

**MEMORANDUM SHOWING THE PROPOSED REVISION OF POSTAL TARIFFS 2001
(VIDE CLAUSE NO. 131) OF THE FINANCE BILL, 2001.**

The maxima of the tariffs leviable for certain postal articles are prescribed by the First Schedule in the Indian Post Office Act, 1898. Within the maxima so prescribed in respect of such articles in respect of other postal articles not included in the Schedule and other services, the Central Government have the power to fix the rates by notification in the Official Gazette by amending Indian Post Office Rules, 1933 (vide Section 7 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898.)

2. The proposals for revision of tariffs listed in the following table relating to postal articles at serial Nos. 1 to 7 require an amendment to the First Schedule of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 and these have been included in the Finance Bill. These changes as also the revision of tariff for other postal services would be made amending Indian Post Office Rules, 1933

SL. NO.	ITEM	EXISTING TARIFF	PROPOSED TARIFF
1	Post cards	For a Post card 25 paise	For a Post card 50 paise
2	Printed Post cards	For a Printed Post card Rs. 2/-	For a Printed Post card Rs.3/-
3	Competition Post cards	For a Competition Post card Rs. 4/-	For a Competition Post card Rs.5/-
4	Letters	For a weight not exceeding twenty grams Rs.3/- For every twenty grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding twenty grams. Rs.3/-	For a weight not exceeding twenty grams Rs.4/- For every twenty grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding twenty grams. Rs.4/-
5	Book, pattern and sample packets	For the first fifty grams or fraction thereof Rs.2/- For every additional fifty grams or fraction thereof, in excess of fifty grams Rs.3/-	For the first fifty grams or fraction thereof Rs.3/- For every additional fifty grams or fraction thereof, in excess of fifty grams Rs.4/-
6	Registered newspapers	<i>In the case of a single copy of a registered newspaper</i> For a weight not exceeding fifty grams 15 paise For a weight exceeding fifty grams but not exceeding one hundred grams 25 paise For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding one hundred grams 10 paise <i>In the case of more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the same packet</i> For a weight not exceeding one hundred grams 25 paise For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding one hundred grams 10 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	<i>In the case of a single copy of a registered newspaper</i> For every fifty grams or fraction thereof 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 <i>In the case of more than one copy of the same issue of a registered newspaper being carried in the same packet</i> 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
7	Parcels	For a weight not exceeding five hundred grams Rs.12/- For every five hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding five hundred grams Rs.15/-	For a weight not exceeding five hundred grams Rs.16/- For every five hundred grams, or fraction thereof, exceeding five hundred grams Rs.15/-

SL. NO.	ITEM	EXISTING TARIFF		PROPOSED TARIFF	
8	Registration	Fee for registration	Rs.14/-	Fee for registration	Rs.17/-
9	Concessional fee for registration of a value payable book packet containing printed books, the value of which does not exceed Rs.50/-	Fee for registration	Rs. 1.25	Fee for registration	Rs.2.50
10	Book packets containing printed books	For the first one hundred grams or fraction thereof	50 paise	For the first one hundred grams or fraction thereof	Re.1/-
		For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, in excess of one hundred grams	50 paise	For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, in excess of one hundred grams	Re.1/-
11	Book packets containing periodicals	For the first one hundred grams or fraction thereof	Re.1/-	For the first one hundred grams or fraction thereof	Rs.2/-
		For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, in excess of one hundred grams	Rs.2/-	For every additional one hundred grams, or fraction thereof, in excess of one hundred grams	Rs.3/-
12	Acknowledgement of delivery fee	Acknowledgement fee	Rs.2/-	Acknowledgement fee	Rs.3/-