

23. Post and Telecommunications

This section presents operating and financial data relating to the different branches of the Posts Department, including the Post Office Savings Banks. This comprises of statistics on the number of offices as well as the volume of traffic handled by those offices which can be used to study the growth of traffic with the expansion of facilities and vice versa. For details, Annual Report and the Statistical Digest published by the Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications may be seen.

Table 23.1

This table provides the general all India statistics of post offices, namely, number of post offices, letter boxes, postal articles, money orders etc. This table also provides data regarding the total strength of establishments and length of railways, roads etc. over which the mail was carried.

Table 23.2

This table presents estimated number of postcards, letters, newspapers, parcels and packets handled by the post offices. The table also presents the actual number of registered, insured and value payable articles. In the case of unregistered postal traffic, it is not possible to maintain day-to-day statistics of the actual number of articles handled by the post offices. The number of unregistered articles is, therefore, estimated from a count of articles in all post offices in India taken during the week in February (representing busy season) and week in August (representing slack season).

Table 23.3

This table, in addition to all India totals for earlier years, presents circle-wise information for latest year regarding number of post offices, letter boxes, postal articles etc.

Table 23.4

This table provides circle-wise and all India information regarding number and amount of money orders issued and paid. The data for Indian and foreign money orders are shown separately.

Table 23.5

This table presents number of post office savings banks, number of depositors and amount deposited and withdrawn.

Table 23.6

This table provides data regarding receipts and expenditure of Post Offices by heads. Receipts under postage including both sale of stamps and postage paid in cash, i.e., (i) postage prepaid in cash in post offices, (ii) credits afforded in the schedule of customs duty on account of postal redirection fees and insurance fees realised on delivery of inward foreign parcels, (iii) charges for resetting franking machines, and (iv) cash realised for unpaid or insufficiently paid postal articles.

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Table 23.1-GENERAL STATISTICS OF POST OFFICES

Particular	Unit	1990-91	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Post offices	no.	148719	154551	154919	155295	155618	155669	155516
2. Letter boxes(permanent)	no.	520074	581289	595286	588996	590952	597149	584006
3. Total strength of establishments (1)	no.	591968	603950	593878	579694	565922	549285	540334
4. Length of railways, roads, etc. over which the mails are carried	km.	1493859	3381627	4059305	4089635	28014467	28952432	28546664
5. No. of postal articles handled (excluding money orders)	crore	1468	1578	1420	1103	909	864	736
6. No. of inland money orders issued (;	'000 no.	105758	113728	109522	112180	105028	99302	101598
7. No. of value payable articles sent	'000 no.	7681	9145	9242	9286	8100	6967	6185

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT

(1) Inclusive of audit and accounts establishments.

(2) Data relate to ordinary and telegraphic inland money orders issued.

Table 23.2- ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POSTCARDS, LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, PARCELS AND PACKETS HANDLED

('000)

Particular	1990-91	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Postcards	3636593	4147520	4005750	3441240	2508570	2028460	2198053	1898428
2. Letters	8724894	9428365	9631246	8650076	6948903	5799327	5307536	4271366
Paid and service (1)	8236574	8907430	9134540	8198300	6573390	5436990	4944740	4093094
Unpaid (2)	200557	291390	259500	240530	189340	182770	185709	.
Registered	276279	217109	223812	198346	173520	167787	165076	166844
Insured	6031	7103	7308	6948	6923	7126	8113	7952
Value payable	5453	5333	6086	5952	5730	4654	3898	3476
3. Newspapers	924313	992920	932390	907000	622300	524920	463305	466128
4. Parcels	183958	300469	234444	371129	277766	153901	111679	109068
Registered								
Ordinary	18498	32055	32354	27433	24490	23371	22009	23363
Insured	2320	3323	3321	3226	3000	2834	3074	2738
Value payable	2228	3301	3059	3290	3556	3446	3069	2709
Unregistered	160912	261790	195710	337180	246720	124250	83527	80258
5. Packets	1213570	897210	977791	833830	673130	587462	554664	615368
Grand Total (1 to 5)	14683328	15766484	15781621	14203284	11030675	9094070	8635237	7360358

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT

(1) Including letter cards.

(2) Includes insufficiently paid.

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Table 23.3- NUMBER OF POST OFFICES, LETTER BOXES AND POSTAL ARTICLES
(Excluding Money Orders)

Year/Circle	Number of		Distance over which mails carried (km.)	Estimated number of postal articles handled (excluding money orders) ('000)
	Post offices	Letter boxes		
1	2	3	4	5
1990-91	148719	520074	1493859	14683328
1996-97	153021	558659	1960618	15096482
1997-98	153454	561868	2602801	15749301
1998-99	154149	567671	2730598	15766484
1999-00	154551	581289	3381627	15781621
2000-01	154919	595286	4059305	14203275
2001-02	155295	588996	4089635	11030675
2002-03	155618	590952	28014467	9094070
2003-04	155669	597149	28952432	8635237
2004-05	155516	584006	28546664	7360358
2004-05				
Circle				
Andhra Pradesh	16191	52952	1782940	735711
Assam	4006	17423	645149	285472
Bihar (8)	12103	37518	537151	287071
Delhi	577	3360	3466280	210413
Gujarat (1)	8985	28513	1449949	581727
Haryana	2649	8945	49101	802171
Himachal Pradesh	2780	7646	186603	64385
Jammu & Kashmir	1690	4796	126248	41547
Karnataka	9877	34136	1277850	366075
Kerala (2)	5082	20139	2619335	866495
Madhya Pradesh (9)	11470	37828	855593	270007
Maharashtra (3)	12961	51661	5336442	933028
North Eastern (4)	2944	6472	720985	147980
Orissa	8161	26532	159360	204333
Punjab (5)	3960	15300	540411	228861
Rajasthan	10442	29180	544009	215155
Tamil Nadu (6)	12196	59825	4407667	826620
Uttar Pradesh (10)	20379	101519	1338870	608109
West Bengal (7)	9063	40261	2502721	405198

