

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4114  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2015  
PRINTING OF POSTAL ARTICLES**

**4114. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred by India post on printing of post card, inland letters, envelopes and aerogrammes;
- (b) whether the sale prices of these articles match with the production cost;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there have been complaints about the poor quality of these articles especially of aerogrammes in the past; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken to improve the quality of these articles?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

(a) The expenditure incurred by India Post on printing of post cards, inland letters, envelopes and aerogrammes during the last three years (2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15) is as follows:-

(Amount in INR)

Year	Amount
2012-13	7,47,16,000
2013-14	10,22,38,000
2014-15	18,75,59,000

(b) & (c) No Madam. The sale prices of these articles do not match with the production cost. The details thereof are given as under:-

(Amount in INR)

Items	Sale prices	Production cost
Post Cards	0.50	0.502
Inland Letters	2.50	1.614
Envelopes	5.00	1.642
Aerogrammes	15.00	Not printed in the last five years.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Not applicable in view of (d) above.

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