

Stationery Surcharge (1983) of 5p on Postal Stationery

Short Description :

A study of Diversity & range of handstamps used for the surcharge on covers across India.

Introduction :

With effect from 1.3.1983, Stationery Charge was introduced on the Postal Stationery Envelope by the Dept. of Post.

Each Postmaster's were authorised to apply a rubber stamp impression for collecting this surcharge. This study covers this period from 1.3.1983 to 1.1.1987

The basic Postage rate for the envelope was 50p for the first 10gms and 5p for the Stationery charge was levied during the Period.

Origin:

The ministry of Information & Brought Casting introduced a new regulation in the proposals of the supplementary budget for the year 1982-83 for collecting a nominal fee of 5paise as the cost of embossed postal envelopes. (without raising the basic postal rate, which stood at 50p). It was enforced wef 1.3.1983



(5p Surcharge in Manuscript. Under the authority Sub-Post Master seal)

Exhibit Plan : Presentation of Hand Stamps adopted in various regions at India.

Including (HS) various styles, Shapes & languages namely English/ Hindi/ Gujarati or Bi-lingual or Tri-lingual

Includes : Plain envelopes issued & sold by the Postal Department during period of shortage in Southern India.

Highlight : Un common items are framed in Blue, scarce items in Red

Period : 1.3.1983-1.1.1987

(from 1.1.1987 the surcharge was revised from 5p to 10p)

Original Research : Indicated by this symbol (in Red.) △

References : 1. Postal circulars

(DG P&T New Delhi letter No 1/3/83-R Dated 21/2/1983)

2. India Post, Articles by Author

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Confusion on the Postal Rate

1. View Point A: Is the Postal rate 45p.?



Classification Index	
City	Ambajogai
PIN	431122
Dist.	Beed
State	Maharashtra

Postage Paid	45p.
Envelope Cost	5p.
Total Cost Collected	50p.

The Postal rate of Envelope was 50p for the first 10g.
 The Envelope has passed with 5p underpaid without attracting Postage due.

2. View Point B : Is the Postal rate 55p.?



Classification Index		
Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 01	V- 12	P- 02
City	Pune	
PIN	411001	
State	Maharashtra	

Postage Paid	50p.+5p.=55p.
Stationery Charge Rubber Stamp	5p.
Total Charge Collected	60p.

3. View Point 3: Is this Stationery Surcharge to be paid only by adding a 5p stamp?

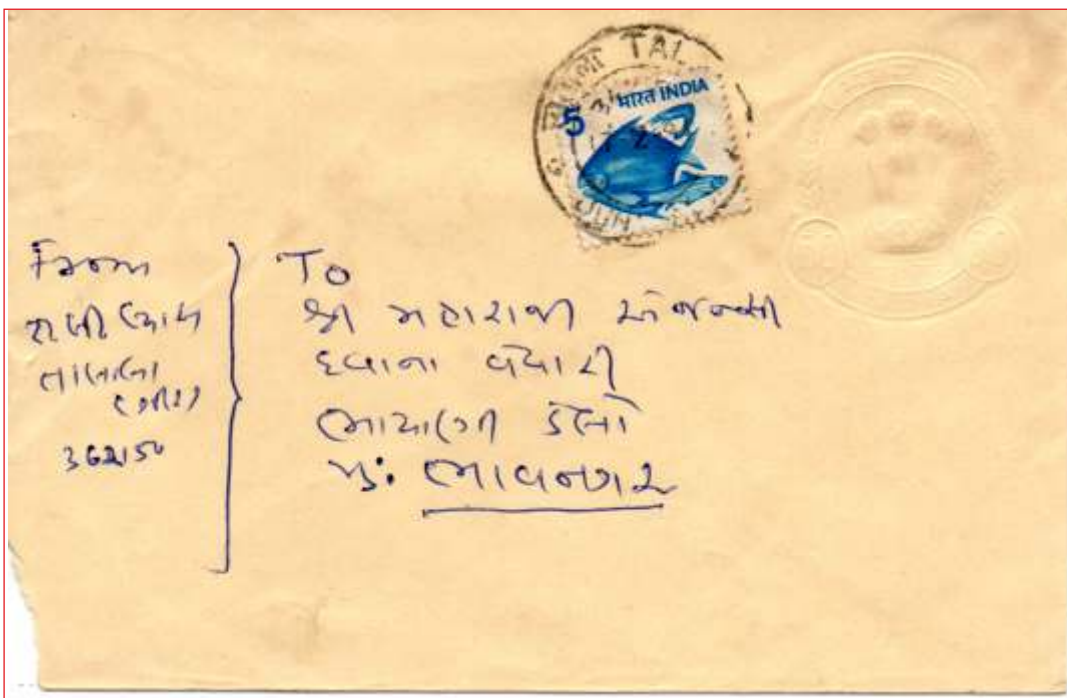


City	Pune
PIN	411044
State	Maharashtra

Postage	50p.
Surcharge	5p.
Total Cost Collected	55p.

Surcharge paid by additional 5p Stamp.

Albino Print : Deficient Pigmentation or lack of colour, due to omission of ink during printing

