

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2781  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2016**

**LOSSES ON POST CARD AND INLAND LETTER**

2781. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

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

- (a) whether massive losses are being incurred by Department of Posts in carrying out mandatory services/products such as Inland Letter Cards and Post Cards, the tariffs of which are highly subsidised ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Post Cards are being grossly misused for commercial and fun activities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to discontinue subsidy on delivering newspapers/posts @ Rs. 1/- when their own charges have increased manifold and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The year wise details of losses incurred on Post Cards and Inland Letter Cards for the last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as under:

**(Rs. in Crore)**

Year	Items	
	Post Card	Inland Letter
2012-13	90.47	95.42
2013-14	100.68	112.20
2014-15	66.56	85.33

- (c) No, Madam; no such complaint is received.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) No, Madam.

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