

The Postman

The Indian postman is a very familiar figure in cities and towns. In villages to the postman is a much sought-after person. He is dressed in Khaki. He carries a leather bag on his shoulder. He is also seen on a bicycle. He moves from door to door and shop to shop. He is welcomed wherever he goes. He is greeted at every house door. People anxiously wait for the postman. They ask him about their letters and money orders. He is usually co-operative. Sometimes, he is angered by useless queries made by some people. He helps the illiterate women and men by reading their letters for them. He is a very useful man. He knows the addresses of the people living in his beat. He has a cheerful smile for those who greet him. He is frank and honest in his dealing. He carries both happy and sad news. He pauses on his way for a while to share joys and sorrows with the people he meets. He is otherwise calm, reserved and well-meaning. He is the key person of the postal department. He goes to deliver the mail in sun or shine. He is exposed to the rigours of weather. He gets a meagre salary. He finds it difficult to make both ends meet. Something must be done to better the lot of the Indian postman. The government must take steps to do something for him. He enjoys the sympathy of one and all.

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The Postman is a Government servant. He belongs to a very important and useful department. There are post offices all over the country, in every town and every important village. Every post office has a number of postmen. The number depends upon the quantity of work. The area under a post office is divided into parts (beats) and one postman is put in charge of that part.

Bags of letters come from different places by trains or buses. They are sorted at the post office and given to the concerned postman. He puts them in their leather bags to deliver to the addressees. Each postman receives the money order also from the post master for delivery. Then there are registered letters and insured letters and ordinary parcels and insured parcels. He puts all in a bag. If the parcel is a large one he takes another bag with him. In large cities, the postal bus takes the postmen round and leaves them in their respective circles. In smaller cities the postman goes on a cycle or on foot as it is comfortable to him.

The postman is a familiar figure in our life. We recognize him at a glance. In his hand he carries a bundle of letters which he has sorted and arranged for quick delivery. Sometimes his load is heavy. He has to carry a number of parcels, both

small and big. He is smart and active. He collects the mail of his area at the Head Post Office. Then along with other postmen he gets into the mail motor bus which drops him at convenient spot near the area in his charge. He swiftly goes from door to door by cycle or on foot. He gently knocks the door or call out to deliver the post. He quickly slips the letters through the half open door or window or puts them in the letter box fixed at the door. If there is a registered letter or parcel or money order or unpaid letter, he had to wait till the addressee signs the receipt form after talking the delivery of the article.

The city postman goes to the post- office early in the morning. There he gets letters, parcels and money – orders. He takes them and goes to deliver them. He goes back to the post- office in the afternoon. This time he gets only ordinary letters he delivers them in the evening. After finishing his work, he goes back to his home . In big cities, postmen are taken by bus. They get down in their respective areas. From there they go on foot.

The work of the village postman is harder. He has to go from one village to other. If he has no cycle, he goes on foot. He has to walk about ten miles every day. He does not go to every village every day. One or two days are fixed for every village. He delivers the letters to the villagers. He sells them post – cards and envelopes. He brings their letters to the post – office. Sometimes he has to write and read their letters.

The postman works very hard in all weathers. He knows no rest. Sunday is a holiday for him. He is very regular. He is never late. He is very careful in his work. He is very sincere in his duty. He is very honest. He gives the letters and the money orders to the right men. He does not keep any one's money. He is never rough and rude.

The postman brings us both good and bad news. When he delivers a long-expected letter of joyful news, we are thankful to him and give him some reward. But if he brings sad news, we are not angry with him for he is not responsible for that bad news. His duty is to convey the news. Postmen are very intelligent in understanding whether a letter conveys good or bad news. He makes his face felling according to news. If we think for a moment our life without his service, it becomes a miserable life having no news of relatives, friends or dears. How anxiously we wait for the post at a definite time related to postman. We wait up to the passing time of postman when to we hope for any special letter or call. He is an all-weather man. A rich or a poor both are ready to welcome the postman. He is rewarded on Holi and Deepawali for good services.

The postman is a very important member of the society. His services are very useful for us. We wait for him eagerly. We are so glad when we see him. He

brings good or bad news for us. But we do not dislike him for this reason. We always welcome him.

The postman is a very important man. He keeps us in touch with our friends and relations. He is an important link between the businessmen.

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A Postman

The postman is a humble but very important member of the society. Usually he wears a Khaki uniform. He is a familiar figure in every village, town and city. He is an indispensable organ of the postal system.

The postman's day generally starts early in the morning. He has to reach the post office very early. As soon as he reaches the post office, he is busy with his work. He opens the mail bags, stamps, the letters and sorts them out area- wise and locality – wise. Then he arranges the letters of his area house-wise and gets ready to go on his round.

He goes from door to door delivering letters, parcels and money orders. He carries letters in a leather bag. In small villages and towns, he goes on his round on foot. In big cities he is given a cycle for this purpose. In some cities, some postmen have motorcycles also.

The postman's work looks very simple but it is very tedious. He goes about delivering mail in his area unmindful of the weather. Be it hot or cold, dry or wet, he goes about his work regularly.

The postman is welcomed by every householder with mixed feelings. Some wait for him in hope; some in fear. The postman carries message which will break the hearts of some while fill others with joy. To a student, he may bring the happy news of success or the sad news of failure in an examination. Thus, a postman is the messenger of joy and sorrow, complaint and request, death and birth. How strange! He carries all such news to the people without knowing anything of it.

Now – a- days the importance of a postman has diminished to a great extent. With the fast development in communication and alternate means of sending messages and letters the postman has become less important. The messages are sent by much faster means like couriers and e-mails and easy access to telephonic system. In spite of all this the services of a postman are still an asset too many a rural area where the modern means of communication are not available or are expensive.

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The postman is a very useful member of society. He brings us dak from our friends and relatives who live at long distances from us. He brings us messages of joy and sorrow. He does his duty in sun and shower.

The postman is perhaps at the lowest level in the posts and telegraphs set up. He is the least literate and accordingly gets the lowest pay per month. He is only a step higher than sweepers and khalasis.

A postman is not a totally illiterate person. Otherwise, he would not be able to read even the address on letters. He is perhaps at least a matriculate. If a postman is hardworking and continues his studies during his spare time and passes graduation, he can rise at least to the post of a clerk in a post office.

The postman has to do his duty whether he is appointed in an urban or a rural area. His duty starts in the morning and ends late in the afternoon or in the evening. The postman often goes to far off places on his bicycle. He should be provided at least with a moped. He gets a uniform annually, but his pay is very low whereas his duty is hard and strenuous.

In rural areas, the postman has sometimes to read letters to illiterate recipients. Rarely, he may even have to write a letter for them.

He brings letters, inland letters, postcards, money orders, parcels and telegrams. People wait for him eagerly. Though he is forbidden to accept any gift from anybody, some people force him to accept a gift on certain occasions such as Diwali, New Year's Day or some marriage or birth in the family.

In any case, he is a lovable person who deserves better treatment from the authorities in the matter of pay-fixation, allowances, etc.