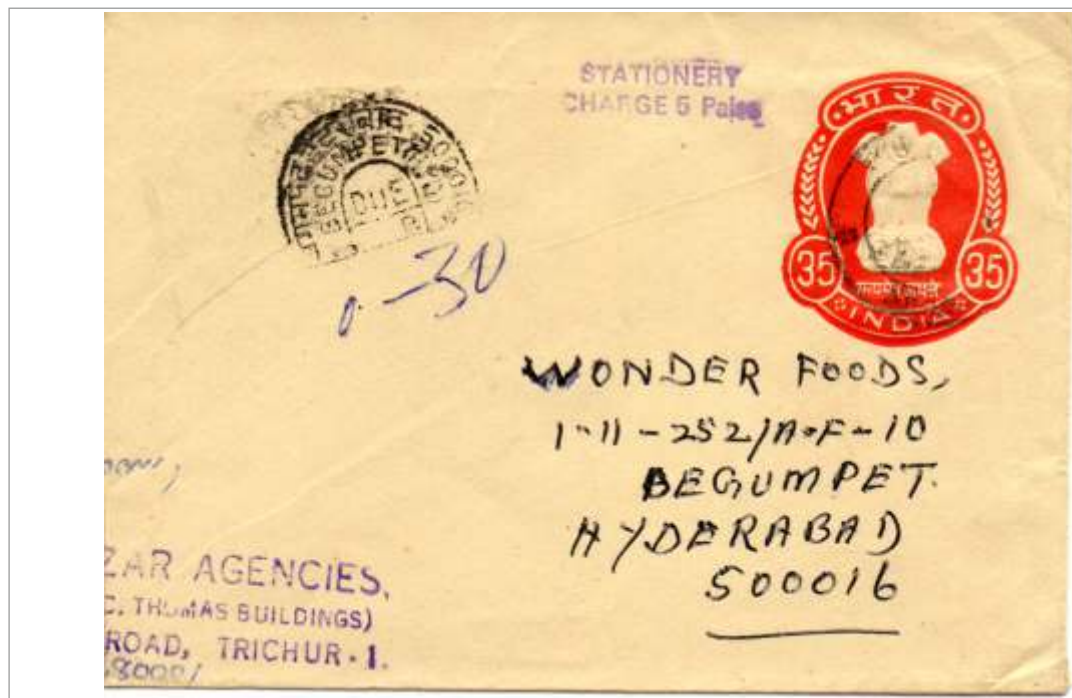


City	Junagadh
PIN	362150
State	Gujarat

A rare use of an albino print for the 55p. rate

Postage Due - An Anomaly

Old stocks of 35 paise envelopes were still in use at many post offices. Stationery Charge was also levied on these envelopes after affixing 15p. Postage stamps on them at source.



Keyword K- 01	Value V- 12	Money (P) P- 01
City	Trichur	
PIN	(680001)	
State	Kerala	

Postage	35p.
Surcharge	5p.
Total Cost Collected	(?)

"Missing" 15p stamp. Double this rate deficiency our 30p. charged

Standard Practise

The PO normally sells this envelope at 55p, (Postage 50p & Envelope cost 5p as indicated by Surcharge) .Where older stationery was available;
It was uprated with the difference in postage by prefixing additional postage stamp.



Keyword K- 01	Value V- 16	Money (P) P- 20
City	Jyotinagar(NTPC)	
PIN	(505215)	
State	AP	
Post Paid	35p	

In this case either the stamp has dropped or it was never affixed!
No Postage due was recored in this case

"Wordings" - In Hindi only.



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- H101	V-70	P-70
City	Agra	
PIN	238001	
State	Uttar Pradesh	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- H111	V-70	P-71
City	Satara (WAI)	
PIN	412803	
State	Maharashtra	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- H112	V-80	P-71
City	Udaipur	
PIN	313001	
State	Rajasthan	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- H112	V-12	P-71
City	Ajmere	
PIN	305001	
State	Rajasthan	

The Predominantly Hindi Speaking
Please had the hand stamps produced in Hindi language only

Group - (Bi Lingual) Hindi & English



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- B150	V-16	P-01
City	Seoni	
PIN	480661	
State	MP	



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- B150	V-11	P-01
City	Lucknow	
PIN	226001	
State	UP	



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- B	V-33	P-01
City	Nilampura(PO)	
PIN	390002	
State	Gujarat	

Some Cities, did produce in Bi-lingual language. Hindi & English, as was the preference of the local population.

Wordings - Gujarati

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- G101	V-82	P-81
City	Timbi	
PIN	362730	
State	Gujarat	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- G102	V-XX	P-82
City	Amreli	
PIN	364440	
State	Gujarat	

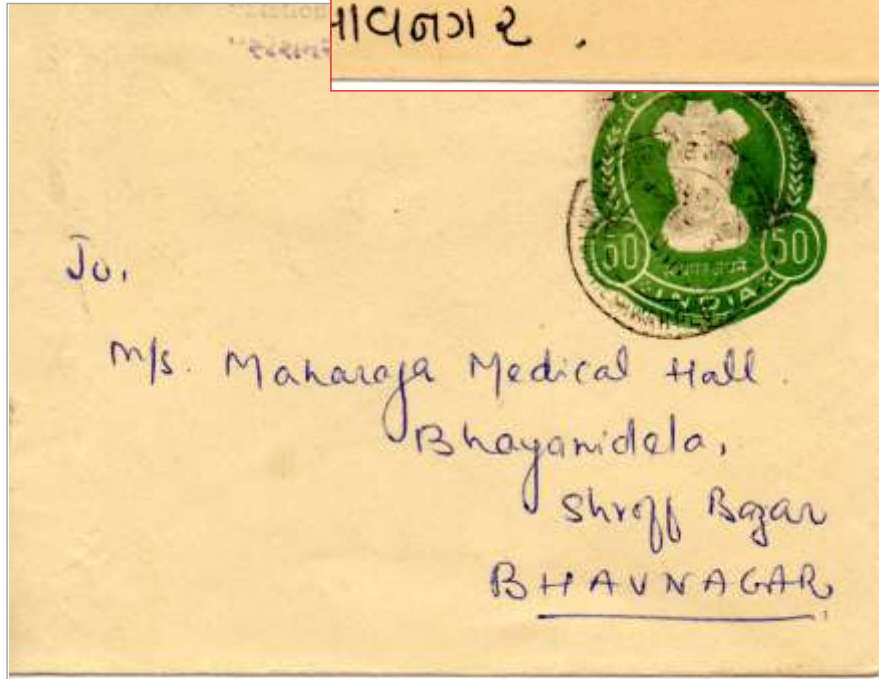
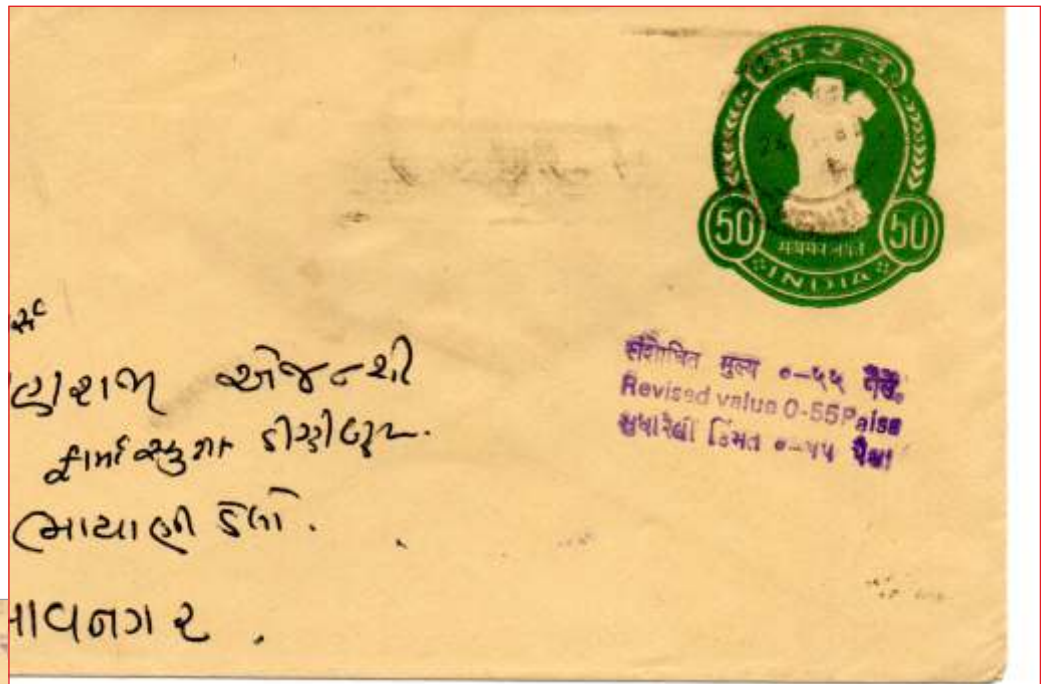


Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-G3	V-8	P-82
City	Amreli	
PIN	364440	
State	Gujarat	

“Gujarati” is found as the preferred language in certain towns of Gujarat.

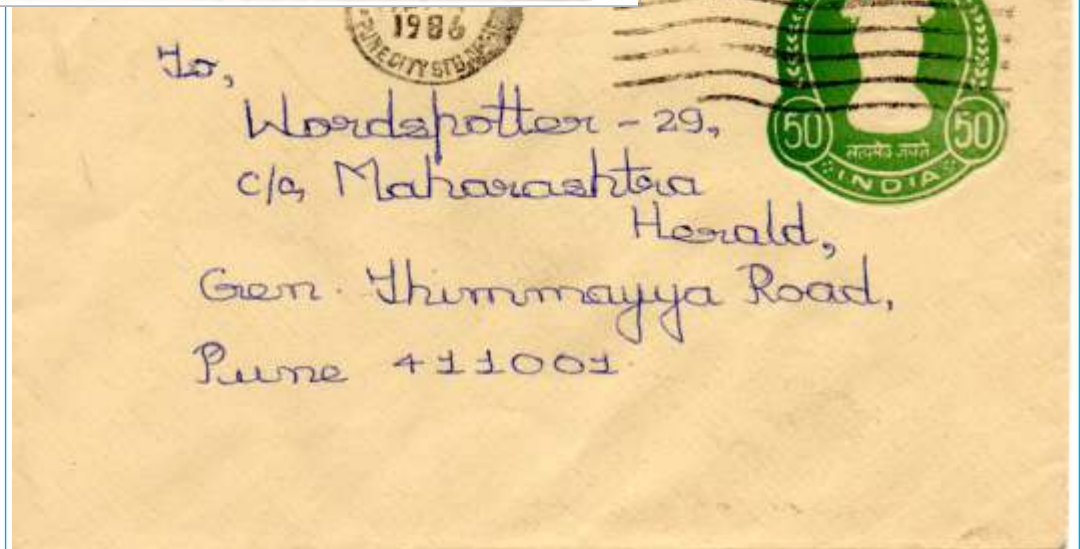
Group - Tri Lingual

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-F70	V-32	P-01
City	Mandvi	
PIN	370465	
State	Gujarat	
Tri-Lingual	1. Hindi 2. English 3. Gujarati	



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-F62	V-12	P-01
City	Bhavnagar	
PIN	364001	
State	Gujarat	
Bi-Lingual	1. English 2. Gujarati	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-F52	V-71	P-71
City	Pune city	
PIN	411001	
State	Maharashtra	
Wordings	Marathi	



This cover is in 'Marathi' HS from Heart land of Maharashtra.

Group - Only Value



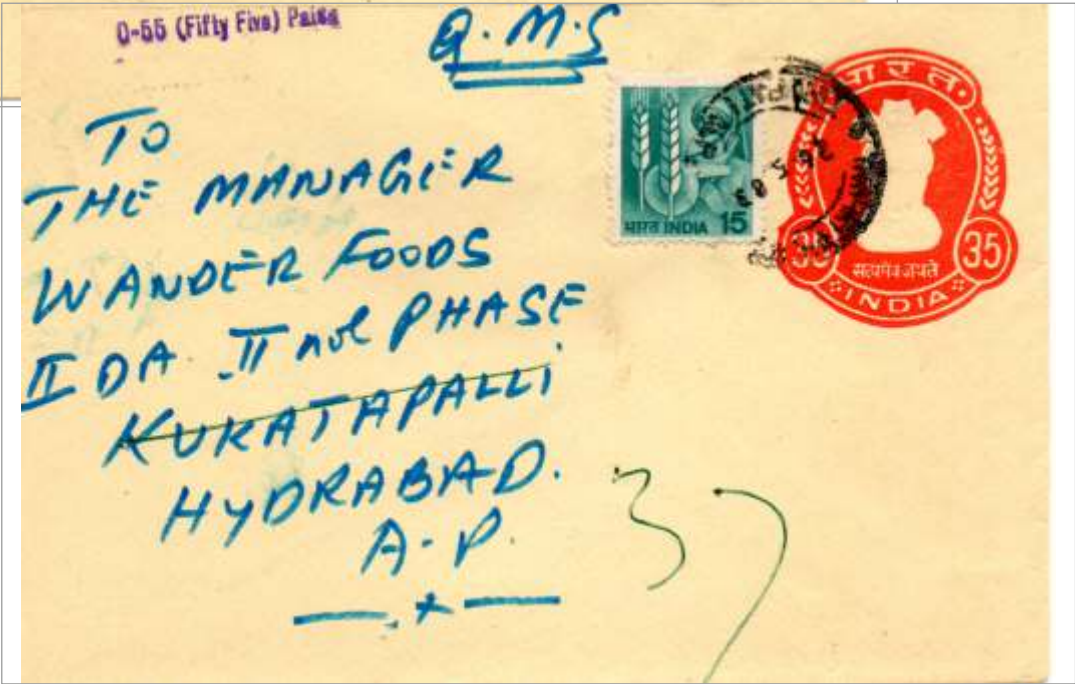
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K- XX	V- 16	P- 20
City	Bangalore	
PIN	566010	
State	Karnataka	
Circular	(Numerals & PS)	

