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Subject.

Increase in the free grant of service postage stamps to the Mandi State.

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No: 14919
Mandi, 30-3/27

Date: 12th of April, 1929.

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A. G. C. PUNJAB STATES :-
No 766-P
Date 15/4

Service lables supplied to
the Durbar.

My dear Mr Fitzpatrick,

Sms 82
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Vak
Raj
I am directed to invite your very kind attention
(1) to the representation submitted by me on the 1st of July
1926 on the above subject. While His Highness the Raja
Sahib fully realises the difficulty of the Government of
India in dealing with Durbar's representation in view of the
general nature of the question involved, I am directed to
submit that the Mandi Durbar have been treated very unfairly
and are being put to further heavy loss every year. His
Highness hopes that you will very kindly move the Government
of India to do justice to the Durbar's claim. I submit
herewith copy of the Durbar's representation for ready
reference.

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Yours Sincerely
Munirah.

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The Hon'ble Mr. J.A.O. Fitzpatrick,
C.I.E., C.B.E., I.C.S.,
Agent to the Governor General,
Punjab States, L A H O R E.

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Copy of letter No: F/989 dated the 1st of July, 1926,
From the Chief Secretary, Mandi State, to the Secretary
to the Agent to the Governor General, Punjab States, Lahor
Service lables supplied to the Durbar.

I have the honour to say that the supply of
Service Postage Stamps worth Rs. 600/- to the Durbar commenced
from 1st January 1908 but their use was restricted to the
high officials of the State only.

The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs while
increasing the supply from Rs. 600/- to 700/- with effect
from 1.4.1917 disallowed their use on Raj telegrams.

The restriction on the use of Service Postage
Stamps by certain Officers of the State only was removed
by the Government of India and this was communicated to the
Durbar under the endorsement of the Comr. of Jullundur
Division No: 1638 dated 13th March, 1918.

The Commissioner of Jullundur Division with his
endorsement No: 313 dated 13.1.19. conveyed the decision of
the Director General Posts and Telegraphs regarding
the use of Postage Stamps on Raj telegrams by the Durbar.

After giving the brief history of the grant of
Postage Stamps to the Durbar I am directed to say that
the expenditure on this head has been increasing every
year and I submit herewith a statement showing the last
seven years expenditure. The demands of the present day
Administration are of such a nature as to necessarily
entail a fairly heavy expenditure on this score. The
correspondence with your office has increased tremendously
of late and ever since the inauguration of the Hydro
Electric Project and the Investiture of His Highness with
Full Ruling Powers, expenditure has further increased over
the purchase of Postage Stamps from the Kangra Treasury.
I am, therefore, directed to request that the Agent to the
Governor General may be pleased to move the Government of

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of India to increase the quota of free grant of Postage Stamps from Rs. 700/- to Rs. 4000/- per annum owing to the increase of Correspondence with the Hydro Electric Department and the Rangra Valley Railway. The Durbar's claim for this further increase in Postage Stamps is the more strengthened by the fact that the Durbar have been keeping Govt. Postal Collections in their treasury ever since 1885 without making any charge from the Government and for which they had to employ a special clerk expenditure of whose pay even at Rs. 25/- p.m. amounts to Rs. 12,000/- during the last 40 years. It is, therefore, hoped that the A.G.G. will be pleased to see the justice of the Durbar's claim and give his kind support which the case demands.

Attested

Inda Sen

Personal Assistant, to the
Chief Minister, Mandi State.

* Recd 19/4/29

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Extract from letter No: 1A-866 , dated the Nil,
4-83B/27
from the Chief Minister, Mandi State, Mandi to the
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-
General, Punjab States, Lahore.

init 30.

With reference to your letter No: 3P-254 , dated
P-61-29
the 23rd January 1929 on the subject cited above, I am
directed to say that the Durbar have been keeping
Government Postal Account and the Larji Mandi Account
ever since 1885 free of charge and have invariably remit-
ted money to the Government Treasury without any delay.
x x x x x x x x x x
I am further directed to say that the Durbar have to
keep a special clerk for keeping the account of Govern-
ment money and a separate representation had been sub-
mitted regarding supply of Service Lables and it is
hoped that the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-
General, will be pleased to consider this fact also in
support of their claim for supply of Service Lables.

