

INDIAN POSTAL RATES

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I noticed the box on p. 12 of the December issue asking for, among other things, articles with information on postage rates for India.

My own interest is in Indian Airmails, so while I do not have a single comprehensive source for information, I refer to the following which pretty much gives me a complete idea of the information I need. This is largely from 1927 onwards since that is when Indian airmail services effectively started. You will notice that bulk of the information is from articles published in *India Post*, the journal of the India Study Circle for Philately (I.S.C.) and is accessible online from the members section of their website.

- (i) Peter Rover FRPSL has written a 2 page article with two useful tables:
Imperial Inland Postage Rates 1854-1954 in the *India Post*, Vol. 33 (1999) pp. 151-152.
- (ii) *Indian Air Mail Postage Rates Until 1956* – Jeffery Brown. This is sold as a DVD by the I.S.C. A very detailed listing of Airmail fees and postage rates by country from India from the time airmail acceptance started for the respective nation.
- (iii) Indian Philately Digest has published [International Postal Rates](http://www.indianphilately.net/intlairpostalrates19471957.html) from India from 15 August 1947 to 1 April 1957. Very useful information to any Indian Airmails collector. Compiled by Ashok Bayanwala, a senior philatelist and writer on Indian philately. This is available online free of cost. (<http://www.indianphilately.net/intlairpostalrates19471957.html>).
- (iv) Abishek Bhuwalka has taken Bayanwala's work forward and comprehensively covered the 1957-onwards period in a series of articles in *India Post*.
 - a. Indian Inland Postal Rates 1957-2019 - Vol 55 (2021) pp. 89-100
 - b. Indian Foreign Postal Rates 1957-2019 – Vol 56 (2022) pp. 69-84
 - c. Indian Foreign Postal Rates 1957-2019 – Vol 56 (2022) pp. 113-124

These articles are also available for public viewing and free download on his website [philaliterature.com](https://philaliterature.com/articles-postal-history-philately/) (<https://philaliterature.com/articles-postal-history-philately/>)

I hope this is useful. While I cannot provide copies of the above to members, I should be able to answer specific one-off queries from members. I also maintain a reasonably good compilation of postal notices and other articles related to the last 100 years of postage rates in India.

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