

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF NETHERLANDS REGARDING
MONEY ORDER SERVICES
New Delhi, 3 February 1979
The Hague, 26 February 1979**

The Director General of INDIAN Posts and Telegraphs

AND

The Director General of the NETHERLANDS Postal and
Telecommunications Services,

DESIRING to regulate the Money Order Service from the
Netherlands to India

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

There shall be a direct Money Order Service from the Netherlands
to India.

Article 2

OFFICES OF EXCHANGE

1. The service shall be operated exclusively by the agency of Offices
of Exchange.
2. On the part of the Netherlands, the Office of Exchange shall be
uitwisselingskantoor Buitenlandse Postwissels,
Districtspostkantoor, Postbus 99600 6800 PD ARNHEM,
Netherlands and on the part of India the office of Exchange shall
be the office of the Director Foreign Post, Bombay, India.
3. Other or additional offices of Exchange may be established as
required and by arrangement between the Postal Administrations
of the two States.

1. Came into force on 1 April 1979.

Article 3

PARTICULARS TO BE FURNISHED BY THE REMITTER

The remitter of a Money Order shall, if possible, furnish the full surname and Christian name (or at least the initial of one Christian name) and address of both the remitter and the payee; the name of a firm or company shall be furnished where such is the remitter or payee. If, however, a Christian name cannot be given, a Money Order shall nevertheless be issued at the remitter's risk.

Article 4

MONEY ORDER - CURRENCY

1. The amounts of the Money Orders shall be expressed and advised in U.S. Dollars.
2. The Netherlands Postal Administration shall inform the Indian Postal Administration of the rate of conversion (Dutch florins into U.S. dollars) applied for the listing of the orders by stating this rate on the relevant Money Orders list.
3. The Indian Postal Administration shall fix the rate for the conversion of the amounts in U.S. dollars of the Money Orders received for payment in its country, into its own currency. The rate adopted for payment of Money Orders under this paragraph shall be communicated to the Postal Administration of the Netherlands and notification of any change in this rate shall take place without delay.

Article 5

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ORDER

The maximum amount of a single Money Order shall not exceed one hundred United States dollars.

Article 6

CHARGES

1. Whenever necessary or desired, the Netherlands Postal Administration shall fix the rates of commission to be charged on all Money Orders issued in its country.
2. This Postal Administration shall communicate to the Indian Postal Administration its tariff of rates of commission and other charges. Such rates shall in all cases be payable in advance by the remitters. They shall not be repayable.
3. The commission so charged shall belong to the Netherlands Postal Administration. That Administration shall, however, credit to the Postal Administration of India one half of one per cent of the

total value of the Orders issued in its country and advised to the Postal Administration of India.

Article 7

LISTS OF MONEY ORDER ISSUED

1. Particulars of Money Order issued in the Netherlands for payment in India by the Postal Administration of that country shall be entered by the Netherlands Office of Exchange on a list conforming to a design mutually agreed upon by both Postal Administrations; such a list shall be included in the first available airmail despatch to the Exchange Office of India.
2. The lists shall be numbered consecutively throughout the year, commencing with number (1) at the beginning of the month of January in each year and ending with the number of the last list despatched in the month of December of the same year.
3. The Money Orders shown in the lists shall also be numbered consecutively. These numbers shall be called "international numbers". They shall commence with number one (1) at the beginning of each calendar year.
4. From these lists, the Exchange Office of India shall prepare, in favour of the payees and in its own currency, internal Money Orders for amounts as specified in respect of each Money Order.
5. Such internal Money Orders shall be forwarded to the payees of the paying Post Offices and paid to the payees in accordance with the regulations applicable in India for the payment of Money Orders.

Article 8

EXAMINATION, RECTIFICATION AND MISSING OF LISTS

1. The Office of Exchange of India shall promptly communicate to the Netherlands Postal Administration the correction of any simple error which it may discover upon verification of the lists.
2. If the lists show irregularities which the receiving office cannot rectify, that office shall apply to the despatching administration for an explanation and such explanation shall be furnished without delay.
3. Pending the receipt of the explanation payment of Money Orders found to be erroneous in the lists may be suspended at the discretion of the Indian Postal Administration.
4. The fact that a list of Money Orders is missing shall be reported immediately to the Netherlands Postal Administration by the

Bombay Exchange Office. This Administration shall transmit, without delay, a duly certified copy of the list to the Bombay Exchange Office.

