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#### Staff

The staff of the Department underwent some changes during the year under report. Shri K. D. Bhargava, Director of Archives, left the Department on 28 July 1960 on his appointment as Deputy Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Education. On the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission, Shri S. Roy was appointed to the post of Deputy Director of Archives with effect from 14 June 1960. In consequence of Shri Roy's appointment Shri R. C. Gupta, officiating Deputy Director of Archives, and Shri P. C. Majumdar, officiating Assistant Director of Archives (Preservation), reverted to their substantive posts of Assistant Director of Archives (Preservation) and Archival Chemist, respectively. Pending the appointment of a regular Director of Archives Shri Roy has been holding the full charge of that office since 3 September 1960.

Shri S. C. Gupta, Assistant Director of Archives (Educational Records), retired from service on 31 May 1960, and Shri S. K. Saxena, Archivist, was promoted to officiate in his place from 21 June 1960. On the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission, Miss D. G. Keswani, Archivist, was appointed as an Assistant Director of Archives with effect from 5 August 1960. She was placed in charge of the Publication Division of the Department.

Shri Krishan Lal Arora, Assistant Archivist (Grade II), was, on the recommendation of the Union Public Service Commission, appointed as an Archivist from 10 April 1960, while Sarvashri K. D. Gupta, Y. C. Gaur and J. R. Gupta, Assistant Archivists (Grade I), were, in accordance with the decision of the Junior Departmental Promotion Committee, promoted as Archivists from 23 July 1960.

The services of Dr. Jagdish Raj, Archivist, and Shri Y. P. Kathpalia, Technical Officer, were placed at the disposal of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza, Caracas, Venezuela for nine and four months with effect from 10 April 1960 and 1 October 1960, respectively.

As a measure of economy, one Class IV post was abolished and 28 posts of different categories were kept in abeyance. The total strength of the establishment at the close of the year was 388.

#### Accession

**Public Records.**—Paucity of storage space in the record rooms continued to prevent the Department from making much progress in

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accessioning the non-current records of the Government of India. The records accessioned during the year were mainly those that were needed to fill up the gaps in the series already in the custody of the Department. These records, received from the Ministries of Finance, Food and Agriculture, and Home Affairs and a few other agencies of the Central Government, comprised 34 volumes, 2,319 files and 30 folded documents. (For details, please see Appendix I). The Department also received for custody authenticated copies of Bills passed by State Legislatures and assented to by the President of India.

In addition to the above, 1,429 volumes of the Survey of India Revenue Records (village plans, etc.), one printed map of India and adjacent countries, one map of Chamba State and 80 sheets of printed strip maps of certain areas were received from the Survey of India, Dehra Dun.

**Private Papers and Manuscripts.**—Side by side with the accession of public records the Department continued its efforts to enlarge its collection of private papers and manuscripts of historical value. Noteworthy among the papers acquired during the year either by gift or on terms of loan were:

(i) Personal papers and correspondence of the celebrated Indian economist Sir Jahangir C. Coyajee, received from Shri M. E. Talyar Khan of Bombay. They cover the period 1910-40 and, besides throwing light on Sir Jahangir's career as Professor of Economics and Principal of the Presidency College, Calcutta, and as a member of the Indian Fiscal Commission, give an idea of his contribution to Indian economic studies.

(ii) Papers relating to the Bengal Famine Inquiry Commission (1944-45). These were received from Sir Manilal B. Nanavati who was one of the members of the said Commission.

(iii) 16 interesting documents bringing to light certain activities of the Indian National Army organised by late Shri Subhash Chandra Bose during the World War II.

The campaign for acquiring old papers and rare manuscripts in Oriental languages produced satisfactory results. About one hundred manuscripts and documents were received from private owners by the Historical Manuscripts Purchase Committee out of which 26 were selected and finally purchased. Specially deserving of mention in this connection are :

(i) *Maasir-i-Asafi*, an undated manuscript copy in Persian containing history of the Nizams of Hyderabad besides short biographical sketches of eminent Indian saints, philosophers, poets and artists. The work was originally completed by its author Lachhmi Narayan (Shafiq) of Aurangabad on 1 Rabi II, 1208 A.H. (6 November 1793 A.D.)

(ii) *Farman* of Emperor Akbar, dated 27 Rabi I, 987 A.H. (24 May 1579 A.D.), granting 160 *bighas* of freehold land in *pargana* Nasirabad, *sarkar* Manikpur, *suba* Allahabad, to Saiyid Jafar and others.

(iii) *Farman* of Emperor Jahangir, dated 25 *Khurdad*, 10 *Julus* (June 1615 A.D.), granting 120 *bighas* of freehold land in *pargana* Nasirabad to Musammat Sahib Daulat and others.