Only Numerals



Numerals & Letters

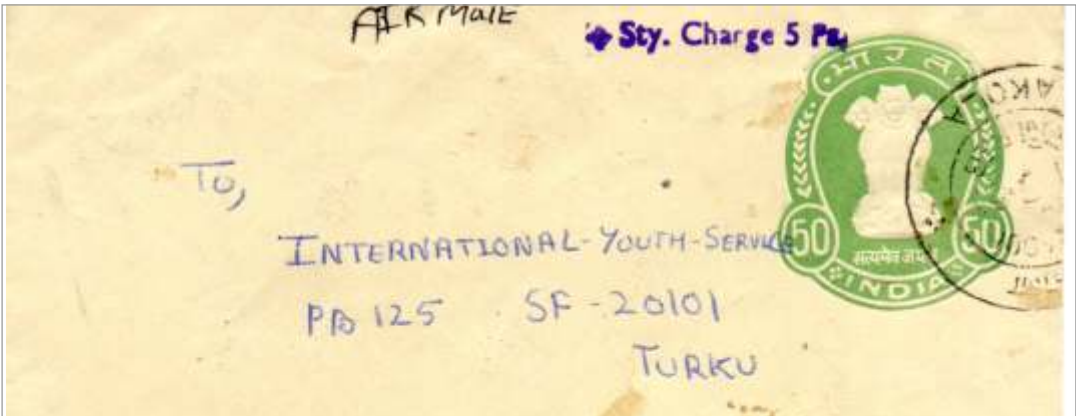
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City	Atghara	
PIN	340070	
State	Gujarat	
Only Numerals		



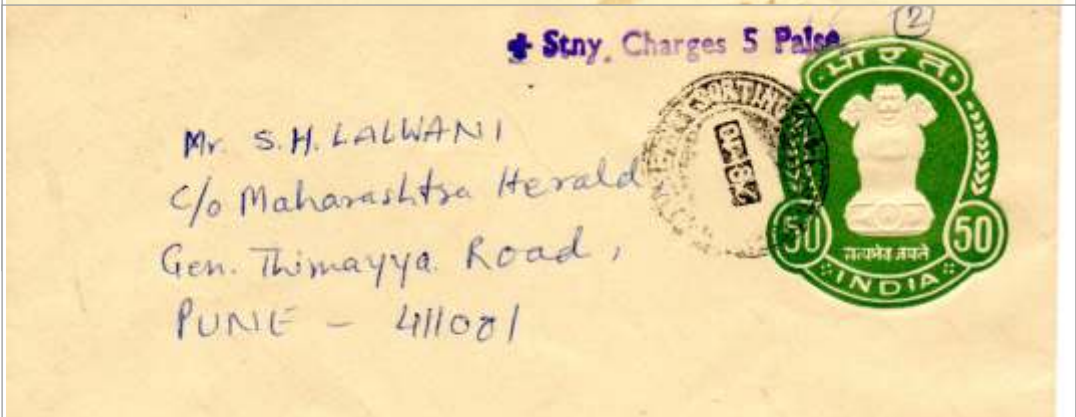
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City	Tirupati	
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State	AP	
No's in words & Figures		

Short & non descriptive method of HS for the Stationery Surcharge.

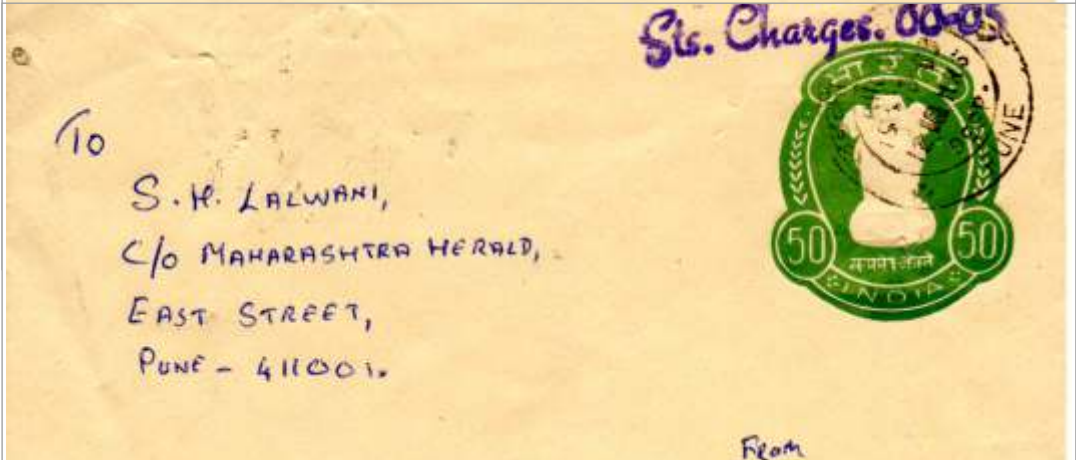
Group - English : Abbreviated wordings.



