



PLATE And WATERMARK  
VARIETIES  
OF  
'2' Adult Education Definitive

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## FOREWORD

I feel a great pleasure in writing a foreword for the tertise on the study the plate and watermark varieties of 2P. Adult Education Stamp in the Sixth definitive series, of Modern Indian Stamp, written by Mr. S. P. Bansal.

A time has come when the collectors have to studyt he modern stamps especially in the printing flaws, errors and varieties in addition to the major errors. in view of the fact that not many can today afford to collect the early issues which are a subject matter of study as the prices are too high for the collector of ordinary means to reach.

Mr. Bansal needs no introduction since he has also exhibited his studies and won prizes. His studies have proved beyond doubt, that even the modern stamps have much to study about and spend pleasant time with ones collection.

He has made great strides in the field especially, in the study of 5P Family Planning Stamp and the IOP chitranjan Locomotive and the present 2P. Adult Education in the Sixth Definitive

His studies and findings have found place in the Philatelic Journal of India and the other philatelic press at home as well as abroad, especially in the Gibbons Stamp Monthly from U. K..

His efforts need to be commended. One will have to study the modern issues and have a close look through the magnifying glass, for the flaws are many and I am sure, the work done by Mr. Bansal will be of great help to collector of Indias Postage Stamps and its ultimate specialisation.

I wish Mr. Bansal great success in his persuit.

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In this listing only those varieties (Plate and Watermark) are listed which I have in my own collection or are already well documented.

In some cases (Varieties) it may be possible that it will not be constant because some varieties seems to be constant in sheets but they are non-constant. Every care has been taken before listing of varieties, a number of sheets have been studied. Some varieties have also come across in this study, good flaws which retouched later, in such a manner that they could not be recognize.

x1 to x9 Plate nos. were used in 1980 issue, x9 and x10 1981 March issue All the illustrations of this booklet are artist design.

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The '2' adult education stamp was first issued March 1980 by photogravure process on 'Govt. of India' watermark paper; In Feb. 1981 the stamp was printed by offset-litho on 'Govt. of India' watermark paper and March 1981 the same stamp was printed by photogravure process on 'Asokan capital' watermark paper.

The stamp was printed by 'India Security Press' Nasik Road, India; 100 stamps in a sheet; Perforation  $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$  comb.





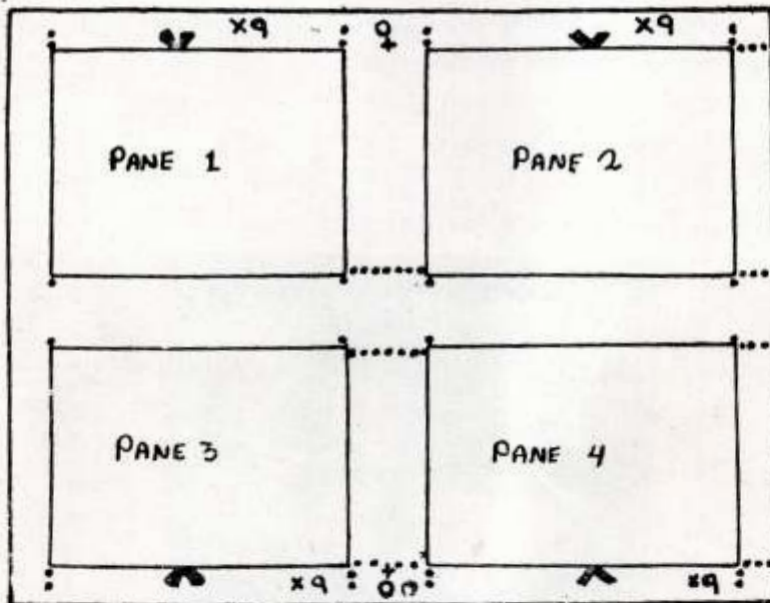
Position of panes in printer's sheet.

Photogravure Process- (a) Imperf margin will be present at left side.

(b) Plate number exist.

Offset-litho Process- (a) Imperf margin will be present at right side.

(b) Plate number not exist, cross and pin hole exist only.



Sheet position of Varieties.

Horizontal row contains a specific stamp, if it is second from the left in sixth row down, this would be shown as R6/2, that is row6, stamp2.

## Abbreviations used.

Wmk Watermark.

Pl Plate.

P Pane.

R Row.

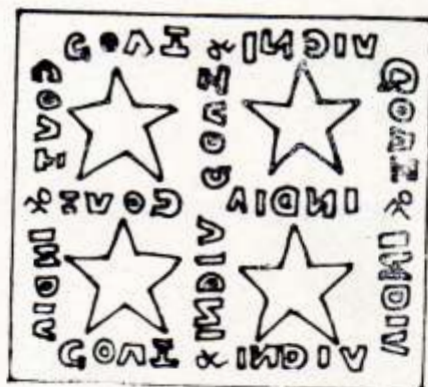
Wmk 1st. Stars are arranged in upright, sideways and inverted in either direction, 'Govt. of India' readable left to right from front side of the sheet.

Wmk 2nd. Stars all points in same direction, 'Govt. of India' readable left to right from gum side.