(iv) *Farman* of Emperor Aurangzeb, dated 5 *Rabi* I, 42 *Julus* (11 September 1698 A.D.), granting 100 *bighas* of freehold land in *pargana* Nasirabad to Musammat Junjun (?) and others.

**Microfilm Copies of Records from Foreign Repositories.**—The programme of acquiring from abroad microfilm or photographic transcripts of records of Indian interest was pursued with equal vigour. Despite foreign exchange difficulties 199 rolls of Dutch records covering the period 1732-58 and containing interesting details about contemporary Indian trade were obtained from the Algemeen Rijksarchief, The Hague.

The Department was also able to acquire the following items from U.S.A. under the Wheat Loan Educational Exchange Programme :

(i) 20 rolls of Marathi Mission Papers of the American Board of Foreign Missions, Boston. These were obtained from the Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. They include a pamphlet containing Rev. Thos. Tuckerman's request to the American missionaries in India for information regarding the state of religion in India; some letters written to Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Dwarka Nath Tagore by members of the missionary society; and several letters addressed by the American missionaries in India to their Board in Boston, containing references to the Indian social life and customs during the 19th century.

(ii) 4 rolls acquired from the Ames Library of South Asia, Minnesota. They contain letters of Robert Clive, H. Verelst, Eyre Coote, Hector Munro, Henry Dundas, Richard Wellesley, William Cornwallis, Lord Teignmouth and others. They also include Sieur Anquetil de Briancourt's historical journal, dated Surat, 1780; Warren Hastings' journal of voyage from India to England; and Col. Fitzgerald's diary of Burma campaign, 1886-88.

(iii) Xerograph prints of Macartney Papers obtained from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. These papers relate to the period 1781-85 when Lord Macartney was the Governor of Madras.

**Books and Periodicals.**—692 volumes and 4,326 periodicals were added to the Library of the Department during the year. These were acquired by way of purchase, presentation or exchange. The most significant accessions among them include the following rare publications :

(i) *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of the Rev. Claudius Buchanan* by Rev. Hugh Pearson, 3rd edition, 1819;

(ii) *Diary of a Pedestrian in Cashmere and Thibet* by Captain Knight, 1863;

(iii) *Modern India and the Indians* by Monier Williams, 3rd edition, 1879;

Of the four Research Fellows working under the revised Fellowship Scheme of the Department the tenure of three was renewed for a further term of one year, while the fourth was permitted to join the Saugor University as an Assistant Professor on condition that he would complete his research work within the next two and a half years.

During the year under report 64,366 requisitions for non-current records were attended to, and 65,608 files and volumes returned by the various borrowing agencies and individuals were restored to their proper places. Reminders were issued to the Ministries of Finance, Education, and Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs as also to the Directorate General of Posts and Telegraphs for returning the records still outstanding with them.

107 maps and 3 atlas volumes were supplied, on requisition, to research scholars and various Government Departments, and 82 maps and 2 atlas volumes were received back and restored to their proper places.

Also 55,073 requisitions for books and other printed materials from research scholars and staff of the Department as well as from the Gazetteer Unit and the History of Freedom Movement Unit of the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs were attended to, and 50,828 volumes received back from them were restored to their places.

### Preservation and Photoduplication

The Department continued its normal functions of air-cleaning, fumigation, deacidification, lamination and binding of records. During the year under report 49 bundles and 2,461 volumes were fumigated. 1,66,103 sheets laminated, 17,271 sheets repaired with tissue paper using dextrine paste or cellulose acetate foil and acetone, and 221 palm-leaves, 7 birch-bark sheets and 55 paper sheets repaired with chiffon. 98,589 sheets and 333 maps were deacidified, 2,21,458 sheets guarded, and 40,772 Original Consultations docketed. In addition, 1,123 maps were repaired and mounted, and leather preservative dressing was applied to 29,030 volumes. 659 volumes of Proceedings, 886 publications and 520 miscellaneous items were bound and 679 books lettered.

The microfilming of pre-1859 records was continued as usual. 53,048 exposures covering about twice that number of manuscript pages of the series Home (Revenue) Department Proceedings (1847-59), Home (Revenue) Letters from Court (1834-62), Home (Education) Department Proceedings (1857-59), Home (Miscellaneous) Department Proceedings (1680-25) were prepared.

### Research Laboratory

The Laboratory continued its efforts to find out from among indigenous products a suitable substitute for imported variety of tissue paper. A

number of samples received from the Hand-made Paper Research Institute, Poona, Messrs. Bharat Carbon and Tissue Manufacturing Co., Faridabad, etc. were tested but none of them was found satisfactory.