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D.O.No. 2P- ¹³²²
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Dated Lahore, the ^{18/5} May 1929.

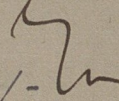
Increase in the free grant of Service
Postage Stamps.

My dear Rai Bahadur,

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With reference to your
demi-official letter No. 1G-919/30-3/27, dated the
13th April 1929, on the above subject, I am
desired to inform you that the matter is still
under the consideration of the Government of
India whose decision will be communicated to the
Darbar as soon as it is received.

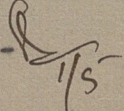
Yours sincerely,

OFFICE COPY

Sd/- 

To

Rai Bahadur Sardar Dina Nath, Bar-at-Law,
Chief Minister, Mandi State,
Mandi.

--:KNS:- 

D.O. No. 2P- 155
P-306/29.

Dated Lahore, the 16th January 1933.

Supply of Service Stamps to States in the
Punjab States Agency.

(My dear Watson),

Please refer to Neale's demi-official letter No.

F.23-R/26, dated the 24th July 1928, on the subject of supply
of Service Stamps to States in the Punjab States Agency.

Will you kindly let me know how the matter is
progressing, as I have received repeated enquiries from some
of the States in this Agency on the subject. It seems
probable that the Government of India may have decided, in the
light of paragraph 401 of the Report of the Indian States
Enquiry Committee (Financial) 1932, to suspend further consi-
deration on the supply of Service Stamps during the present
period of transition, but I should be glad if I could, if
possible, be favoured with any definite information which
could be conveyed to the States concerned to whose enquiries
for some years past it has been necessary to reply that the
matter has not yet been finally decided.

(Yours sincerely),

OFFICE COPY.

To

The Hon'ble Sir Charles C. Watson, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Political Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

NEW DELHI.

:D.J.C.: 161

D.O. No. D-102-R/33.



Foreign and Political Department,
New Delhi;

The 23rd January 1933.

Supply of service postage stamps to States in the
Punjab States Agency.

My dear Fitz Patrick,

With reference to your demi official letter to

p-6 Sir Charles Watson, No. 2P-155/P-306/29, dated the

382-1 16th January 1933, I am desirous to say that the

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Government of India have decided that the question

of any modification in the existing grants of service

postage stamps to Indian States cannot be considered

until a decision on the general question of the

Federal financial arrangements is arrived at.

Yours sincerely
R. N. Nigam

The Hon'ble Mr. J.A.O. Fitz Patrick,
C.I.E., C.B.E.,
Agent to the Governor General, Punjab States.

(19-4/44)

DEPARTMENT.

File No.

BRANCH.

Serial No.

Draft

Letter
Memorandum
Telegram

372

No.

20-
P-30615

Dated

19

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Class for telegrams

Ordinary
Express
Urgent*
Priority
Clear Line†

*Only for
Foreign
Telegrams.

†Not for
Foreign
Telegrams.

To be issued on

Issued on

1st Reminder

2nd Reminder

3rd Reminder

Heading :

Case or Diary No.

If post copy of telegram required

Date of despatch of above

List of enclosures

(Code word for telegrams.)

D. o. for Mandi

Not to Mandi

No. 2862 dt. 23.1.1933 (P.U.C.)

D. o. letter no. 19-5683 dt. 24.11.32 (Mandi)

No. 20-1298 dt. 30.4.29 (Bahawalpur)

No. 20-344 dt. 10.2.1932 (Fand Kol)

For Mandi

To

1. C.M. Bahawalpur

2. F.S. Mandi

3. C.S. Sirmur — P. 11
P-688/28

4. President, C.I.A. Fand Kol.

Supply of service
postage stamps to States in
the Punjab States Agency.

Sir

With reference to your
letter No. dt.

