

## Post and Telecommunications

This section presents operating and financial data relating to the different branches of the Department of Posts including the Post Office Savings Banks. It comprises statistics on the number of Post offices as well as the volume of traffic handled by them 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 20.1

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

### Table 20.2

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 letters or articles etc. 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 20.3

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 20.4

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 20.5

This table presents number of post office savings banks, number of depositors, amount deposited and withdrawn.

### Table 20.6

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.

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Table 20.1-GENERAL STATISTICS OF POST OFFICES

| Particular   | Unit     | 1990-91 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 | 2002-03  | 2003-04  | 2004-05  | 2005-06  |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1  | 2        | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6        | 7        | 8        | 9        |
| 1. Post offices  | no.      | 148719  | 154919  | 155295  | 155618   | 155669   | 155516   | 155333   |
| 2. Letter boxes(permanent)   | no.      | 520074  | 595286  | 588996  | 590952   | 597149   | 584006   | 601319   |
| 3. Total strength of establishments (1)                                | no.      | 591968  | 593878  | 579694  | 565922   | 549285   | 540334   | 520191   |
| 4. Length of railways, roads, etc.<br>over which the mails are carried | km.      | 1493859 | 4059305 | 4089635 | 28014467 | 28952432 | 28546664 | 27770350 |
| 5. No. of postal articles handled<br>(excluding money orders)          | crore    | 1468    | 1420    | 1103    | 909      | 864      | 736      | 670      |
| 6. No. of inland money orders issued (2)                               | '000 no. | 105758  | 109522  | 112180  | 105028   | 99302    | 101598   | 95790    |
| 7. No. of value payable articles sent                                  | '000 no. | 7681    | 9242    | 9286    | 8100     | 6967     | 6185     | 5185     |

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications &amp; IT

(1) Inclusive of audit and accounts establishments.

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

Table 20.2- ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POSTCARDS, LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, PARCELS AND PACKETS HANDLED

('000)

| Particular                  | 1990-91         | 1999-00         | 2000-01         | 2001-02         | 2002-03        | 2003-04        | 2004-05        | 2005-06        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1                           | 2               | 3               | 4               | 5               | 6              | 7              | 8              | 9              |
| 1. Postcards                | 3636593         | 4005750         | 3441240         | 2508570         | 2028460        | 2198053        | 1898428        | 1640033        |
| 2. Letters                  | 8724894         | 9631246         | 8650076         | 6948903         | 5799327        | 5307536        | 4271366        | 3725477        |
| Paid and service (1)        | 8236574         | 9134540         | 8198300         | 6573390         | 5436990        | 4944740        | 4093094        | 3552171        |
| Unpaid (2)                  | 200557          | 259500          | 240530          | 189340          | 182770         | 185709         | -              | -              |
| Registered                  | 276279          | 223812          | 198346          | 173520          | 167787         | 165076         | 166844         | 162935         |
| Insured                     | 6031            | 7308            | 6948            | 6923            | 7126           | 8113           | 7952           | 7689           |
| Value payable               | 5453            | 6086            | 5952            | 5730            | 4654           | 3898           | 3476           | 2682           |
| 3. Newspapers               | 924313          | 932390          | 907000          | 622300          | 524920         | 463305         | 466128         | 496933         |
| 4. Parcels                  | 183958          | 234444          | 371129          | 277766          | 153901         | 111679         | 109068         | 100490         |
| Registered                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                |                |
| Ordinary                    | 18498           | 32354           | 27433           | 24490           | 23371          | 22009          | 23363          | 23603          |
| Insured                     | 2320            | 3321            | 3226            | 3000            | 2834           | 3074           | 2738           | 2495           |
| Value payable               | 2228            | 3059            | 3290            | 3556            | 3446           | 3069           | 2709           | 2503           |
| Unregistered                | 160912          | 195710          | 337180          | 246720          | 124250         | 83527          | 80258          | 71889          |
| 5. Packets                  | 1213570         | 977791          | 833830          | 673130          | 587462         | 554664         | 615368         | 737780         |
| <b>Grand Total (1 to 5)</b> | <b>14683328</b> | <b>15781621</b> | <b>14203284</b> | <b>11030675</b> | <b>9094070</b> | <b>8635237</b> | <b>7360358</b> | <b>6700713</b> |

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications &amp; IT

(1) Including letter cards.