A few samples of hand-made paper, *maida*, dextrine, binding cloth, mulls, long cloth, etc. were tested for their suitability for repair work. In addition, 5 damaged seals in wax were repaired.

Besides the above, a study of the effect of various commercial insecticides and fumigants used in the various record offices on the suitability and durability of record materials was undertaken. The investigation, when completed, would enable the record offices to select chemicals producing no deleterious effect on old records.

### Technical Service

Apart from implementing its own preservation programme the Department, with a view to preserving for posterity manuscripts of historical value in private custody, continued to render technical service to such institutions and individuals as had no arrangement for such service. During the year under report repair and binding services were rendered to 19 outside agencies, noteworthy among them being : Muslim University Library, Aligarh; Sanskrit University Library, Varanasi; Temple Survey Project, Bhopal; All India Congress Committee, New Delhi; Director of Records, Jammu and Kashmir Government; Maharaja of Benares; and Prof. P. V. Bapat of Delhi University. Among the manuscripts repaired under this programme mention may be made of an Egyptian scroll, 358" x 13½", received from Capt. E. F. Eduljee.

Rare books and manuscripts belonging to the Raza Library, Rampur continued to be repaired, bound and microfilmed. 4,471 letters of Mahatma Gandhi received from the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi for interim custody were also repaired.

Free repair service was extended to a number of institutions and individuals in possession of Gandhi documents who in response to an appeal from the Government permitted the Department to keep photo-copies of the papers repaired and renovated for them. Those who gifted such documents to the Department were furnished with free photo-copies. By this means the Department was able to acquire 220 Gandhi documents, in original or in facsimile, from Shri Pyare Lal, a close associate of Gandhiji; Prime Minister's Secretariat; Rabindra Sadan, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan; Prof. K. Swaminathan, Chief Editor, "The Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi", New Delhi; and Shri D. P. Nayyar, Planning Commission, New Delhi. Besides this, repair of the copies of *Indian Opinion*, diaries of late Shri Mahadev Desai and other works bearing on Gandhiji's life and mission was continued.

Under the scheme of free servicing of papers and publications of national importance 25 letters and 26 books belonging to Rabindra Sadan,

(iv) *Correspondence between a Hindu Raja, a Rev. Father and a Member of Parliament on the Policy of Lord Ripon*, reprinted from the *Indian Mirror* with an introduction by Sham Loll Mitter, 1884;

(v) *The Golden Book of India* by Sir Roper Lathbridge, 1893; and

(vi) *Princes and Chiefs of India*, Vols. I-III, by Sorabji Jehangir, 1903.

### Checking and Arrangement

Checking and arrangement of new accessions was continued and 6,128 files were rearranged according to their natural original order. Greater emphasis was laid on the rearrangement of records of the late Foreign and Political Department and its defunct agencies. About 4,29,500 files belonging to the former, which were found dispersed among several collections, were rearranged, reconstructed into a single series and put into an order which lends itself to easy consultation. Good progress was also made in the rearrangement of records belonging to the Punjab States Agency and Bundelkhand Agency. In addition, 96,514 documents belonging to the late Finance and Military Departments were reclaimed from different collections among which they were found dispersed, and restored to their parent series. (For details, please refer to Appendix II).

Besides the above, 4,274 documents in Persian and Urdu, belonging to the collection known as Mutiny Papers, were checked, docketed and provided with identification numbers.

### Compilation of Reference Aids

Check-lists were prepared of 9,640 files belonging to the late Home Department (Establishment Branch, 1918-21; Political Branch, 1935-42; Judicial Branch, 1866-70; Jails Branch, 1888-1921; and Police Branch, 1862-95), 4,545 personal record files of the Medical Directorate (I.M.S. and I.M.D. Sections), Army Headquarters and 1,030 educational despatches from and to the Secretaries of State covering 1861-92 and 1860-80 respectively. Check-lists were also compiled of English translations of Persian letters available among the Foreign Department Proceedings (1794-1808) and of letters issued (1766-1846) and letters received (1801-40) in languages other than Persian. Press-listing of Persian correspondence for the year 1801 was taken up and satisfactory progress made. Progress was equally maintained in the listing of Oriental seals found among the original Persian letters received. Seals on the letters covering the years 1801-40 were listed.

Indexing was taken up of the Persian collection known as *Alqab-nama* which embodies interesting details about historical personalities having dealings with the British Government. The index is expected to be of great use to the research scholars. Preliminary indexing of the Foreign and Political Department records (1781-83) was completed and editing of the index entries taken in hand. Substantial progress was also made in indexing maps

in the custody of the Department. Nearly 6,643 index slips of the maps belonging to the Survey of India were prepared.