Wmk 1st. Stars points in either direction (Upright, sideways and inverted) reversed 'Govt. of India' readable from gum side.



Wmk 1st



Wmk 2nd



Wmk 1st reversed

31st MARCH 1980; PHOTOGRAVURE.

Wmk 2nd type.

Gum White and yellow.

PV1 Retouch of vertical after the first character of 'भारत'  
R1/2, PI x1, P 1.

भारत INDIA 2

PV2 Retouch above '2' R1/1, PI x1, P 1.



PV3 White spot on the hand, cap man R4/2, PI x1, P 1.



PV4 Broken line in turban R4/4, PI x1, P 4.



PV5 A similar flaw exist in PI x1, P2, R4/3.

PV6 Coloured spot below the nose of the left woman  
R1/4, PI x5 P 3.

A SIMILAR FLAW EXISTS IN SAME POSITION  
in PI x6, PI x7, PI x8, and PI x9, P 3.



PV7 White spot on the tree R1/4, PI x6, P 3.





- PV8 White spot on the back of right woman R10/9,  
PI x6, P 3.



- PV9 White arch near left woman R7/6, PI x7, P 3.



- PV10 White spot at the back of woman's head R1/1,  
PI x9, P 1.



- PV11 Dent in lower frame line R2/10, PI x9, P 4.



- PV12 White spot on man head R9/5, PI x9, P 4.  
THE SAME FLAWS ( PV 11 and PV 12 ) ALSO  
EXIST ON ASOKAN CAPITAL WMK.



## Watermark Variety.

PW1 In PI x9 the watermark inscription incomplete.



Wmk 1st type

PV13 Man with pocket R3/1, PI x7, P 1.



PI and P not known.

PV14 Tail to Right woman R10/3.



PV15 Dot in 'म' R1/2.



PV16 Dot on blackboard R3/2.



## Watermark Variety.

PW2 'V' Defective in 'Govt.'



Plate x6 and x7 exist both type of watermark 1st and 2nd type.

2nd FEB. 1981; OFFSET-LITHO.

Wmk 1st. and 2nd type.

Wmk 1st. reversed exist.

Gum White and yellow.

Pane 1st.

LV1 White spot near left woman R2/3.



LV2 White spot on nose R5/6.



LV3 Line broken, man with cap R6/6.



LV4 White flaw on '2' R5/6.





Pane 2nd.

LV5 Broken shirt line R2/5.



LV5a Shirt line retouched.



LV6 White stroke, left side of the blackboard R6/9.



LV7 White flaw on woman leg R8/6.



LV8 Extra line, left woman's hip R2/6.



LV9 Dot on '2' R1/10.



LV10 Coloured spot above 'मि' R8/7.



LV11 White spot on the arm of left woman R7/7.



LV12 White spot above left woman head R6/9.



LV13 Line of hand disturb R9/4.



LV14 Flaw in curve of '2' R7/6.



LV15 Dot on upper side of black board R4/1



LV16 Lines broken near left woman R4/3.



LV17 Outer lines short below tree, left side R9/4.



LV18 White spot on blackboard R2/8.





LV19 Spot above '2' R10/5.



LV20 Dot on the hand of man R4/2.



Pane 3rd.

LV21 Line disturb around '2' R2/8.



Pane 4th.

LV22 Coloured spot on 'D' R5/10.



LV23 1st. 'I' broken in India R8/3.



LV24 White flaws and line missing R9/7 and 8.



LV25 White flaw on left woman back R9/9.



LV26 A White line from left bottom corner to '2' R10/9.



LV27 White spot on blackboard, near man R8/1.



LV28 A White dot on '2' R2/6.



LV29 White spot on tree R7/1.



LV30 Line missing below 'भारत' R3/5.



LV31 White spot near left woman R4/4.



Pane not known.

LV32 Broken frame of black board R7/3.



LV33 Comma above tree R1/9.



LV34 White line on '2' R3/4.

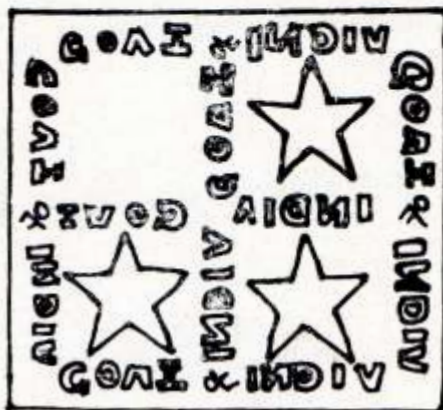




## Watermark Varieties.

2nd type wmk.

LW1 Star missing.



LW2 'G' defective in 'Govt.'



LW3 'V' defective in 'Govt.'



1st. type wmk.

LW4 'D' in India and 'O' in 'Govt.' defective.



25th MARCH 1981; PHOTOGRAVURE.

Wmk. Multiple Asokan Capital.

Gum White and yellow.

PAV1 Dent fower frame line R2/10, PI x9, P 4.

PAV2 White spot on manhead R9/5, PI x9, P 4.

Plate x9 exist both type of watermark 'Asokan Capital' and 'Govt. of India.' (photogravure)

