

Finance Act, 2002

Section 156 - Amendment of Act

In the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 (6 of 1898), with effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint, for the First Schedule, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:--

"THE FIRST SCHEDULE

(See section 7)

INLAND POSTAGE RATES

Letters

For a weight not exceeding twenty grams Rs. 5.00

For every twenty grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding twenty grams Rs. 5.00

Letter-cards

For a letter-card Rs.2.50.

Post cards

Post cards (not being post cards containing printed communication, competition post cards or Meghdoot post cards)

Single 50 paise

Reply Re. 1.00.

Meghdoot post cards

Post cards containing printed advertisement on the address side (not being post cards containing printed communication or competition post cards)

For a Meghdoot post card 25 paise.

Printed post cards

Post cards containing printed communication (not being competition post cards or Meghdoot post cards)

For a post card Rs. 6.00.

Explanation.-- A post card shall be deemed to contain a printed communication, if any matter (except the name and address of, and other particulars relating to, the sender and the place and date of despatch) is recorded by printing or by cyclostyling or by any other mechanical process, not being typewriting, on any part of the post card except the right hand half of the address-side thereof.

Competition post cards

For a post card Rs.10.00

Explanation.-- post card shall be deemed to be a competition post card if it is used in response to any competition organised on or through television, radio, newspaper, magazine or any other media.

Book, pattern and sample packets

For the first fifty grams or fraction thereof Rs. 4.00

For every additional fifty grams, or fraction thereof, in excess of fifty grams Rs. 3.00

Registered newspapers

For a weight not exceeding fifty grams 25 paise

For a weight exceeding fifty grams but not exceeding one hundred grams 50 paise

For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, 20 paise exceeding one hundred grams

In the case of more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the same packet--
for a weight not exceeding one hundred grams 50 paise

for every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding one hundred grams 20 paise

Provided that such packet shall not be delivered at any addressee's residence but shall be given to a recognised agent at the Post Office.

Parcels

For a weight not exceeding five hundred grams Rs. 19.00

For every five hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding five hundred grams Rs. 16.00".