### Appraisal

The programme of appraisal of records of the Department during the year covered 5,281 files belonging to the late Department of Education, Health and Lands, 627 files of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, and 4,472 files of the late Finance Department. In addition, 240 bundles belonging to the Ministry of Railways were evaluated with a view to selecting those deserving permanent retention.

### Research and Reference Service

The Research Room of the Department wears a new look after the complete renovation undertaken during the year. The fluorescent lights have improved the lighting system considerably, and the installation of new fans apart from reducing the noise has contributed in no small measure to the general well-being in the room. The Research Room continued to be kept open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on week days and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and second Saturdays of the month.

During the year under review 125 scholars availed themselves of the facilities provided by the Department for consulting records, and they were furnished with the requisite guidance and research aids. Among those who carried on research there were scholars from foreign countries like Russia, U.S.A., England and Germany as well. The subjects on which the various scholars worked related mainly to the political, social and economic history of British India. There was a marked tendency to consult records bearing on economic subjects, particularly trade and industry. (Please see Appendix III).

The Department dealt with 61 enquiries on historical and related subjects referred to it. Of these 31 were from public agencies and the remaining 30 from private individuals and institutions. Each enquiry involved protracted search among manuscript records as well as published materials. The subjects on which information was sought by public agencies included ex-Indian Civil Servants settled in Australia during 1850, judicial trials faced by Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Court Fees Act of 1870, recruitment and training of railwaymen in India during 1853-54, certain forts in Jammu and Kashmir, and Sikh military system. The enquiries from private individuals and institutions related to varied subjects, some of the interesting ones among them being: correspondence of Sir William Jones, James Prinsep, Manuel Cantopher and Warren Hastings concerning Asiatic Society, Bengal; careers of Ghulam Ali Khan, Shah Nurullah Khan and Lutf Ali Beg who served under Tipu Sultan; last years of Bahadur Shah in Rangoon; and East India Company's relations with Malaya. (For details, please refer to Appendix IV).

(ii) Holograph letter of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, dated 18 November 1824, regarding the Unitarian Community's activities in Calcutta.

(iii) *Qasida* in Persian composed by the celebrated poet Mirza Ghalib in praise of Lord Hardinge I.

(iv) Minute of Lord Dalhousie, dated 1 April, 1850, on the promotion of female education in India.

(v) Diary, in Hindi, of Nain Singh, the celebrated Indian explorer of the 19th century, containing an account of his explorations in Tibet (March, 1865-June 1866).

The Department's permanent exhibition of select documents on important aspects of modern Indian history continued to attract large number of visitors. Among the celebrities who visited the exhibition mention may be made of the author from Iceland, Mr. S. A. Magnusson, German historian Prof. Erdmann, Harvard historian Mr. E. O. Reischauer, the well-known museologist Dr. Grace Morley, and Dr. R. H. Retzlaff from Berkeley.

The Department also lent some of its rare documents of historical importance for display at the twenty-third session of the Indian History Congress held at Aligarh in December 1960.

### Publication

The different publication programmes of the Department were pursued with particular vigour during the year under report. Steps were taken to expedite publication of the volumes of *Fort William—Indian House Correspondence* series included in Scheme I. Volume VI (Home Department, 1770-72; Honorary Editor : Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad) came out of the press; printing of Volume IV (Home Department, 1764-66; Honorary Editor: late Prof. C. S. Srinivasachari) and Volume XV (Secret Department, 1782-86; Honorary Editors: Prof. C. H. Philips and Dr. B. B. Misra) made considerable progress; Volume VII (Home Department, 1773-76; Honorary Editor: Prof. R. P. Patwardhan) was sent to the press; and editorial work connected with Volume III (Home Department, 1760-63; Honorary Editor : Dr. R. R. Sethi) was nearly completed. Besides this, the typescripts of Volume XII (Home Department, 1793-95) and Volume XIV (Secret Department, 1752-81) were prepared and sent to the new Honorary Editors Dr. A. Tripathi and Dr. A. L. Srivastava, respectively.

Under Scheme II of the same programme, which envisages editing and publication of selections from English records exclusively by the Director of Archives with the help of his staff, the volume of *Browne Correspondence* was published. With the publication of this volume the implementation of Scheme II has been completed.

As part of Scheme III relating to the publication of records in Oriental languages, Volume I of *Prachin Hindi Patra Sangraha* was published in colla-

boration with the University of Allahabad, while *Persian Akhbars*, to be published in collaboration with the University of Delhi, was sent to the press.