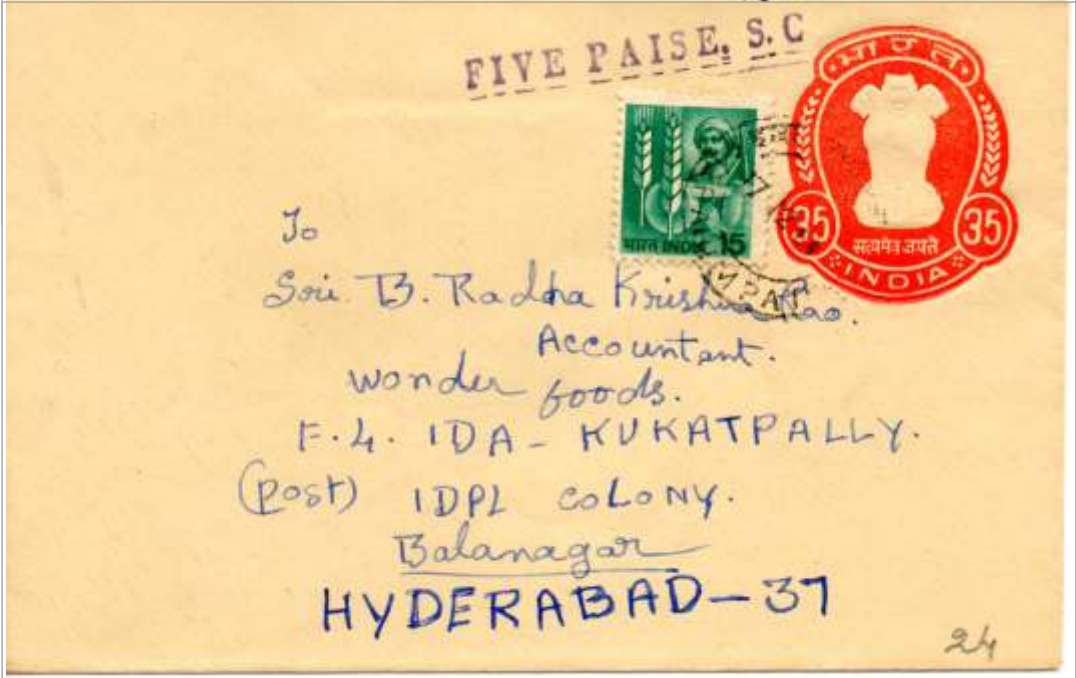
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K- 24	V- 12	P- 20
City	Akola	
PIN	444001	
State	Maharashtra	



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 22	V- 12	P- 01
City	Pune	
PIN	411013	
State	Maharashtra	

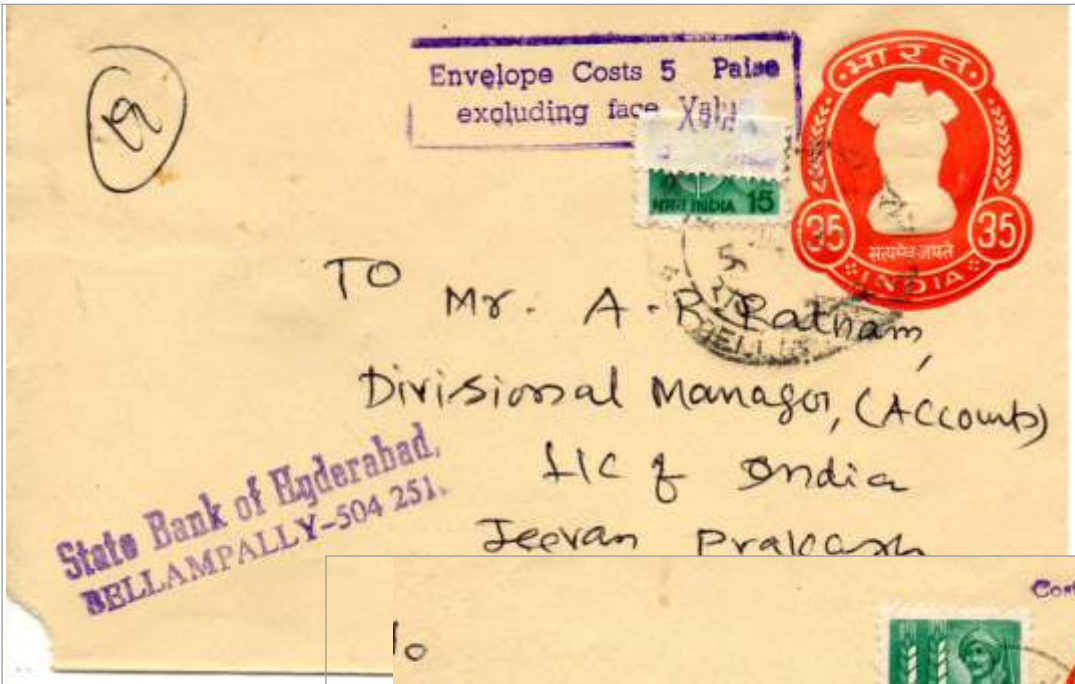


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K- 25	V- 17	P- XX
City	Pune	
PIN	411001	
State	Maharashtra	



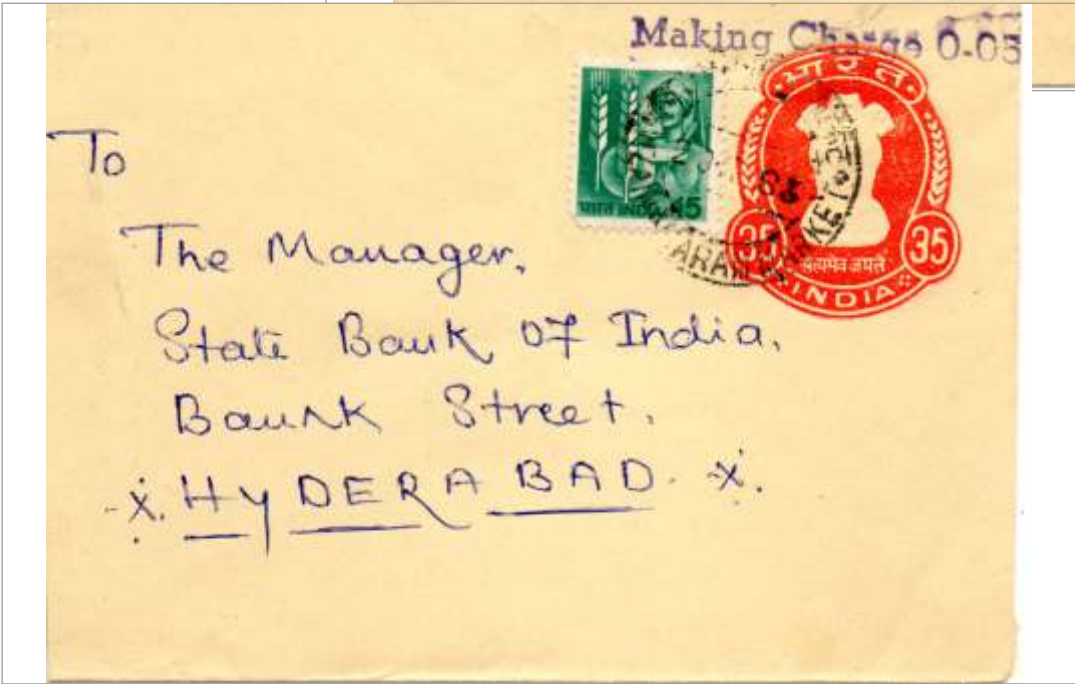
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K- 31	V- 05	P- 12
City	Rajampet	
PIN	516115	
State	AP	

