

**Finance Act, 2002**

**Section 156 - AMENDMENT OF ACT 6 OF 1898 In the Indian Post Office Act, 1898, with effect from such date as the Central Government**

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 Postcards Postcards (not being postcards containing printed communication, competition postcards or Meghdoot postcards) Single 50 paise Reply Re 1.00 Meghdoot Postcards Postcards containing printed advertisement on the address side (not being postcards containing printed communication or competition postcards) For a Meghdoot postcard 25 paise Printed Postcards Postcards containing printed communication (not being competition postcards or Meghdoot postcards) For a postcard Rs. 6.00 Explanation .-A postcard 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 pan of the postcard except the right hand half of the address-side thereof. Competition Postcards For a postcard Rs. 10.00 Explanation.-A postcard shall be deemed to be a competition postcard if it is used in response to any competition organised on or through television, radio, newspapers, 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, exceeding one hundred grams 20 paise 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."