Under another programme, Volume I of *Selections from Educational Records* containing three reports of 1862, 1867 and 1872 on the state of education in India, was brought out during the year. Also substantial progress was made in compiling Volume II dealing with the growth of Indian Universities.

As regards *Calendar of Persian Correspondence*, the editing of Volume XI (1794-95) and the compilation of materials for Volume XII (1796-97) were continued.

Among other publications brought out by the Department during the year under review, mention may be made of *Guide to the Records in the National Archives of India*, Part I; *Bulletin of Research Theses and Dissertations in Indian Universities*, No. 3; *Descriptive List of Mutiny Papers in the National Archives of India, Bhopal*, Vol. I; and *Indian Historical Records Commission Proceedings*, Vol. XXXV, Parts I and II.

The Departmental journal *The Indian Archives*, Volume XI, Nos. 1-2 (January-December, 1957) was published during the year, while material for Volume XII, Nos. 1-2 (January-December, 1958) was sent to the press. Of the articles of wide and varied interest contained in the former issue of the journal, those that deserve special mention are : "Presidential Libraries : A New Feature of the Archival System of the United States" by Dr. Wayne C. Grover; "Organizing Archives in Bulgaria" by Dr. Peter Miatev; "Problems of Sigillography in India" by Shri A. I. Tirmizi; and "Birch-Bark and Clay-Coated Manuscripts in the Gilgit Collection—Their Repair and Preservation" by Shri P. C. Majumdar.

### Accommodation and Fittings

The construction of an annexe to the present National Archives building to accommodate the huge mass of public records still lying with the various creating agencies had been under consideration of the Government for some time past, and although a sum of Rs. 21,51,680 was sanctioned for that purpose, no progress could be made in the work owing to the fact that the master plan for the Central Vista complex of buildings of which the National Archives premises form a part, had yet to be finalised. No progress could also be made in the air-conditioning of the remaining portion of the stack area. Exchange difficulties were responsible for the postponement of the programme and the position at the close of the year was that while the ground floor of the stack area was air-conditioned conformably to scientific standards, the first and second floors which still remained to be air-conditioned continued to be exposed to the vagaries of tropical climate.

Santiniketan, and 5 manuscripts received from the Asiatic Society, Calcutta, were repaired and bound.

In addition to rendering repair service under the different schemes outlined above, the Department extended photoduplication service to 207 agencies, institutions and individuals including Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi; Rabindra Sadan, Santiniketan; Sadr-i-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir State; Italian Embassy in New Delhi; and New York Public Library, New York. The mobile microfilm unit of the Department visited Jaipur and prepared microfilm copies of a large collection of records belonging to the Rajasthan State Archives.

### Advisory Work and Inspection

As usual, the Department rendered technical advice to various outside agencies, official as well as non-official, on problems connected with the preservation and repair of records. During the year under review 58 requests for such advice were received and requisite information supplied. These included requests from the Oriental Institute, Baroda; Servants of India Society, Poona; Asiatic Society, Calcutta; Roorkee University, Roorkee; Central Road Research Institute, Roorkee; Union Ministries of Home Affairs, Food and Agriculture, and Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs; Naval and Air Headquarters, New Delhi; Deputy Accountant General, Assam; Madras Record Office; State Archives, Trivandrum; Keeper of Records, U.P.; Salar Jang Library, Hyderabad; Central Record Office, Hyderabad; Salt Commissioner, Jaipur; Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan; and National Archives, New Zealand.

Advice was also tendered to a number of State Governments and other organisations, on the planning of a properly equipped repository for housing manuscript materials and archives, and on other matters connected with archive-keeping and management of records. Among the institutions which made a reference in this connection mention may be made of the Governments of Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tripura Administration, Federation of Malaya, Visva-Bharati, and the Indian Aid Mission to Nepal.

The Department continued to collaborate with the Inks and Allied Products Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution of which it is an institutional member, and on its recommendation the Committee finalised draft specifications for paper and permanent fountain pen ink with 0.2% iron content.

Several manuscript repositories were inspected by the officers of this Department and advice regarding maintenance of records etc. was tendered. The repositories so inspected were : Rabindra Sadan, Santiniketan; Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, and Swaminatha Aiyar

Library and Adyar Library, Madras; and Saraswati Mahal Library, Tanjore. Records of the Ministry of Finance (Defence) were also inspected.

At the request of Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza, Caracas, Venezuela, an officer of the Department was sent there to advise them on the planning of a repair and preservation unit.