Group : (English) - Descriptive text



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 97	V- 12	P- 01
City	Bellanipally	
PIN	504251	
State	AP	

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 61	V- 12	P- 01
City	Krishnagiri	
PIN	518225	
State	AP	



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 61	V- 16	P- XX
City	Vizianagaram	
PIN	535001	
State	AP	

Group - (English)-Spelling Errors

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Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-ER	V-12	P-20
City	Bobbili	
PIN	532558	
State	AP	



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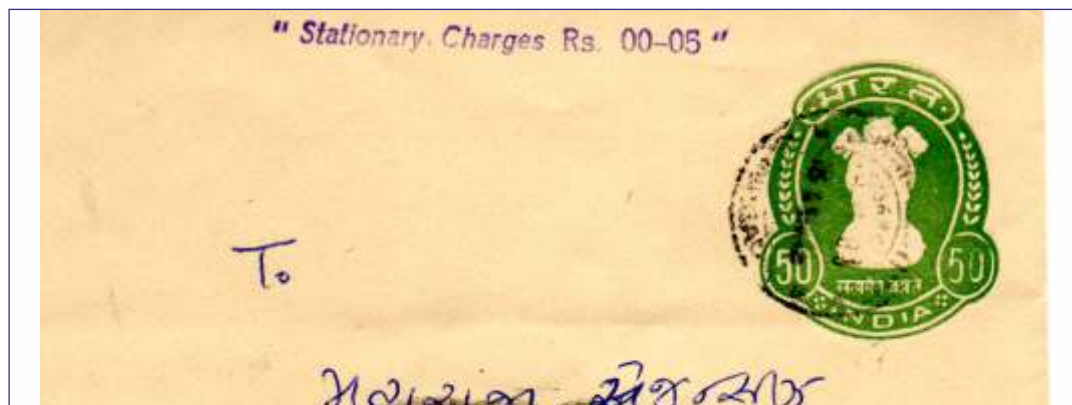
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K-ER	V-20	P-XX



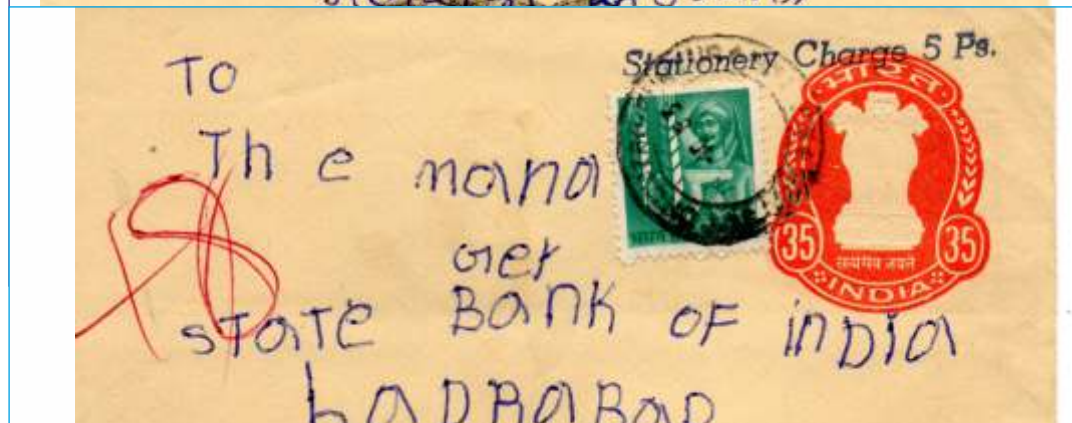
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Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K-ER	V- 41	P- 01
City	Chital	
PIN	364620	
State	Gujarat	
No's in words & Figures		

Ink colours used for this Surcharge



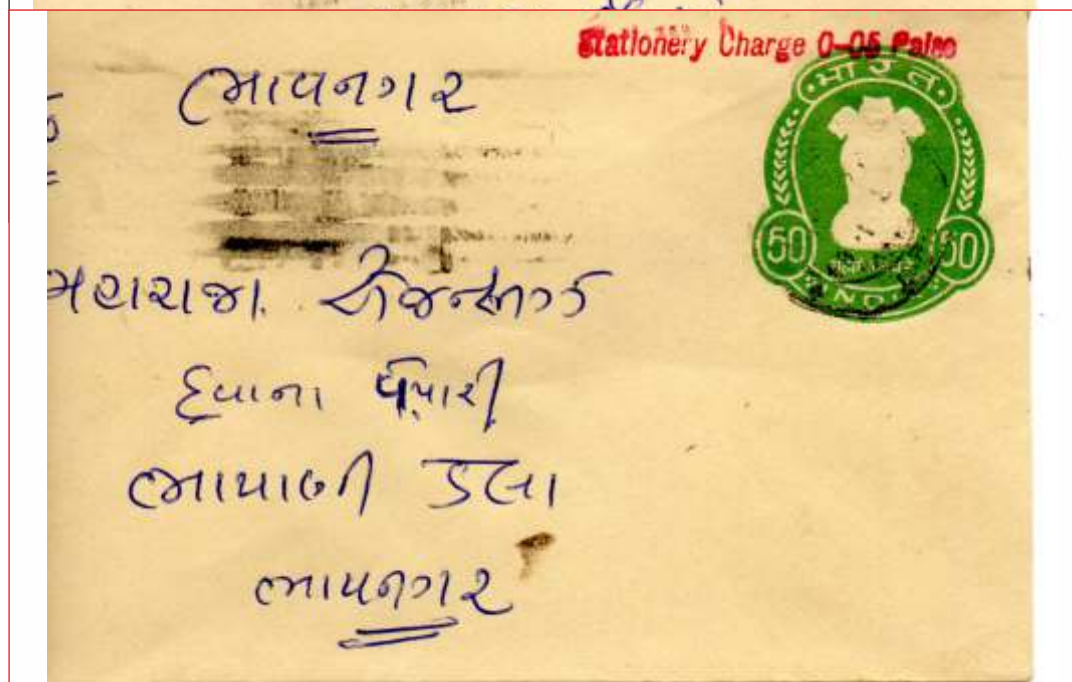
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K- 10	V- 23	P- XX
City	Bhavnagar	
PIN	364001	
State	Gujarat	
Ink	Voilet	



