

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**DEMAND NO.14****Department of Posts**

A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries and revenue receipts, are given below:

<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>										
Major Head	Budget 2002-2003			Revised 2002-2003			Budget 2003-2004			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	23.46	1106.95	1130.41	12.56	1430.61	1443.17	22.84	1287.01	1309.85	
Capital	126.54	-11.49	115.05	82.44	2.01	84.45	127.16	2.01	129.17	
Total	150.00	1095.46	1245.46	95.00	1432.62	1527.62	150.00	1289.02	1439.02	
Postal Services										
Revenue Section										
1. General Administration	3201	4.68	312.00	316.68	1.92	319.14	321.06	5.69	321.02	326.71
2. Postal Network	3201	7.53	2706.45	2713.98	3.04	2737.83	2740.87	4.94	2729.49	2734.43
3. Mail sorting	3201	...	425.00	425.00	2.16	425.00	427.16	0.40	425.00	425.40
4. Conveyance of mails	3201	...	398.85	398.85	...	393.70	393.70	...	395.00	395.00
5. Agency services	3201	...	151.50	151.50	...	146.79	146.79	...	145.53	145.53
6. Accounts & Audit	3201	...	86.80	86.80	...	86.61	86.61	...	86.32	86.32
7. Engineering	3201	0.20	66.05	66.25	0.20	68.54	68.74	0.20	70.63	70.83
8. Staff amenities	3201	...	42.00	42.00	...	39.75	39.75	...	37.87	37.87
9. Pensions	3201	...	892.00	892.00	...	1060.00	1060.00	...	1158.00	1158.00
10. Stationery & Printing	3201	...	71.00	71.00	...	74.40	74.40	...	74.96	74.96
11. Others	3201	9.25	55.30	64.55	3.81	40.85	44.66	10.27	43.19	53.46
12. Total Revenue Expenditure-		21.66	5206.95	5228.61	11.13	5392.61	5403.74	21.50	5487.01	5508.51
13. Less Receipts	1201	...	-4100.00	-4100.00	...	-3962.00	-3962.00	...	-4200.00	-4200.00
14. Net		21.66	1106.95	1128.61	11.13	1430.61	1441.74	21.50	1287.01	1308.51
15. Lumpsum provision for projects/ schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region & Sikkim	2552	1.80	...	1.80	1.43	...	1.43	1.34	...	1.34
Capital Section										
1. Postal Network	5201	10.32	2.00	12.32	10.38	2.00	12.38	9.68	2.00	11.68
2. Administrative Offices	5201	5.00	...	5.00	3.00	...	3.00	2.30	...	2.30
3. Staff quarters	5201	6.25	...	6.25	11.59	...	11.59	10.50	...	10.50
4. Mech. & Modernisation	5201	91.53	...	91.53	48.76	...	48.76	80.29	...	80.29
5. RMS Vans	5201	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.00	...	15.00
6. Others	5201	0.24	0.01	0.25	0.64	0.01	0.65	1.75	0.01	1.76
7. North Eastern Areas	4552	13.20	...	13.20	8.07	...	8.07	7.64	...	7.64
8. Less-receipts and recoveries	5201	...	-13.50	-13.50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Capital Section (Net)		126.54	-11.49	115.05	82.44	2.01	84.45	127.16	2.01	129.17
Grand Total		150.00	1095.46	1245.46	95.00	1432.62	1527.62	150.00	1289.02	1439.02
C. Plan Outlay	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
Postal Services	13201	150.00	...	150.00	95.00	...	95.00	150.00	...	150.00

The Department of Posts, which is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, is responsible for planning, development, expansion operations and maintenance of Postal Services in the country. It also discharges certain agency functions in respect of Small Saving schemes, Postal Life Insurance schemes etc., for other Departments of the Government. For implementation of the various programmes and activities, the Department has a network of 22 Postal circles, besides 5 Postal Training Centres and One Postal Staff College at Ghaziabad.

2. This Demand provides for revenue as well as Capital expenditure of Postal Services. In the revenue section, the provision is for working expenses, which includes those on account of agency services, as well as expenditure relating to audit and pensionary charges. The net deficit in the Revenue Section of the Postal services (i.e. gross expenditure less Postal earnings) is met by the General Revenue of the Government. In the Capital Section, provision is made for expenditure for completion of ongoing operative buildings and staff quarters, computerisation, purchase of mail motor vehicle, railway mail vans, modernisation of Post Offices through upgradation of

counter services, extension of electronic money transfer system, mechanisation of mail processing systems, etc.

3. The receipts in BE 2003-2004 are estimated at Rs.4200 crore against Rs.4100 crore in BE 2002-2003 and Rs.3962 crore in RE 2002-2003.

4. This year's Budget for expenditure provides for normal growth and expansion of Postal Services.

The major physical targets envisaged for 2003-2004 Plan Outlay are broadly -

- (i) Opening of 900 Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendras.
- (ii) Opening of 200 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices.
- (iii) Opening of 20 Departmental Post-Offices.
- (iv) Computerisation/networking of 200 Head Post Offices, 10 Postal Account Offices, 3 Circle Offices, 37 Regional Offices, 10 Head Record Offices, air mail centres and sub foreign post offices.
- (v) Improving ergonomics of 150 post offices, 12 Speed Post Centres and 20 mail offices.
- (vi) Upgrading of 935 Customer Care Centres.
- (vii) Expansion of Coverage of e-Post and e-Bill Post.
- (viii) Training of officials through Institute and Distance Learning.