(2) Includes insufficiently paid.

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Table 20.3- 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  |
| 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   |
| 2005-06              | 155333       | 601319       | 27770350                                | 6700711   |
| <b>2005-06</b>       |              |              |   |   |
| <b>Circle</b>        |              |              |   |   |
| Andhra Pradesh       | 16177        | 50512        | 1666717                                 | 654719  |
| Assam                | 4006         | 18485        | 650684                                  | 194652  |
| Bihar ( 8 )          | 12103        | 37982        | 537151                                  | 251369  |
| Delhi                | 570          | 3383         | 3466280                                 | 226566  |
| Gujarat (1)          | 8971         | 28523        | 1447559                                 | 527180  |
| Haryana              | 2646         | 8950         | 55309                                   | 93475   |
| Himachal Pradesh     | 2778         | 7637         | 167172                                  | 53911   |
| Jammu & Kashmir      | 1690         | 4738         | 220385                                  | 33599   |
| Karnataka            | 9863         | 32684        | 1279516                                 | 385556  |
| Kerala (2)           | 5070         | 19840        | 1993517                                 | 799433  |
| Madhya Pradesh ( 9 ) | 11460        | 57994        | 855589                                  | 249344  |
| Maharashtra (3)      | 12883        | 53124        | 5232329                                 | 876459  |
| North Eastern (4)    | 2933         | 6451         | 719751                                  | 77200   |
| Orissa               | 8161         | 26698        | 149993                                  | 152991  |
| Punjab (5)           | 3952         | 15303        | 526433                                  | 245294  |
| Rajasthan            | 10418        | 29208        | 544032                                  | 210493  |
| Tamil Nadu (6)       | 12200        | 59989        | 4411053                                 | 772282  |
| Uttar Pradesh ( 10 ) | 20390        | 99553        | 1344267                                 | 485067  |
| West Bengal (7)      | 9062         | 40265        | 2502613                                 | 411121  |

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications &amp; IT

(1) Including Daman, Diu and Dadar &amp; 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 &amp; Nicobar Islands.

(8) Including Jharkhand.

(9) Including Chhattisgarh.

(10) Including Uttarakhand.

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Table 20.4- 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  |
| 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                                      | -     | -                | -       |
| 2005-06           | 95790                               | 71834293                | 13937                                       | 29059 | 252100           | 244700  |
| <b>2005-06</b>    |                                     |                         |   |       |                  |         |
| <b>Circle</b>     |                                     |                         |   |       |                  |         |
| Andhra Pradesh    | 4261                                | 3316854                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Assam             | 2088                                | 1037890                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Base              | 1457                                | 3933197                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Bihar(8)          | 1367                                | 1385125                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Delhi             | 2920                                | 2967855                 | 237   | -     | 24700            | -       |
| Gujarat (1)       | 4126                                | 4278677                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Haryana           | 1156                                | 1748213                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Himachal Pradesh  | 989                                 | 1080349                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Jammu & Kashmir   | 270                                 | 764703                  | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Karnataka         | 16236                               | 6089923                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Kerala (2)        | 5798                                | 6745900                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Madhya Pradesh(9) | 1605                                | 2308747                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Maharashtra (3)   | 8907                                | 12140261                | 12744                                       | 12794 | 92200            | 98100   |
| North Eastern (4) | 2120                                | 1050680                 | -   | 312   | -                | 100     |
| Orissa            | 2227                                | 1074562                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Punjab (5)        | 2476                                | 3047325                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Rajasthan         | 4263                                | 2635839                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| Tamil Nadu (6)    | 21191                               | 9055965                 | -   | 56    | 200              | 200     |
| Uttar Pradesh(10) | 5886                                | 3806199                 | -   | -     | -                | -       |
| West Bengal (7)   | 6449                                | 3366029                 | 956   | 15897 | 135000           | 146300  |

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For footnotes, please see pre-page(the footnote mentioned below Table No.20.3).