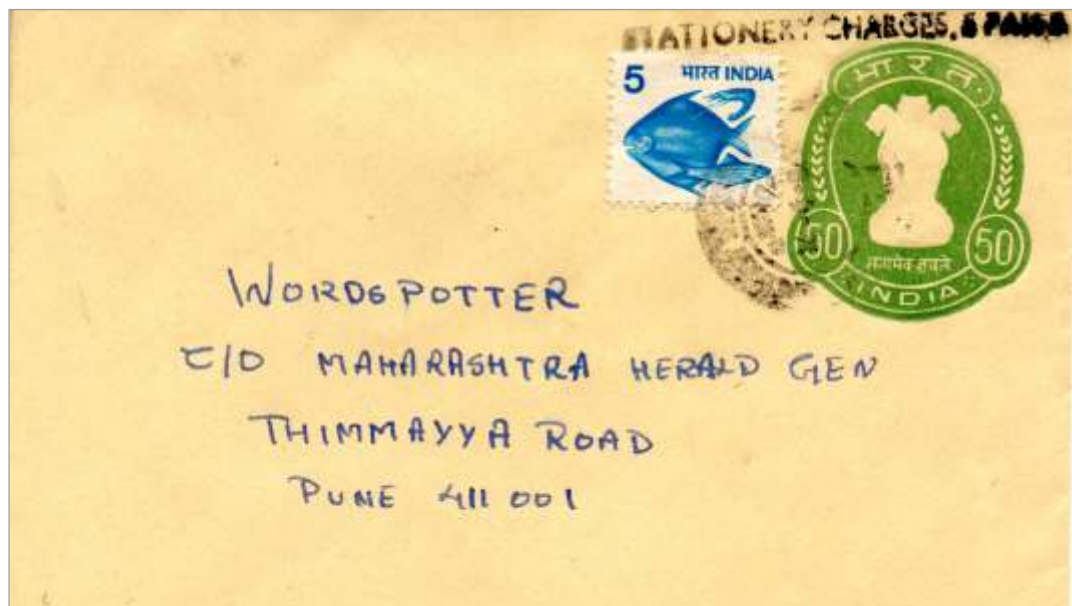
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K- 02	V- 12	P- 20
City	Ramchandrapuram	
PIN	533255	
State	AP	
Ink	Blue	



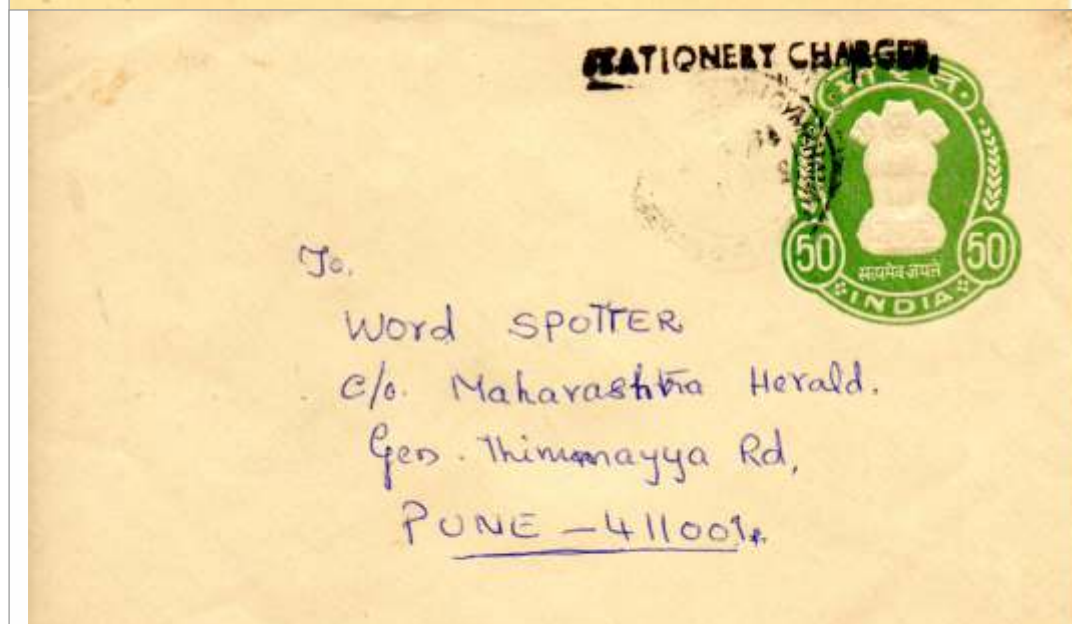
Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 02	V- 16	P- 01
City	Bhavnagar	
PIN	364001	
State	Gujarat	
Ink	Black	



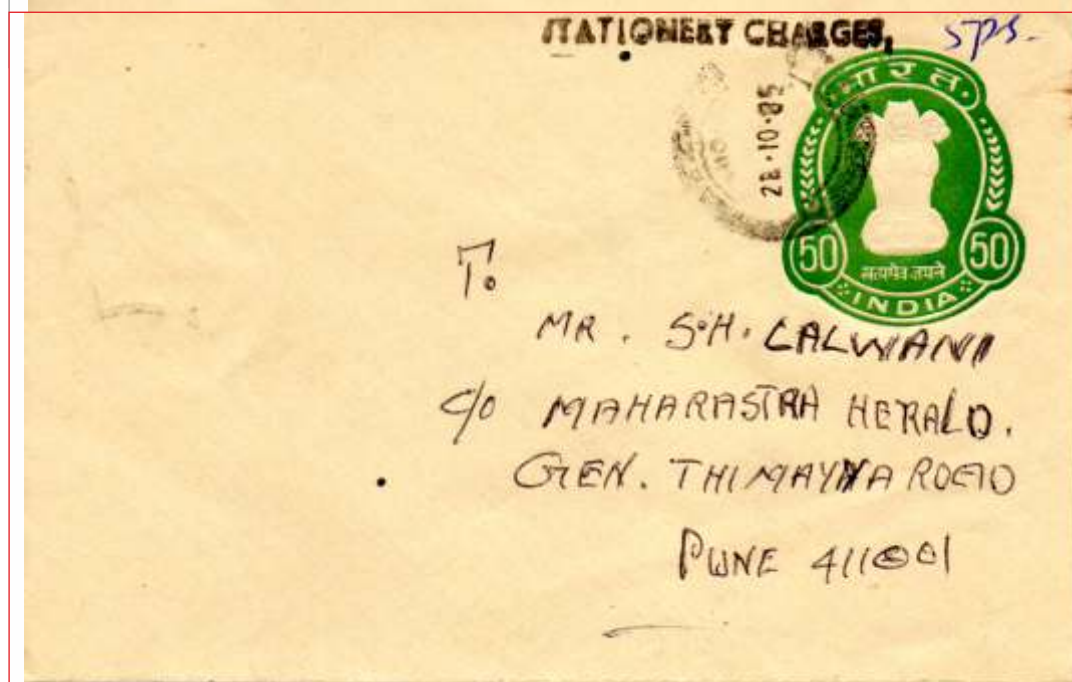
Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 02	V- 16	P- 01
City	Bhavnagar	
PIN	364001	
State	Gujarat	
Ink	Red	

