

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

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

<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i>										
Major Head	Budget 2004-2005			Revised 2004-2005			Budget 2005-2006			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	23.27	1354.50	1377.77	22.75	1457.11	1479.86	37.82	1417.09	1454.91	
Capital	176.73	2.01	178.74	167.82	2.01	169.83	316.18	2.01	318.19	
<b>Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>1356.51</b>	<b>1556.51</b>	<b>190.57</b>	<b>1459.12</b>	<b>1649.69</b>	<b>354.00</b>	<b>1419.10</b>	<b>1773.10</b>	
<b>Postal Services</b>										
<b>Revenue Section</b>										
1. General Administration	3201	3.96	343.00	346.96	3.42	346.00	349.42	7.13	357.00	364.13
2. Postal Network	3201	4.78	3005.00	3009.78	5.21	2996.29	3001.50	12.71	3101.00	3113.71
3. Mail sorting	3201	0.45	431.00	431.45	0.38	443.39	443.77	0.05	452.64	452.69
4. Conveyance of mails	3201	...	424.00	424.00	...	416.30	416.30	...	430.00	430.00
5. Agency services	3201	...	155.00	155.00	...	143.20	143.20	...	150.00	150.00
6. Accounts & Audit	3201	...	116.00	116.00	...	114.97	114.97	...	118.50	118.50
7. Engineering	3201	1.00	71.50	72.50	1.00	64.89	65.89	2.50	68.00	70.50
8. Staff amenities	3201	...	40.00	40.00	...	37.15	37.15	...	38.50	38.50
9. Pensions	3201	...	1215.00	1215.00	...	1242.00	1242.00	...	1300.00	1300.00
10. Stationery & Printing	3201	...	78.00	78.00	...	76.47	76.47	...	82.00	82.00
11. Others	3201	10.02	30.00	40.02	8.47	31.45	39.92	10.16	33.15	43.31
<b>12. Total Revenue Expenditure-Postal Services</b>		<b>20.21</b>	<b>5908.50</b>	<b>5928.71</b>	<b>18.48</b>	<b>5912.11</b>	<b>5930.59</b>	<b>32.55</b>	<b>6130.79</b>	<b>6163.34</b>
13. Less Receipts	1201	...	-4554.00	-4554.00	...	-4455.00	-4455.00	...	-4713.70	-4713.70
14. Net		20.21	1354.50	1374.71	18.48	1457.11	1475.59	32.55	1417.09	1449.64
15. Lumpsum provision for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region & Sikkim	2552	3.06	...	3.06	4.27	...	4.27	5.27	...	5.27
<b>Capital Section</b>										
1. Postal Network	5201	9.20	2.00	11.20	10.17	2.00	12.17	10.66	2.00	12.66
2. Administrative Offices	5201	2.00	...	2.00	2.66	...	2.66	3.50	...	3.50
3. Staff quarters	5201	4.00	...	4.00	2.63	...	2.63	4.00	...	4.00
4. Mech. & Modernisation	5201	153.20	...	153.20	145.71	...	145.71	287.06	...	287.06
5. Others	5201	1.43	0.01	1.44	0.80	0.01	0.81	1.00	0.01	1.01
6. Loans to Co-operative Societies@	7475	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. North Eastern Areas	4552	6.90	...	6.90	5.85	...	5.85	9.96	...	9.96
<b>Capital Section</b>		<b>176.73</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>178.74</b>	<b>167.82</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>169.83</b>	<b>316.18</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>318.19</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>200.00</b>	<b>1356.51</b>	<b>1556.51</b>	<b>190.57</b>	<b>1459.12</b>	<b>1649.69</b>	<b>354.00</b>	<b>1419.10</b>	<b>1773.10</b>
<i>@ Provision is less than rupees 50 thousands</i>										
<b>C. Plan Outlay</b>	Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
1. Postal Services	13201	190.04	...	190.04	180.45	...	180.45	338.77	...	338.77
2. North Eastern Areas	22552	9.96	...	9.96	10.12	...	10.12	15.23	...	15.23
<b>Total</b>		<b>200.00</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>190.57</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>190.57</b>	<b>354.00</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>354.00</b>

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 6 Postal Training Centres and 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, computerization, purchase of mail motor vehicles and railway mail vans,

modernization of Post Offices through upgradation of counter services, extension of electronic money transfer system, mechanization of mail processing systems etc.

3. The receipts in BE 2005-2006 are estimated at Rs.4713.70 crore against Rs.4554 crore in BE 2004-2005 and Rs.4455 crore in RE 2004-2005.

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

Plan activities in the Department of Posts focus on modernising various aspects of postal operations and upgrading the existing large physical network in the country. All Plan schemes of the Department are Central Sector Schemes. The major activity in BE 2005-06 is on computerising and modernising post offices as well as important mail offices and Speed Post centres. New facilities like specialised centres for handling parcels and financial services, a National Data Centre and an Automatic Mail Processing Centre, are proposed to be set up during the year.