

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:378
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005
DECLINE IN SALE OF POSTAL ARTICLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sale of envelopes, inland letters and postcards has been adversely affected during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether income of post offices has declined during the last three years as a result thereof; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 378 FOR 20TH APRIL, 2005 REGARDING DECLINE IN SALE OF POSTAL ARTICLES.

(a) & (b) The number of envelopes, inland letters and Post Cards sold during the last two years has shown a mixed trend in comparison to the year 2001-2002, as can be seen from the details given below:-

DETAILS OF THE NUMBER OF ENVELOPES, INLAND LETTER CARDS AND POST CARDS SOLD

(Figures in Millions of pieces)

Item	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Envelopes	4181.25	3536.99	3591.87
Inland Letter Cards	2249.37	1806.22	1455.07
Post Card	1958.07	1634.65	1805.63

Considering the sales pattern as seen from the above numbers, the trend appears to be mixed.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The income of the Post Offices from postal operations has not declined during the last three years. The fluctuation in the number of pieces sold of departmentally produced envelopes, inland letter cards or post cards does not necessarily imply a corresponding change in revenue, as postage revenue also accrues in the form of postage from use of privately produced envelopes, inland letter cards or postcards sent through the Department of Posts. Details of revenue receipt for three years from the Postal Operations of the Department are given below:-

INCOME OF THE POST OFFICES FROM POSTAL OPERATIONS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

Year Income of the Post Offices from
Postal Operations (in crores of Rupees)

2001-2002	2200.36
2002-2003	2432.65
2003-2004	2494.43