Progressive deterioration of Rubber Stamp (\triangle)

Stage I (1983)
Full
(With add 5p. stamp?)
(55p) Postage rates used.



Stage II (1984)
2. '5p' dropped
Damaged
Rubber Stamps



Stage III (1985)
3. '5p' written in
Manuscript in this
missing portion

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 01	V-12	P- 02
City	Pune	
PIN	411001	
State	Maharashtra	

Usage of formula cover (from same PO).



Postal Cover

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 35	V- 12	P- 31
City	Udupi	
PIN	576101	
State	Karnataka	

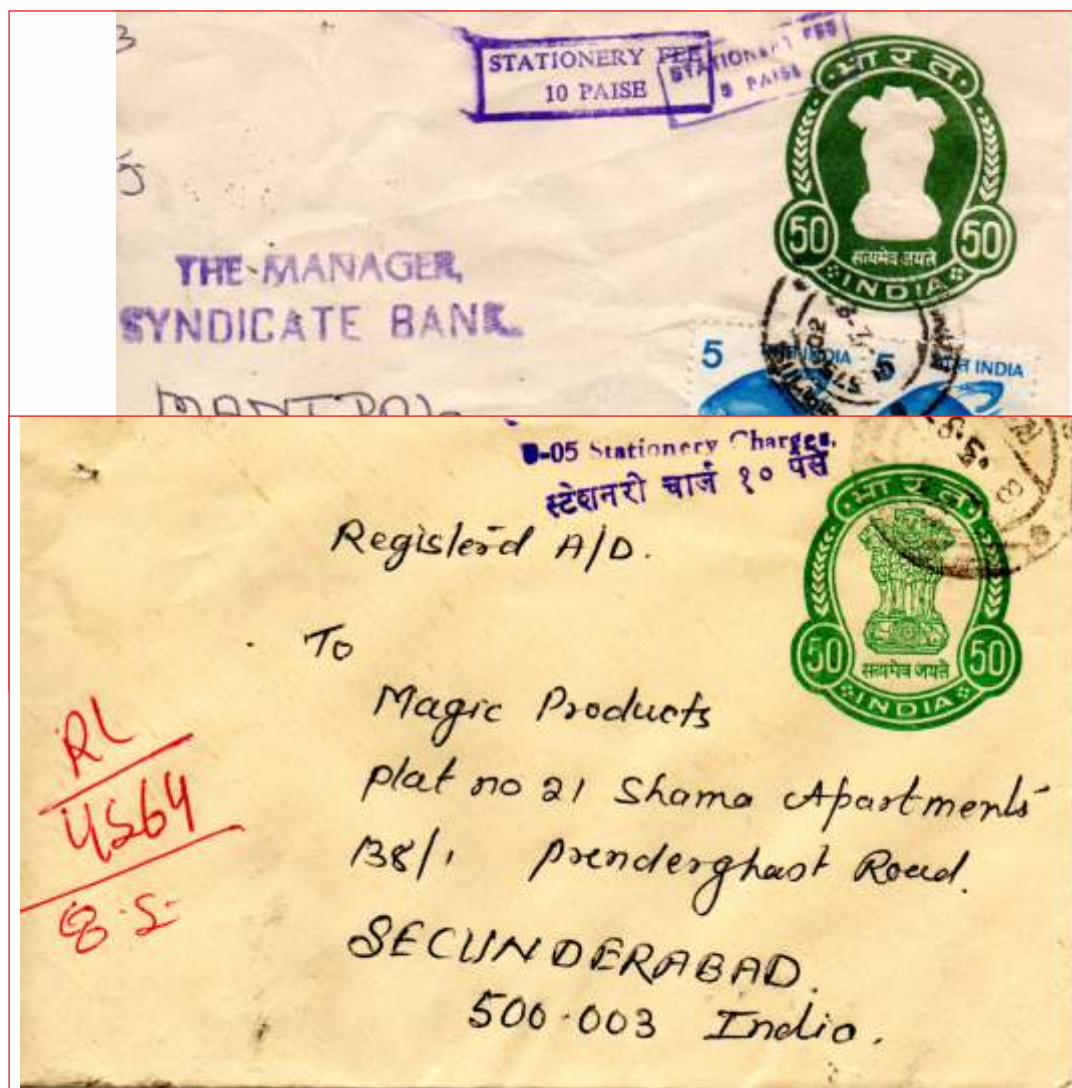


Formula Cover

1983, Due to the acute shortage of 50p. postal stationery envelopes, particularly in Karnataka, the Post Masters of all the Head Post Offices were authorized to buy locally 50p. postage stamp affixed on them with a rubber stamp impression for Stationery Surcharge.(△)

End of Surcharge - 5p.

(w.e.f 1.1.1987 the Postal Stationery Surcharge was revised from 5p. to 10p.
The remainder stock was revised and hand stamped again with 10p.



Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 06	V- 12	P- 02
City	Kadri	
PIN	575002	
State	Karnataka	

Same Terminology style
used for 5p & 10p
Surcharge

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 01	V- 16	P- XX
City	Raipur	
PIN	462038	
State	MP	

5p. Surcharge was
in English
Revised to Hindi
Variant in 1987

Perpetual style

Keyword	Value	Money (P)
K- 98	V- XX	P- XX
City	Eluru	
PIN	534006	
State	AP	
(F31)		

Unknown value of
amount collected