### Training and Educational Activities

Nine trainees completed the One-Year Diploma Course in Archive-Keeping and were awarded diplomas after written and practical tests. Eminent archivists and scholars, including Dr. Wagner of the Embassy of German Federal Republic, were invited to deliver lectures to them on various problems connected with archive-keeping.

A fresh batch of nine trainees, including two nominated by the State Governments of Rajasthan and West Bengal, were admitted to the course commencing on 1 September 1960. Five of them were awarded a stipend of Rs. 150 each per month.

The Department deputed two of its officers to deliver lectures on archive-keeping and archives preservation to the trainees in the Secretariat Training School. For the benefit of the staff of the Department arrangements were made for lectures by eminent scholars. Special mention may be made of the lectures delivered by Prof. Erdmann, the well-known German historian, on "Archivist and the Study of History"; "East-Asian studies in U.S.A.", by Mr. Edwin O. Reischauer, Director of Harvard-Yenching Institute, Cambridge (Mass.), and "Historical Research in Pakistan" by Dr. H. Montgomery Hyde, Professor of History, University of Panjab, Lahore.

With a view to disseminating knowledge of archival science among the general public, the Department brought out, during the year under report, Hindi versions of two of its popular pamphlets *An Introduction to the National Archives* and *Repair and Preservation of Records*, and published in English two more pamphlets entitled *Indian Seals (Problems and Prospects)* and *Archives and Records: What are They?* A brochure dealing with the diplomatic of Sanskrit copper-plate grants is the next one on schedule.

### Exhibition

An exhibition of historical documents organised in connection with the 35th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. It was open to the public for two days on 4 and 5 February 1960. The documents displayed at the exhibition related to the various aspects of modern Indian history. Some of the most interesting among these were :

(i) *Farman* of Emperor Aurangzeb, dated 11 Muharram 31 Julus (5 October 1690), appointing Saifullah as Commandant of Nasirabad Fort in place of Nasirud-Din Khan.

publish annual summaries of the results achieved, and administer the grants-in-aid sanctioned by the Central Government; and (ii) that the State Governments should appoint whole-time staff to implement the scheme in co-operation with the central organisation.

**Committee on Archival Legislation.**—The Committee was constituted in 1959 to advise the Government of India on the desirability or otherwise of making a law applicable to Indian archives and to suggest ways and means for improving their administration. The Committee concluded its work during the year under review and prepared its report for submission to the Government.

### Regional Office, Bhopal

**Accession.**—During the year under report 1,060 books and other publications including gazettes were received from the Central Record Office, Bhopal, and the National Archives of India, New Delhi, for custody. 15 books were purchased for the Office library.

**Checking and Arrangement.**—Checking and arrangement of records transferred by the Central Record Office, Bhopal, was continued and 11,255 files of the late Political Department (1934-41), 75 files of the Military Secretariat, and 796 files of the Chamber of Princes were checked and arranged. 17 bundles and 154 volumes were labelled and 12,051 files docketed.

**Compilation of Reference Aids.**—Abstract lists of records of the Political Department, Bhopal State, covering the period 1920-27 and 75 files of the Military Secretariat for the year 1913 were prepared. Also check-lists were compiled of 5,250 files and 2,134 volumes of *Daftar Insha* and 739 files of the Chief Secretariat. Compilation of Volume II of the *Descriptive List of Mutiny Papers in the National Archives of India, Bhopal*, was completed.

**Research and Reference Service.**—A few scholars availed themselves of the facilities provided by the Office for consulting records in its custody. In addition, three officers of the Gazetteer Unit, Madhya Pradesh Government, were allowed access to records. Some excerpts from records were released for the use of research scholars and several certified copies of *Jagir* and Settlement records were issued to other individuals.

The Office attended to requisitions from the Government of Madhya Pradesh, research scholars and others for 2,490 documents, 185 files and 110 volumes. It also dealt with several enquiries from public agencies and private individuals, involving search among records.

**Preservation.**—Besides daily dusting of records, special cleaning of 1,18,134 volumes, 68,117 files, and 3,648 bundles was carried out during the year. Repair and rehabilitation of the records of *Daftar Insha* and *Daftar*

as of those relating to the Mutiny was continued. About 100 flattened, 37,424 sheets guarded, 8,280 sheets repaired with foil and tissue paper and 5,386 sheets repaired with addition, 191 volumes and 59 books were bound, 38 maps 10 volumes fumigated and 674 volumes treated with leather care.

The exhibition of historical documents at the Office to attract a large number of visitors. Among the distinguished who came to see the exhibits during the year, special mention made of Dr. Yusuf Husain Khan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Aligarh; Dr. Paul Thiewe, Professor of Indology, University of Bonn; Dr. V. Milojevic, Professor of Archaeology, Heidelberg; Dr. N. Kaul, Director, Botanical Gardens, Lucknow; and Laszlo Reczei, Hungarian Ambassador in India.



