# AGREEMENT¹ RELATING TO THE LETTER POST BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL New Delhi, 8 September 1964

The Government of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal,

RECALLING the provisions of Article 8 of the Universal Postal Convention of Ottawa 1957, and

DESIRING to establish an efficient Postal Service between India and Nepal,

HAVE agreed as follows:

## Article 1 Application of the UPU Convention

The provisions of the Universal Postal Convention, of the Final Protocol to the Universal Postal Convention and of the Detailed Regulations for implementing the Universal Postal Convention, shall govern matters not expressly regulated by the provisions of the present Agreement.

## Article 2 Exchange of Surface and Air Mails

1. Surface mails shall be exchanged at a number of offices along the border mutually agreed upon by the two Postal Administrations. The staff for conveying such mails between the offices shall be provided by either of the two Administrations. The cost of this conveyance shall, unless otherwise agreed upon by the two Administrations, be shared equally between the two Administrations on the basis of periodically adjusted accounts.

<sup>1.</sup> Came into force on 13 April 1965.

- 2. The mails of one Administration which transit through the territory of the other Administration shall, as regards charges payable to the transiting country, be governed by the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention. Thus the Nepalese mails sent from one part of Nepal to another part thereof or to any other country, transiting through India, shall be paid for by His Majesty's Government of Nepal in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention.
- 3. Air mails shall be exchanged *via* such routes as may be mutually agreed upon by the Postal Administrations of the two countries

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- 1. The term "items of correspondence" referred to in this Article applies to letters, letter-cards/aerogrammes, single and reply post cards, book packets, sample packets, blind literature packets and registered newspapers.
- 2. Items of correspondence shall be exchanged between the two countries on postage rates and postal fees applicable to particular categories of correspondence concerned in the inland service of the originating country or such higher rates or fees as may be decided upon by the Postal Administration of the originating country.
- 3. Any service which exists in the inland service of one of the Postal Administrations but not in the service of the other administration, shall also be covered by this Agreement. The international rates shall apply to such a service.
- 4. The limits of weights and dimensions shall not exceed the limits as are applicable for items of correspondence in the inland post of the country of destination and of the country of origin.

# Article 4 Air Mail Transmission

First class mails viz. letters, letter-cards/aerogrammes, single and reply post cards originating in either country and destined to the other shall, whether surcharged or not, be afforded air conveyance to the extent air services are available for the speedy transmission of the mails. The Administration of destination shall not recover any charge from the Administration of origin for air conveyance on its internal sectors.

## Article 5 Change of Rates

Any change of rates applicable to items of correspondence made by one Postal Administration shall be intimated as soon as possible to the other Administration.

## Article 6 Details of Procedure

The Postal Administrations of the two countries shall settle by mutual agreement procedural details relating to exchange of correspondence.

# Article 7 Existing Arrangements

This Agreement shall replace the existing arrangements relating to postal service between the two countries except to the extent stipulated through exchange of letters.

## Article 8 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall be subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at New Delhi. The Agreement shall enter into force with effect from the 13th April, 1965. It shall thereafter continue to be in force until it is terminated by one Government giving six months' notice in writing to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised for that purpose, have signed this Agreement in two originals.

DONE at New Delhi, this the Eighth day of September, 1964.

For the Government of India

For His Majesty's Government of Nepal

Sd/-

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M. Dayal Member (Posts), Posts and Telegraphs Board and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary. YADU NATH KHANAL Royal Nepalese Ambassador in India. Postal Services 8 Se

No. 26/1/60-CF

Dated, the 8th September, 1964

M. DAYAL Member (Posts) Posts and Telegraphs Board.

#### Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Articles 2 and 7 of the Agreement relating to the letter post between our two Governments, signed by us today, and to the following understanding reached between us.

- Mails which are exchanged between the exchange offices of Nepal as specified in Annexure I will be conveyed through the intermediary services of India. For this purpose, the Nepalese mails will be handed over by the Nepalese Postal Administration to the office of exchange in India corresponding to the Nepalese office of exchange which hands over such mails. The Indian Postal Administration will then arrange for the conveyance of the above mails to the exchange office in India corresponding to the exchange office in Nepal to which the mail is to be conveyed. The Nepal Postal Administration will arrange to take delivery of the mails from the latter Indian office of exchange and arrange for onward transmission to the Nepalese office of exchange to which the mail is to be conveyed. For this purpose, the Nepalese exchange offices and the corresponding exchange offices in India are specified in Annexure II.
- 3. The Nepal Postal Administration undertakes to carry mails between the exchange offices in India and the exchange offices in Nepal as specified in Annexure III.
- 4. The Indian Postal Administration shall render the service mentioned in para 2 supra free of cost and shall not recover any charges from the Nepalese Administration for such conveyance of Nepalese mails between the offices agreed to. In consideration of the free conveyance of such mails through the territory of India, it is agreed that the Indian Postal Administration will not be required to make any payment to the Nepalese Postal Administration for the conveyance of Indian mails from the exchange offices in India to the exchange offices in Nepal specified in Annexure III.

5. I shall be grateful if you could confirm that the above correctly sets out the understanding reached between us.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

M. DAYAL
Member (Posts) and Ex-Officio
Joint Secretary to the
Government of India,
Leader of the Indian Delegation.

His Excellency Shri Yadu Nath Khanal, Royal Nepalese Ambassador in India, New Delhi.

YADHU NATH KHANAL

Royal Nepalese Ambassador in India, New Delhi, No. 34(3)-P.A.

Dated, 8th September, 1964

Dear Mr. DAYAL,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 26/1/60-CF of today's date, which reads as follows :

(Text not reproduced)

I confirm that your letter correctly sets out the understanding reached between us.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

YADU NATH KHANAL

Royal Nepalese Ambassador in India Leader of the Nepalese Delegation.

Shri M. Dayal, Member (Posts) and Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the Government of India, New Delhi.

#### ANNEXURE I

### LIST OF OFFICES OF EXCHANGE IN NEPAL BETWEEN WHICH THE NEPALESE MAIL IS TO BE ROUTED THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF INDIA.

1.	Biratnagar	Pashupatinagar
2.	Birgunj	Biratnagar
3.	Birgunj	Bhairawa
4.	Bhairawa	Nepalganj ((Banke)
5.	Bhairawa	Kailali
6.	Bhairawa	Baitadi
7.	Kailali	Baitadi
8.	Biratnagar	Jaleswar
9.	Jaleswar	Birgunj

#### ANNEXURE II

#### LIST OF THE INDIAN AND THE CORRESPONDING NEPALESE EXCHANGE OFFICES

Name of exchange office in Nepal Name of Exchange office in India Biratnagar Jogbani Pasupatinagar Sukhiapokhari Birganj Raxaul Bhairawa Nautanwa Bazar Nepalganj (Banke) Rupaidiha Kailali Gauriphanta (formerly Palia) Baitadí Jhulaghat Jaleswar Sursand

#### ANNEXURE III

Name of exchange office in India	Name of exchange office in Nepal
Raxaul	Birgunj
Bairgania	Gaur
Sonbarsa	Sarlahi
Sursand	Jaleswar
Jaynagar	Janakpur
Jaynagar	Siraha
Laukaha (BAZAR)	Bhagwanpur
Jogbani	Biratnagar
Jhulaghat	Baitadi
Rupaidiha	Banke
Gauriphanta (formerly Palia)	Kailali
Shoratgarh	Taulihawa
Nautanwa Bazar	Bhairawa
Jarwa	Koilabas
Sukhiapokhari	Pasupatinagar
Galgalia	Bhadrapur