madras-3"
M	Madras	"M Dn, Madras-10"
T	Madras	Tiruchy
Bombay Sorting	Maharashtra	
B	Maharashtra	Poona
F	Maharashtra	Nagpur
Q	Mysore	Bangalore
N	Orissa	Cuttack
D	Punjab	New Delhi
I	Punjab	Ambala
J	Rajasthan	Ajmer
A	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad
G	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur
O	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
X	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi
Calcutta RMS	West Bengal	Calcutta
WB	West Bengal	'WB' Division

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but where was it cancelled?