The ground floor stack area was fitted with fluorescent lights and steps were taken for furnishing the first floor stacks with the same type of light.

As a safeguard against fire hazards the Department acquired a number of smoke detectors.

### Advisory Bodies and Committees

**Indian Historical Records Commission.**—The Commission held its thirty-fifth session at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 4-5 February 1960. The session was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, and was presided over by Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Union Minister for Education and *ex-officio* President of the Commission. The session was attended by a large number of historians, archivists and scholars from all over India, including representatives of the Central and State Governments, universities and learned societies. A number of papers embodying researches based on unpublished materials and bringing to light many new facts relating to India's recent past were read and discussed. Mention among these may be made of : (i) "Rebellion in Manipur" by Dr. R. C. Majumdar; (ii) "India Office on the Indian National Congress" by Dr. Amal Tripathi; (iii) "A Rare Edict of Nur Jahan" by Shri A. I. Tirmizi; (iv) "Udaipur Succession, 1841-42" by Prof. H. L. Gupta; and (v) "Some Mutiny Telegrams in the Bihar State Archives" by Shri N. Saran.

The members' meeting held in the afternoon of 4 February was also presided over by Dr. Shrimali. Some of the vital problems connected with the preservation and use of public as well as private archives were discussed at the meeting and important among the resolutions that were passed related to: (i) establishment of Oriental Manuscript Libraries at the Centre as well as in the States; (ii) recovery of records from Pondicherry; (iii) utilisation of services of trained personnel for the State Archives; and (iv) microfilming of important newspapers published in India during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

**Research and Publication Committee.**—Two meetings of the Research and Publication Committee were held during the year. The twenty-ninth meeting was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 5 February 1960 and was presided over by Shri K. G. Saiyidain, Educational Adviser to the Government of India and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee. Some of the important resolutions passed at the meeting related to: (i) appointment of additional staff for the National Archives of India for expeditious completion of its Publication Programme; (ii) publication by the State Governments of land revenue records in their respective custody; and (iii) publication by the Union Ministry of Defence of records bearing on India's military history. The Research and Publication Committee also appointed a Sub-Committee to examine the proposal regarding the calendaring of 17th and 18th century records other than those of the East India Company in the custody of archives offices in India.

The thirtieth meeting of the Committee was held at the National Archives of India on 8 July 1960 with Shri P. N. Kirpal in the chair. Important resolutions passed at the meeting were in regard to: (i) throwing open to *bona fide* research scholars, of all non-confidential records in the custody of the National Archives of India; (ii) publication by the State Governments, universities and learned institutions, of regional histories on the basis of records available in the National Archives; (iii) formulation by the State Governments of programmes for publication of their records; (iv) preservation of old books, newspapers, gazettes, etc. in the custody of the various offices under the Central and State Governments; and (v) promotion of research among new materials on the 17th century economic history available in the National Archives of India. The Research and Publication Committee also accepted the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee appointed earlier and resolved that the National Archives of India should compile and publish a calendar of historical documents in its custody other than those belonging to the East India Company; that the State Governments should prepare and publish descriptive lists of similar documents in the custody of their respective Record Offices; and that as the programme of compilation of descriptive lists made some progress, the State Governments might compile and publish calendars of select documents.

**National Committee of Archivists.**—The thirteenth meeting of the National Committee of Archivists was held at the National Archives of India, New Delhi, on 6 July 1960. The subjects discussed at the meeting included : (i) centralisation of non-current Secretariat and District records at the State Record Offices; (ii) preparation by the National Archives of India of a bibliography of books relating to all aspects of archives administration for use in the State Record Offices; (iii) re-introduction of the Short Course of Training in Archive-Keeping in the National Archives of India; (iv) opening of archival training centres in the States; and (v) advisability of setting up economical vacuum fumigation equipment in the State Record Offices.

