






The Postal and Revenue obliterates on Bhor stamps - Srinivas Prava

Numerous obliterates appear on Bhor stamps. They can be differentiated into two main groups: - Postal and Revenue. All the genuine obliterates are represented below with one not been able to decipher yet. Any other obliterate not mentioned here should be treated with suspect.

Postal Obliterates




The Postal village obliterates have the first letters of “**Sansthan Bhor (सा भो)**” in the seal at the end. Based on this we can identify the obliterates and map them to the 8 post offices which are Shirwal, Nasrapur, Kolvan, Pali, Bhor, Pirangut, Punewadi & Vele.

Illustration	Village Name	Obliterati on Type	Notes
	Shirwal	Rectangle	The first line reads “ शिरवळ (Shirwal) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”
	Nasrapur	Octagon	The first line reads “ नस्रापुर (Nasrapur) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”
	Kolvan	Shield	The first line reads “ कोळवण (Kolvan) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”

		Pirangut	Hexagon	The first line reads “ पिरंगुट (Pirangut) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”.
		Bhor	Clover	The first line reads “ पो (Po.) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”; the third line reads “ र (R) ”.
		Pali	Oval	The first line reads “ पालि (Pali) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”
		Punewadi	Circle	The first line reads “ पुणेवादी (Punewadi) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”
		Vele	Heart	The first line reads “ वेले (Vele) ”; the second line reads “ सा भो (Sa. Bho) ”

Revenue obliterates

The Revenue obliterates have the starting with “**Shri (श्री)**”.

Stamp	Usage	Notes
	Pali – Court Fee.	This obliterate has 3 lines. It reads “ Shri Munsaf Court Pali ” “श्री मुनसफ़ कोर्ट पालि”.
	Pirangut – Court Fee	This obliterate has 5 lines. It reads “ Shri Sarkar Pant Sachiv Munsaf Court Pirangut ” “श्री सरकार पंत सचिव मुनसफ़ कोर्ट पिरंगुट”
	Receipt	This obliterate has 2 lines. It reads “ Shri Ram ” “श्री राम”. This is a Receipt usage.

Shri - denotes wealth, **Munsaf** – Usually denotes the Judge of the lower court, **Sarkar** – Government, **Pant Sachiv** – Title of the Raja. Note “**Ram**” in the third obliterate is Lord “Rama”, the 7th Avatar of Vishnu. Lord Shri Rama was the family deity of the Pant Sachivs.

Genuine obliterate not deciphered

This obliterate has not been deciphered but its quite commonly found on SG 1.



Other obliterates found on SG 3 – 1901 ½ Anna Red

By 1901, Bhor adopted a new way of obliterating stamps, a way where the face of the ruler was not disfigured. Below are the 2 most common shades found, Black and Violet. There has been no consensus if this obliterate was used for Postal only though all known SG 3 Postal covers are tied with this obliterate.