Article 9

PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS

Payment of Money Orders shall be made in the legal currency of India, i.e. in Indian Rupees.

Article 10

DUPLICATE MONEY ORDERS AND TRANSFER OF OFFICE OF PAYMENT

Duplicate Money Orders shall be issued and place of payment transferred only, by the Indian Postal Administration and in conformity with the legal provisions applicable at present or in future in that State.

Article 11

REPAYMENT

1. The remitter of a Money Order may, before payment of such Order, request repayment of the amount thereof, or the rectification of the address of the payee. Applications made by the remitter for the alteration or correction of the name of the payee shall be accepted under the regulations of the country of issue and forwarded to the country of payment for disposal under its regulations, accompanied by such information as may be necessary for the identification of the particular orders referred to.
2. The amounts of Money Orders, which at the time of application for repayment by remitters, have already been communicated by list to the Indian Postal Administration shall not be repaid until the Netherlands Postal Administration has received an authorisation for such repayment from the Indian Postal Administration. The amounts of the Orders to be repaid shall be duly credited to the Postal Administration of the issuing State in the quarterly account.

Article 12

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

Money Orders not paid within six months, after the month of issue, shall become void and the amounts received therefore shall be credited to and placed at the disposal of the Netherlands Postal Administration.

Article 13

ADVICE OF PAYMENT

1. At the time of issue of a Money Order the remitter may ask to obtain an Advice of Payment of the Order by paying in advance a charge to be fixed by the Netherlands Postal Administration. The charge shall be to the exclusive benefit of this Administration.
2. If application for an Advice of Payment is made and letters "AP" shall be written against the entry on the list.
3. After paying the amount of the Order, the paying office shall forward an Advice of Payment by first airmail to the Post Office of issue.
4. Application for an Advice of Payment made subsequent to the issue of an order is not admitted.

Article 14

STATEMENT OF REPAID AND UNPAID (VOID) ORDERS

1. At the end of each quarter the Exchange Office of India shall prepare and forward to the Netherlands Postal Administration :
 - (a) a statement showing the particulars of all Money Orders which it has given authorisation to repay the amounts to the remitters, and
 - (b) a statement showing the particulars of all Money Orders issued by the Dutch Office of Exchange which have remained unpaid at the end of the period specified in Article 12 of the present Agreement.
2. In the event of there being no Money Orders to be so advised, blank statement shall be forwarded.

Article 15

ACCOUNTS

1. At the end of each quarter, an account in duplicate shall be prepared in U.S. dollars by the Indian Postal Administration and forwarded to the Netherlands Postal Administration for acceptance.
2. Such account shall include particulars and the total amount of each Money Order list received from the Netherlands Money Order and the aggregate amount of the lists relating to the relevant quarter. It shall, in addition, be accompanied by :
 - (a) a statement showing particulars of Orders for which in that quarter authorisation for repayment to the remitters has been given;

- (b) a statement showing particulars of void Orders accounted for during the quarter.

Article 16

REMITTANCES

1. Settlement of the amount of the quarterly account shall be effected by means of a bank draft at the time when an accepted copy of the account is returned to the Indian Administration. The amount shall be paid to the Indian Postal Administration in U.S. dollars.
2. Drafts or transfers in favour of the Indian Postal Administration shall be made payable to the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs at New Delhi. (Subject : Money Orders).
3. The transfer expenses attending all remittances made under the provisions of the present Agreement shall invariably be borne by the Postal Administration by which payment is made.

Article 17

INQUIRIES ABOUT MONEY ORDERS

Inquiries about Money Orders can only be presented either by the remitter or by the payee within one year of the date of issue of the Money Order.

Article 18

ADVANCE PAYMENT

The Netherlands Postal Administration shall make advance payment on account of its estimated indebtedness, whenever during the period between the two quarterly settlements, the estimated balance due to the Indian Postal Administration exceeds 2500 U.S. dollars.

Article 19

PENALTY INTEREST FOR NON-SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD

Any amount remaining due to India on expiry of six months following the period covered by the relative accounts shall henceforth be subject to interest at the rate of 6% Interest on arrears shall be carried to the debit of the Netherlands Administration in the following accounts.

Article 20

ADDITIONAL RULES

Either Postal Administration may, for security reasons or for the better working of the system generally, adopt additional rules or amend

existing regulations, provided that this is not contrary to the provisions of the present Agreement. All such additional rules or amendments to existing regulations shall, however, be communicated to the other Postal Administration. Any such communication shall constitute an amendment of the present agreement.

