

**THE RAILWAY STATION,
MAIL AGENT &
STATIONARY SORTING OFFICE
POSTMARKS OF INDIA
1862 – 1924**

2025 Update

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Type 5A

A false colour scan of a single circle cancellation reading Allahabad Railway Station around the circumference, and across the circle showing a transcription in Urdu and Devanagari of the same. Used in October 1876.

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سٹیشن ریلوی

Urdu transcription

इलाहाबाद रलवे

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Devanagari transcription

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The following is a record of additions to, deletions from and corrections to the original edition published by the TPO & Seapost Society in 2013. There are a total of 31 new marks, all of which are illustrated.

Marks from only a few of the known record offices were included in the original book and no others have been added as they remain the subject of further study.

In their recent 'Introduction to Travelling Post Offices and Railway Mail Service of India 1853 – 1935' Dixit and Patel show computer drawings of a number of stationary mail office marks. Originals have not however been seen by the author and they are not included here.

I owe a significant debt of gratitude to fellow members of the India Study Circle for their contributions. Any remaining errors are the responsibility of the author.

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Deletions

- page 23: Table 6, delete entry for Victoria Terminus Bombay in type 6Ca. Probably cut from type 7C, see entry for that type
- page 25: delete entry for Victoria Terminus in type 7B (entered in error)
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delete entry for Mhow DL HD Q RS (a military mark)
- page iii: Fig.9, delete all reference to CB8E Mhow DL HD Q RS (a military mark)

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- page 20: Jullaisur Railway Station (type 3(iii)) is known used in 1871/2
- page 22: in type 6D there is a hyphen between Patiala and State in the top label
- page 23: Table 6, Amritsar Ry. Stn. is type 6Cb
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- page 42: Table 10, K-79 Quetta R.S.
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Changes to known periods of use

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| Cawnpore R.S. NWP 109 (type 2(ii)) | 10.1873 |
| Allahabad Railway Station 418 (type 3(i)) | 9.1874 – 12.1876 |
| Delhie Railway Station P.O./39 (type 3(ii)) | 9.1868 – 8.1870 |
| Julaisur Railway Station (type 3(iii)) | 9.1871 – 4.1874 |
| Kurranch R. Recg. House (type 4) | 6.1867 – 7.1870 |
| Fort Railway Station Agra (type 5) | 1.1877 – 10.1881 |
| Jullundur Cant. R.S. (type 6A) | 12.1894 – 11.1904 |
| Peshawar City Ry.Stn. (type 6A) | 12.1891 – 9.1892 |
| Sutna Ry. Stn. (type 6A) | 1.1885 – 11.1885 |
| Bathinda Ry. Stn. (type 6B) | 11/12.1891 |
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| Patiala State/ Ry. Station Patiala (type 6D) | 7.1891 – 10.1903 |
| Baroda Ry.Stn./B.O./Gujarat (type 6E) | 1.1898 – 6.1901 |
| Dharwar R.S./ B.O./Dharwar (type 6E) | 7.1906 – 2.1907 |
| Muzaffarnagar R.S./B.O./Muzaffarnagar (type 6E) | 10.1897 – 10.1902 |
| Neemuch R.S./B.O./Gwalior (type 6E) | 8.1898 – 3.1900 |

	Amraoti R.S. (type 6F)	2.1905 – 6.1905
	Ludhiana R.S. (type 6F)	10.1901 – 8.1902
	Grant Road Ry. Stn./Bombay (type 7A)	8.1886 – 10.1897
	Surat Ry. Stn. (type 7A)	11.1895 – 5.1897
	Akola Ry. Stn. (type 7B)	9.1896 – 5.1898
	Hubli Ry.Stn. (type 7B)	12.1893 – 7.1902
	Hyderabad R.S. (type 8D)	1.1899 – 6.1904
	Patiala State/Patiala Ry. Stn. (type 8E)	2.1904 – 2.1905
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	Boree Bunder R.H. (type 21)	5.1877 – 2.1879
	Railway Station Lucknow (type 22B)	4.1879
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	T.P.O. Receiving Office Howrah (type 26F)	2.1879
	F.S.O. Howrah (type 26G)	1.1880 – 2.1882
	Mail Agent R.S. Chandausi (type 26H)	6.1879
	Railway Station R.O. Ahmedabad T RS (type 27A)	1/3.1879
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	M.A. R.S. Benares (type 31Ba)	12.1890 – 6.1896
	M.A. R.S. Grant Road (type 31Ba)	7.1884 – 11.1884
	M.A. R.S. Rewaree (type 31Ba)	8.1884 – 7.1885
	R.S. Howrah (type 31Ca)	1.1881 – 9.1884
	No.1 R.S. Cawnpore (type 31Cb1)	1882 – 10.1885
	F.S.O./Howrah (type 31Da)	7/11.1884
	R.H. Ahmedabad (type 31E)	9.1879
	R.H. Bori Bandar (type 31E)	7.1884 – 7.1885
	R.H. Surat (type 31E)	8.1880
	R.S. Allahabad/M.A. (type 31H)	4.1884 – 7.1886
	R.S. Bori Bander/M.A. (type 31H)	9.1883 – 9.1884
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	J-51 S.M.O. Phalera (type 36H)	3.1907 – 4.1910
	L-59 S.M.O. Delhi (type 36M)	10.1906 – 4.1908
	Agra Fort Ry. Stn. F-54 (type 37Ab)	4.1895 – 12.1896
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	C-54 S.M.O. Howrah (type 37Ac)	7.1897 – 2.1900
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	C-54 Howrah (type 39Da)	7.1897 – 2.1900
	F-51 Delhi (type 39Da)	12.1893 – 5.1895
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	Rangoon R.M.S. Set (type 48C)	12.1914 – 2.1916
	Ajmer R.M.S. (type 48Db)	4.1913 – 9.1914
	Calcutta R.M.S. (type 48Db)	10.1913 – 4.1924
	Rangoon R.M.S. Sorting Office (type 48E)	5/6.1916
	Delhi R.M.S. Set (type 48Fa)	6.1912 – 4.1920
	Allahabad R.M.S. Set (type 48Fb)	6.1918 – 9.1918
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	Type 31H	9.1883 – 11.1888
	Type 36B	4.1891 – 9.1893
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	Type 36M	10.1906 – 4.1908
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	Type 37B	7.1897 – 9.1907
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	Type 48D	4.1913 – 12.1924
	Type 48E	5/6.1916
	Type 48F	8.1911 – post 1924

Illustrations



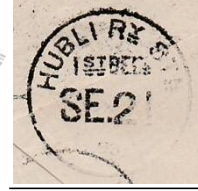
5A



6Aa



6Cc



6Jd



6K



8Ga



9E



10A



19D



22Aa



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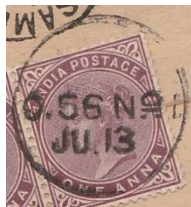
31R



32Cc (small fleurons, narrow lettering)



32F



36Cf



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36Ga



37Bg



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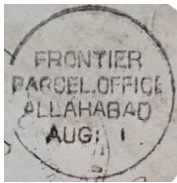
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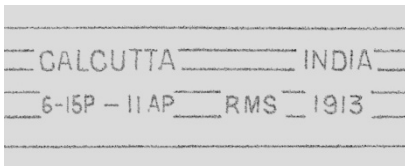
47Bd



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48K



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