

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN POSTAL TARIFF

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the postal tariff by upto 100% w.e.f. June 1, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this abnormal increase; and

(c) the additional revenue to be mopped up as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Government have increased the postal tariff in respect of seven postal services effective from June 1, 2002. The revised rates as also the percentage increase in rates are given in the Annexure. The estimated deficit of the Department of Posts for the year 2001-2002 is about Rs. 1543 crores. The deficit of the Department is due to continuous increase in the cost of operations which are largely manual. While fulfilling the social obligation of providing affordable postal services it is imperative to have additional revenue through revision of rates, specially for services largely used by the more affluent sections of people.

(c) The expected additional revenue due to revision of these rates is Rs. 235.67 crores per annum.

ANNEXURE

The revised tariff and percentage increase of postal services effective from 1-6-2002

S. No.	Items	Existing Rate	Revised Rate (Rs.)	Percentage Increased
(Rs.)				
1	Letter			
	For a weight not exceeding 20 gms	4.00	5.00	
	For every additional 20 gms or fraction thereof	4.00	5.00	25%
2	Letter Card	2.00	2.50	25%
3	Printed Postcard	3.00	6.00	100%
4	Competition Postcard	5.00	10.00	100%
5	Book, pattern and sample packets			
	For the first 50 gms or fraction thereof	3.00	4.00	33.33%
	For every additional 50 gms or fraction thereof in excess of 50 gms	4.00	3.00	Decreased
6	Book packet containing periodicals	2.00		
	For the first 100 gms or fraction thereof		Rs. 2.00 for first 100 gms and part thereof	
	For every additional 100 gms or fraction thereof in		Rs. 3.00 for every	

excess of 100 gms	-	additional
100 gms and No change		
Value of periodical from		part thereof
Rs. 1/- to Rs. 20/-		
Rs. 4.00 for		
first 100		
Value of periodical from		gms and part 100%
Rs. 21/- to Rs. 50/-		thereof Rs.

5.00 for
every 66.66%
additional
100 gms and 300%
part thereof

Rs. 8.00 for 200%			
first 100			
Value of periodical from		gms and part	
Rs. 51 and above		thereof	
Rs. 9.00 for			
every			
additional			
100 gms and			
part thereof			
7 Parcel			
For the first 500 gms or	16.00	19.00	18.75%
fraction thereof			
For every additional 500	15.00	16.00	6.66%
gms or fraction thereof in			
excess of 500 gms			