In continuation of this Agency
letter No. dt.

on the above subject, I am

directed to inform you that
desired

The Govt. of India have
intimated that they have

decided that the question of
any modification in the existing

Grants of service postage stamps
to Indian states cannot be
considered until a decision on
the general question of the
Federal financial arrangements
is arrived at.

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DEPARTMENT.

File No.

BRANCH.

Serial No.

Draft

Letter
Memorandum
Telegram

Class for telegrams

Ordinary
Express
Urgent
Priority
Clear Line†

*Only for Foreign Telegrams.

*Not for Foreign Telegrams.

No. 2P-536
P-737/29

Dated

24/3

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To

To be issued on

Issued on

1st Reminder

2nd Reminder

3rd Reminder

Handling :

Case or Diary No.

If post copy of telegram required

Date of despatch of above

List of enclosures

(Code word for telegrams.)

The Dewan,

Bilaspur State.

Free Grant of Service

Postage Stamps.

Sir,

In continuation of this

Agency letter no. 2P-1699
P-737/29

dated the 26th June 1931, on

the above subject, I am directed to inform you that

the Govt. of India have

intimated that the question
any further
of grants of service postage
stamps to Indian States cannot be considered until

a decision on the general question of the Federal financial arrangements is arrived at.

I have
H. S.

S. 5.

MGIPC-S1-207 (OPS) DCF-(M.260)-27.4.32-60,000 Pads.

file P-306/29

From, Secy. Mandi.

No. 12-919 of 13/4/29
30-3/29

Increment in the Service Labels of the
Mandi Suben.

Pages 1-3:- The representation of the Mandi State was forwarded to the Government of India with our detailed letter at S.No 89 of File 6-8/22 Vol II. The case was discussed by the Hon'ble the A.G.G. (with S. Dina Nath in March 1928, and as the matter concerned other States the Darbar decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Butler Committee.

In reply to the P.U.C we might inform Mandi that it was proposed by the Government of India to place the matter before the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes at their meeting in Feb 29, but as to whether the matter came up for discussion then, nothing is known in this office. The decision of the Government of India will be communicated to the Darbar as soon as it is received. (The action proposed is on the lines of the ~~taxation~~ that already taken in the Sirmur case in File P-689/28).

For orders.

For
16/4/29

~~JAT~~
There is another rept: with 3-p. Please place in relevant extract on this file

Hevin
18/4/29

From,

Secy. Mandi.

No. 14-862 of 15/4/29
4-823/29

Settlement of claims placed with the
Govt.

Para 4:- Extract has been placed on this file vide p 4.

File submitted for orders.
From para 2.

For
19/4/29

JAT

old files not put up
to reduce bulk.

2 vide sec routine
sheet placed below
the file

vide p 6 of

file P-689/28
K. S. H.

+ vide p 10
K. S. H.

P 4

Kindly see from para 2 - the letter of which an extract
has been placed at page 4 does not apparently mention
any new grounds. The fact that the Darbar employ a
clerk to keep Govt. accounts was also mentioned in
the original representation of the Darbar of which a
copy was forwarded to the Govt. of India with
a letter at S. No: 89 of file G-6/8-22

The letter in which the general question of the grant
of stamps to certain states was referred to the Govt. of
India is placed at S. No: 8, on file G-6-14/22.

A reply may perhaps be sent to the Darbar as proposed
para 3 above.

Sy: Before replying to
the Darbar I might inquire
do. from Major Wellesley
Baker with reference to his letter
of July 1925, and enquire how
the case now stands.

I am afraid it is worse
addressing the S. D. I. at present in
this matter. All we can do
is to tell the Darbar that the
decision will be communicated as soon
as it is received.

24-4-29.

Draft submitted for approval.

Sy. Issue. G-7/4/29

25/4/29

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P. U. C. I)

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Issued No. 25-155 dt- 16.1.33 to
Palindia, New Delhi.

From

Govt. of India
P. & P. Deptt.

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No. D. 102-R/33 dt 23.1.33.

Recd. 25.7.33.

Supply of service postage stamps
to States in the Punjab States Agency.