Article 21

SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

1. Either Postal Administration may, under such extraordinary circumstances as may warrant it, temporarily suspend the exchange of Money Orders with the other Postal Administration.
2. Notice of such suspension shall be given to the other Administration by airmail or by telegram if such means of communication are available.

Article 22

ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present Agreement shall enter into force on April 1st, 1979. It shall cease to have effect twelve months after the day on which either Contracting Party shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

DONE at New Delhi on February 3, 1979

DONE at The Hague on February 26, 1979

in two originals, both in the English language

Sd/-

Chairman
Posts and Telegraphs
Board of India

Sd/-

The Director General
of the Netherlands
Postal and Telecommunications Services

TRANSMITTING LETTER

List No.

Despatched from
Dated the

Sir,

I transmit to you herewith a list bearing the above mentioned number and date, containing a detailed statement of money orders payable by your Department, and also of void orders, and of money orders drawn by your Department and now authorised to be repaid to the remitters.

I forward herewith, for disposal by you, applications, on each of which there has been noted:

1. A serial "Application No." (Which can be quoted by you in any reference thereto);
2. The No. and date of the list in which the order referred to was originally entered; and
3. The entry No. under which it was entered in the list. Since the despatch of my last list I have received

which was found correct, with the exception noted below.

(REVERSE)

TO THE CREDIT OF					TO THE CREDIT OF INDIA						
For orders drawn by India by means of the following Indian (A) Lists bearing dates in the above.					For orders drawn by means of the following (AA) Lists bearing dates in the above.						
List No.	Date	Final Entry No. of List	Amount of order		List No.	Date	Final Entry No. of List	Amount of order			
			Rs.	P.				Rs.	P.		
Total			Rs.	P.	Total			Rs.	P.		
Commission on above at 1/2% Void Orders and Orders for the re-payment of which to remitters in authority was given in the Indian List above mentioned. Vide Statement in Form FMO 10(a) attached. Remittance on account..... Special item detailed in the annexure. Balance from preceding account..... Balance in favour of India.....					Rs.	P.	Commission on above at 1/2% Void Orders and Orders for the re-payment of which to remitters in India authority was given in List above mentioned. Vide Statement in Form FMO 10(a) attached. Remittance on account..... Special item detailed in the annexure. Balance from preceding account..... Balance in favour of India.....				
Total					Total						
OFFICE OF EXCHANGE Dated 197.					Office-in-Charge						

**Annexure to Form F.M.O. -10
(OBVERSE)**

Repayment to the credit of.....	Entries in the Abstract of Foreign Money Order issued
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List No.	Date	Entry No.	Amount			No. of the order	Date	Office of payment
			£ Rs.	s. P.	d.			
		Total						

Void orders to the credit of.....	Entries in the Abstract of Foreign Money Order received
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List No.	Date	Entry No.	Amount			No. of the order	Date	Office of payment
			£ Rs.	s. P.	d.			
		Total						

F.M.O. 10(A)

(REVERSE)

Repayment to the credit of.....						Entries in the Register of Foreign Money Order issued			Fresh Order issued by Indian office	
List No.	Date	Entry No.	Amount			No. of the order	Date	Office of payment	No.	Date
			£ Rs.	s. P.	d.					
		Total								

Void orders to the credit of India						Entries in the Register of Foreign Money Order recieved			Fresh Money Order issued	
List No.	Date	Entry No.	Amount			No. of the order	Date	Office of payment	No.	Date
			£ Rs.	s. P.	d.					
		Total								

APPENDIX A

F.M. 0.1

LIST NO. _____, dated _____ 197__ of money orders drawn in INDIA upon _____

Particular to be furnished by the Indian Office								For the Use of the Office		
Entry No.	No. of receipt	Date of receipt given to remitter	Office by which the money was received	Name and address of remitter	Name of Payee	Address of Payee	Amount of order	No. of money order	Equi-valent in money	Remarks

APPENDIX B

LIST of void money orders as well as money orders for the re-payment of which to remitters in

authority is hereby given

(AA) List in which the orders were originally included					For the use of the		Office
List No.	Date	Entry No.	Name and address of remitter as given therein	Amount of order	No. of money order	Equivalent in money	remarks

Office of Exchange
Foreign Money Order Department

Date.....197.

N.B.—Void orders entered in this List should be distinguished by the word "void" added opposite the Number in column 1.

Officer-in-Charge

