

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4114
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Printing of Postal Articles
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred by India post on printing of post card, inland letters, envelopes and aerogrammes;
- (b) whether the sale prices of these articles match with the production cost;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there have been complaints about the poor quality of these articles especially of aerogrammes in the past; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken to improve the quality of these articles?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) The expenditure incurred by India Post on printing of post cards, inland letters, envelopes and aerogrammes during the last three years (2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15) is as follows:-

(Amount in INR)

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Year Amount

2012-13 7,47,16,000

2013-14 10,22,38,000

2014-15 18,75,59,000

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(b) & (c) No Madam. The sale prices of these articles do not match with the production cost. The details thereof are given as under:-

(Amount in INR)

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Items Sale prices Production cost

Post Cards 0.50 0.502

Inland Letters 2.50 1.614

Envelopes 5.00 1.642

Aerogrammes 15.00 Not printed in the last five years.

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(d) No Madam.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.