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May reply to States concerned

(Sd) J. A. O. R.
25.1.

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Para 6. Draft submitted for favour of
approval.

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HAH
Say: Some. But what about bringing
Sd. & Bahadpur who are
Sd. in the list at R-16.
to be also under demand for
in case? I have not got the files
on these reports here & I cannot
see if there is any work for him
adding. There is well. Al
2/2/33.

Camp. Bahadpur

Issued No. 28-372 dt- 9.2.33 to Bahawalpur,

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P-306/29

Mandi, Dirmir and Sand Kol.

Para 18. It will be seen from page 16 Kev

(marginal note) that the previous ^{papers} ~~papers~~

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Suket State had been destroyed by the
Weeding Branch in 1928. Since we had never
received any reminder from Suket State
the question was not reopened with this
State.

As regards Bilaspur it will be seen
from File P-737/29^y that the Darbar did
not ask for an increase in the grant of
postage stamps (No grant is in fact made to
this Darbar) but requested that free
allotment of service stamps might be given
to them in future.

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It is for consideration whether this
Darbar should also be addressed in
the light of the present orders of the
Govt. of India.

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gvg: We have to address
what as ~~unsubstantiated~~ the same has
reopened the question. We should
address Bilaspur (with suitable modification)
in continuation of our letter 1. There is K.B. of f.
P. 737/29, as we forward a copy. Of
15/2/33.

Prinall
13/2/33

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28
15/2/33

Para 22.

Draft- submitted for approval.

H.A.N.

Sy.

G.P.
22/2/33

(17)

Prud
20/2/33
H.S.W.
21/2/33

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Issued no. M-536 dt. 24.2.33 To Dewan
Bilaspur State.

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Mandi receives Rs 700/- worth of Service Stamps as consideration for postal facilities. Increase in this amount or the right to become a Convention State was raised some time ago and a temporizing reply given. Please let me see the previous papers at leisure.

W
(30-4-46.)

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cf. s. n. 82
file 6-6-8/22

(2)
cf. s. n. 89
ibid
and see
N. 195-216
ibid.

(3)
cf. s. n. 94
ibid

24 In 1926 the Mandi Darbar represented that their free grant of service stamps to the value of Rs. 700/- p.a. fixed in 1917 may be raised to Rs. 4000/-. Their representation was forwarded to the Govt. of India, and, in view of the enhancement of postal rates subsequently and the considerable increase in the Darbar's official correspondence as a result of the two projects- Mandi Hydro-Electric Scheme and the Kangra Valley Ry. - and of the fact that the concession of free transmission of official correspondence within the State had been withdrawn in 1916, it was recommended that the annual free grant be raised to Rs. 2500/-. The Darbar's representation was held up by the Govt. of India pending consideration of the general question of the free grant of service labels to certain States.

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cf. p. 1
(5)
cf. p. 5
(6)
p. 138 of
the Report

(7)
cf. p. 6

(8)
cf. p. 7

(9)
cf. p. 8

In 1929 the Mandi Darbar asked for decision on their previous representation and were informed that the matter was still under the consideration of the Govt. of India. In 1933, in view of para. 401 of the Report of the Indian States Enquiry Committee (Financial) 1932, the Govt. of India were asked for definite information which could be conveyed to the States concerned (including Mandi) in reply to their requests for an increase in the free grant of service labels. The Govt. of India replied that the question of any modification in the then existing grants of service stamps to Indian States could not be considered until a decision on the general question of the Federal financial arrangements was arrived at. The States concerned were informed accordingly.

OR
11/5/46

In 1943 Malerkotla reagitated the matter and we straightaway invited attention of the Darbar to para. 309-401 of the Enquiry Committee's Report and stated that any attempt to reopen the question before Federal negotiations had been resumed, would be unlikely to bring any additional benefit to the Darbar (vide pages 1 and 2 of file P-6-9/43).

