POSTAL SYSTEM DURING MAURYA PERIOD

(reign: 321–297 BCE)

The existence of an early postal system in India can be found during the reign of Emperor Chandragupta Maurya. He divided his empire into provinces. The difficulty of communication between the capital city and the provincial capitals was solved by the use of pigeon post.

The pigeon post system continued even during the time of Emperor Ashoka. The letters in little cachets were tied to the feet of trained pigeons which were made to fly to specific destinations and thus important messages were sent.