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Table 20.5- NUMBER OF POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS, DEPOSITORS AND AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS

| Particular                                | 1990-91   | 1999-00   | 2000-01   | 2001-02   | 2002-03   | 2003-04   | 2004-2005 | 2005-2006 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 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     | 59066     | 61116     | 60163     | 60594     | 56400     | 60321     | 61493     |
| Deposits (Rs.000')                        | 51122504  | 111173846 | 122793155 | 140773355 | 176105413 | 219262673 | 254165500 | 314322800 |
| Withdrawals (1) (Rs.000')                 | 40076470  | 109721984 | 114277432 | 128623224 | 160616947 | 201526679 | 234831000 | 299431000 |
| Balance of deposits                       | 423219522 | 79782974  | 88298697  | 100448823 | 115937289 | 133673284 | 153007800 | 167899600 |

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(1) Exclusive of transfer transactions.

Table 20.6- RECEIPTS AND CHARGES OF THE POST OFFICES

(Rs.'000)

| Head of receipt and charge   | 1990-91  | 1999-00   | 2000-01   | 2001-02   | 2002-03   | 2003-04   | 2004-05   | 2005-06   |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1  | 2        | 3         | 4         | 5         | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9         |
| <b>Receipts:</b>   |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 1.Postage(stamps and cash)   | 6294406  | 15794230  | 15042474  | 16815554  | 19201764  | 21067393  | 20864219  | 22070806  |
| 2.Service postage stamps   | 554048   | 1435705   | 1423260   | 1370310   | 782176    | 199963    | 93493     | 214707    |
| 3.Money order receipts   | 1104601  | 2535534   | 2619695   | 2844627   | 3011034   | 3181336   | 3268944   | 3341013   |
| 4.Other receipts   | 492969   | 853696    | 14091100  | 16198315  | 17319237  | 18501308  | 20502242  | 25223944  |
| <b>Deduct:</b>   |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| 5.Net payments to other postal administration                                      | 37493    | 417989    | 198448    | 257743    | 217746    | 380712    | 410424    | 615593    |
| 6.Telegraph deptt. share of stamps   | ..       | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        | ..        |
| 7.Total-Receipts   | 8408531  | 20201176  | 32978081  | 36971063  | 40096465  | 42569288  | 44318474  | 50234877  |
| 8.Working expenses including contributions/appropriations to renewals reserve fund | 13082592 | 47783999  | 49072852  | 51945986  | 54761498  | 57360613  | 59645370  | 64291502  |
| 9.Deduct credit to working expenses  | 2757561  | 11624577  | 597244    | 859812    | 1021065   | 1039089   | 1508448   | 1957818   |
| 10.Working expenses(Net)   | 10325031 | 36159422  | 48475608  | 51086174  | 53740433  | 56321524  | 58136922  | 62333684  |
| 11.Net receipts  | -1916500 | -15958246 | -15497527 | -14115111 | -13643968 | -13752236 | -13818448 | -12098807 |
| 12.Interest/dividend to general revenues   | -        | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         |
| 13.Net revenue(+)/ Net expenditure(-)  | -1916500 | -15958246 | -15497527 | -14115111 | -13643968 | -13752236 | -13818448 | -12098807 |

Source: Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications &amp; IT

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## NUMBER OF POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES

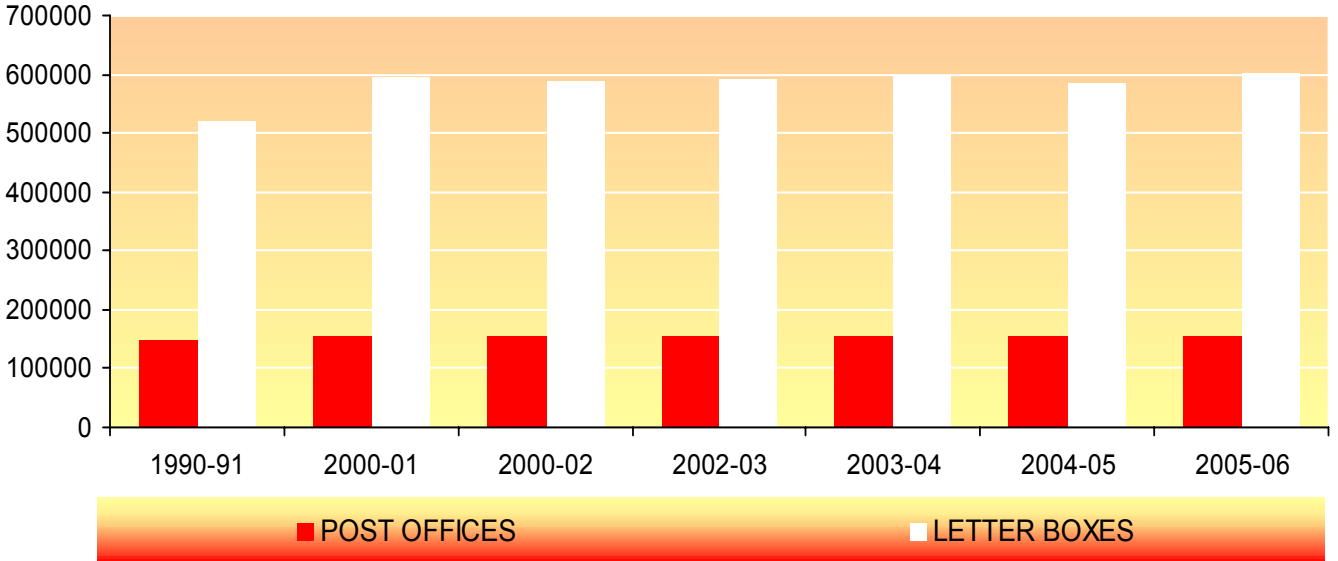


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## NUMBER OF POSTAL ARTICLES HANDLED

(EXCLUDING MONEY ORDERS)

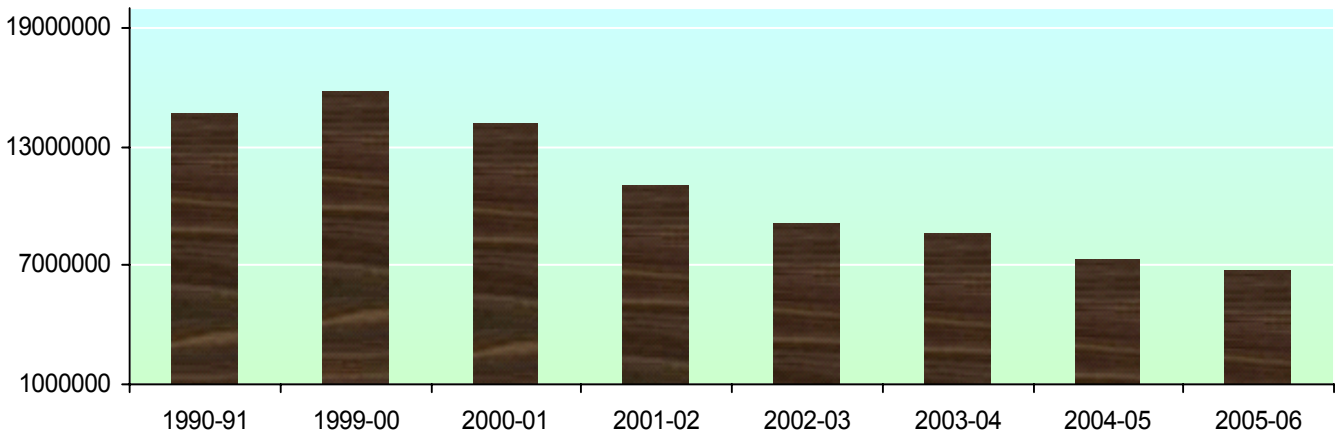


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## RECEIPTS AND WORKING EXPENSES (NET) OF POST OFFICES