Schedule B at page 274 of the Enquiry Committee's Report gives the annual free grant of stamps ^{to our State} as below :-

Bahawalpur	Rs. 4000/-
Bashahr	Rs. 600/-
Faridkot	Rs. 1000/-
Jubbal	Rs. 250/-
Kalsia	Rs. 450/-
Loharu	Rs. 300/-
Malerkotla	Rs. 900/-
Mandi	Rs. 700/-
Sirmur	Rs. 1275/-
Suket	Rs. 700/-

Bahawalpur, Sirmur, Faridkot, Mandi and Suket have now and then moved the question ^{but} to no result (vide the indents for 1946-47 - the figures remain the same except in respect of Bahawalpur). The position in respect of Bahawalpur is that so far the State official correspondence has been carried free within State limits and grants of free stamps of Rs. 4000/- was made for external correspondence. It was estimated that the former concession amounted to Rs. 41500/- p.a. and as a partial set off to this, the State contributed Rs. 6000/- p.a. In 1942, the Bahawalpur Govt. took up the matter as a whole. After a good deal of discussion and correspondence a fresh agreement has been concluded with Bahawalpur whereby

- the State's contribution of Rs. 6000/- has been discontinued,
- the State has been allowed free supply of State service stamps (bearing the effigy of H.H. the Nawab) of the face value of Rs. 62,000 for State internal correspondence and
- the annual free grant of Indian service stamps has been reduced from Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 3800/-

① p 8

② p 75-1059
16/12/43

④ Secy
(c) to
p 2769
in Report

⑤ p 19
16/12/43

⑥ p 81-83
or "

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The present question is about (c) above and it would appear that while the ^{free} grant of other States in this respect remains the same, the Bahawalpur Govt's grant has been reduced. It moreover does not appear if Mandi ever raised the question of their right to become a convention State.

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In view of the impending constitutional changes, perhaps no official move be made just at present in respect of Mandi, but H.R. may take the opportunity of discussing the matter with the Pol. Deptt. on the next occasion, or if considered necessary, we remind Polindia on page 7 and enquire whether there is any prospect of the general question raised being now considered by the Central Govt.

Tahir Chaudhry

11/5/46

Sany.
(From N 24).

32. Office noting from N. 27 suggests that the Mandi case has something in common with that which Bahawalpur have brought to a successful conclusion recently. This is to some extent true although it is doubtful whether Mandi could press the matter by personal negotiations as successfully as Sir Richard Crofton did. The main point of difference, however, is that even in the last 2 years matters have progressed very considerably and even if we were to work up the Mandi case it is very doubtful whether any action would be taken on it by Polindia at the moment and even more doubtful whether the Central Government would give it any consideration at all. What would be worse, they might well simply return a brief refusal which will make it more difficult for Mandi to pursue the matter later, even if an opportunity should occur for them to do so.

33. It is suggested therefore that either the case may rest with us for a month or so until we see how constitutional matters progress or H.R. may inform H.H. of Mandi that the moment does not appear ^{to be} propitious and he does not therefore propose to take up the case at present.

(From 224)

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The whole case has been once more given a quicken by
the Parliamentary delegation's statement last night. It
Mandi is to consider its future within an all-India
Union in the very near future it cannot start agitating
about postage stamps today! I will inform HM
accordingly when I next see him or the other CM come to
see me. Please put up (highland if possible) if there
is a pre-arranged interview. I am obliged to office for
this brief summary.

W
17.5.46.

N 341 - File submitted in case H/R may desire
to apprise the C.M. Mandi of the position after the
Darbar Conference.

23/11/46 Chand
23/12

H.R.

Chand

23/12

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The Foreign & Political Member Mandi mentioned
this case when he called on me on 21.12.46 (without
an appointment). I was ^{then} unaware of the contents
of this file, but on the basis of recent experience
in the PD Secretariat, I told him that there
was no use in Mandi agitating this question at
the present time, as States' individual claims
were not being entertained. He seemed to expect
a reply of this kind, & I gather the Darbar will
not make any further move on their own, but
will await some concerted move by all the

States concerned.

HR.

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Many thanks.

Ans

24.12.46

I had not now received SMH

Ans

24.12.46

Ans

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