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT

- (1) Including Daman, Diu and Dadar & Nagar Haveli.
(2) Including Lakshadweep.
(3) Including Goa.
(4) Including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura.
(5) Including Chandigarh.
(6) Including Pondicherry and Mahe.
(7) Including Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
(8) Including Jharkhand.
(9) Including Chhattisgarh.
(10) Including Uttaranchal.

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Table 23.4- TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF MONEY ORDERS

Year/Circle	Indian Money Orders issued in India		Foreign Money Orders issued & paid in India			
	Number issued ('000)	Amount issued (Rs.'000)	Number		Amount (Rs.'000)	
			Issued	Paid	Issued	Paid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1990-91	105758	29371885	41	80301	19	156532
1996-97	111605	41007720	-	2245	-	2901
1997-98	110774	44653790	-	2458	-	3374
1998-99	109094	48298612	-	2657	-	3853
1999-00	113728	57079416	7003	47818	7228	191044
2000-01	109552	58518401	5223	45921	6183	194718
2001-02	112180	61882573	105812	52225	17921	1034645
2002-03	105028	86500040	6769	54133	65427	280698
2003-04	99302	68750244	4611	35663	183664	279264
2004-05	101598	70521651	323792	-	-	-
2004-05						
Andhra Pradesh	4640	3476456	83744	-	-	-
Assam	2228	1099616	-	-	-	-
Base	1343	803539	-	-	-	-
Bihar(8)	645	3580461	-	-	-	-
Chhattishgarh	736	1305910	51283	-	-	-
Delhi	2783	2837760	6929	-	-	-
Gujarat (1)	3890	4234454	-	-	-	-
Haryana	1191	1710002	-	-	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	1036	1025549	-	-	-	-
Jharkhand	603	639584	-	-	-	-
Jammu & Kashmir	385	939435	823	-	-	-
Karnataka	19131	5576855	-	-	-	-
Kerala (2)	5830	5986272	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh(9)	957	922386	2141	-	-	-
Maharashtra (3)	8788	12257744	153321	-	-	-
North Eastern (4)	2365	1152058	25551	-	-	-
Orissa	2040	1076158	-	-	-	-
Punjab (5)	2451	3166391	-	-	-	-
Rajasthan	4239	2377023	-	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu (6)	22483	9296428	-	-	-	-
Uttaranchal Pradesh	843	917366	-	-	-	-
Uttar Pradesh(10)	5233	2669880	-	-	-	-
West Bengal (7)	7758	3470324	-	-	-	-

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT

For other footnotes, please see pre-page(the footnote mentioned in Table No.23.3).

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Table 23.5- NUMBER OF POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS, DEPOSITORS AND AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS

Particular	1990-91	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-2005
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No of banks at the end of the year (000')	146	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
No. of depositors (000')	64719	59011	59066	61116	60163	60594	56400	60321
Deposits (Rs.000)	51122504	105965461	111173846	122793155	140773355	176105413	219262673	254165500
Withdrawals (1) (Rs.000')	40076470	104300759	109721984	114277432	128623224	160616947	201526679	234831000
Balance of deposits	423219522	78331112	79782974	88298697	100448823	115937289	133673284	153007800

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT

(1) Exclusive of transfer transactions.

Table 23.6- RECEIPTS AND CHARGES OF THE POST OFFICES

(Rs.'000)

Head of receipt and charge	1990-91	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Receipts:								
1.Postage(stamps and casl	6294406	13109843	15794230	15042474	16815554	19201764	21067393	20864219
2.Service postage stamps	554048	1202907	1435705	1423260	1370310	782176	199963	93493
3.Money order receipts	1104601	2193965	2535534	2619695	2844627	3011034	3181336	3268944
4.Other receipts	492969	1016971	853696	14091100	16198315	17319237	18501308	20502242
Deduct:								
5.Net payments to other postal administration	37493	297989	417989	198448	257743	217746	380712	410424
6.Telegraph deptt. share of stamps	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7.Total-Receipts	8408531	17225697	20201176	32978081	36971063	40096465	42569288	44318474
8.Working expenses including contributions/appropriations to renewals reserve fund	13082592	43512861	47783999	49072852	51945986	54761498	57360613	59645370
9.Deduct credit to working expenses	2757561	10377491	11624577	597244	859812	1021065	1039100	1508448
10.Working expenses(Net)	10325031	33135370	36159422	48475608	51086174	53740433	56321513	58136922
11.Net receipts	-1916500	-15909673	-15958246	-15497527	-14115111	-13643968	-13752225	-13818448
12.Interest/dividend to general revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.Net revenue(+)/ Net expenditure(-)	-1916500	-15909673	-15958246	-15497527	-14115111	-13643968	-13752225	-13818448

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications & IT