**National Register Committee.**—The Committee was appointed by the Government of India in January 1960 to advise and guide the bodies set up by the State Governments for the compilation of the National Register of private and semi-private archives. The Committee held two meetings during the year—one on 7 April and the other on 3 September, and chalked out a detailed plan for the proper working of the Register scheme. The main recommendations made by it were: (i) that a central organisation with a suitable staff should be set up by the Government of India, which should function as an autonomous body under the guidance of the National Register Committee. This body should help in co-ordinating the work done in this behalf in the different States, furnish the State Committees with technical advice and guidance, send out parties, wherever necessary, to collect information, compile and maintain indexes to the reports and lists received,

# APPENDIX I

## ACCESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RECORDS DURING 1960

| S. No. | Ministry/Department/Residency, etc.                                                 | Years   | Files/Volumes, etc. |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1      | Foreign and Political Department . . . . .                                          | 1935-37 | 10 files            |
| 2      | Home Department/Ministry of Home Affairs :                                          |         |                     |
|        | (i) Political Branch . . . . .                                                      | 1938-48 | 927 files           |
|        | (ii) Foreigners I Section . . . . .                                                 | 1948-53 | 375 files           |
|        | (iii) N.G.S., C.S. (T.S.), Appts. and Estts.<br>(Conf.) . . . . .                   | 1948-58 | 100 files           |
|        | (iv) Political Branch Indexes . . . . .                                             | 1936-46 | 11 volumes          |
|        | (v) General Indexes . . . . .                                                       | 1940-54 | 23 volumes          |
| 3      | Ministry of Finance :                                                               |         |                     |
|        | Records relating to Travancore-Cochin Banking<br>Enquiry Commission . . . . .       | 1956    | 42 files            |
| 4      | Ministry of Food and Agriculture :                                                  |         |                     |
|        | Index . . . . .                                                                     | 1956    | 1 volume            |
| 5      | Government Railway Police, Ajmer . . . . .                                          | 1944-55 | 660 files           |
| 6      | Director of Land Records and Surveys, Government<br>of West Bengal . . . . .        | 1863-65 | 30 documents        |
| 7      | Gwalior Residency . . . . .                                                         | 1926-47 | 186 files           |
| 8      | Regional Organisation, Patiala . . . . .                                            | 1935-55 | 14 files            |
| 9      | Regional Organisation, Saurashtra . . . . .                                         | 1950-54 | 6 files             |
| 10     | Authenticated copies of Bills from States assented to<br>by the President . . . . . | ..      | 144 Bills           |

# APPENDIX II

## RECORDS CHECKED AND ARRANGED DURING 1960

| S. No. | Ministry/Department/Agency, etc.                   | Years            | Files/Volumes, etc.               |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1      | Home Department/Ministry of Home Affairs . . . . . | 1939-48          | 5,210 files                       |
| 2      | Finance Department/Ministry of Finance . . . . .   | 1834-57;<br>1956 | 20,614 Consultations;<br>42 files |
| 3      | Foreign and Political Department . . . . .         | 1861-<br>1944    | 4,29,510 files                    |
| 4      | Military Department . . . . .                      | 1851-58          | 75,900 Consultations              |
| 5      | Government Railway Police, Ajmer . . . . .         | 1944-45          | 660 files                         |
| 6      | Gwalior Residency . . . . .                        | 1926-47          | 186 files                         |
| 7      | Regional Organisation, Patiala . . . . .           | 1937-55          | 14 files                          |
| 8      | Regional Organisation, Saurashtra . . . . .        | 1950-54          | 6 files.                          |

## APPENDIX III

NAMES AND SUBJECTS OF RESEARCH OF THE SCHOLARS WHO  
CONSULTED RECORDS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA  
DURING 1960

| S. No. | Scholar's Name                   | Subject of research                                                                                                         |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1      | Amba Prasad . . . .              | Indian Immigration to East Africa.                                                                                          |
| 2      | Audrey, J. Ahmad . . . .         | Relations between India and Central Asia in the 19th Century.                                                               |
| 3      | Azmi, Arshad Ali . . . .         | Annexation of Oudh and its Consequences.                                                                                    |
| 4      | Bajpai, S. C. . . . .            | British Relations with Tibet from Warren Hastings to Minto II.                                                              |
| 5      | Bajwa, F. S. . . . .             | Fiscal Policy of the Government of India in the 19th Century.                                                               |
| 6      | Baral, L. S. . . . .             | History of Nepal.                                                                                                           |
| 7      | Beri, Kailash . . . . .          | Influence of Home Government on Madras Administration, 1800-25.                                                             |
| 8      | Bhattacharya, Dr. S. . . . .     | Political and Economic Developments in India, 1740-1915.                                                                    |
| 9      | Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi . . . . | The Financial Policy of the Government of India, 1858-94.                                                                   |
| 10     | Bhattacharya, Sukumar . . . .    | The East India Company and the Rajput States from the Close of 18th Century to 1820.                                        |
| 11     | Bidkar, V. G. . . . .            | Indo-Tibetan Political Relations, 1810-1907.                                                                                |
| 12     | Bishui, K. . . . .               | Freedom Movement in India with Special Reference to the Role of Press in It up to 1902.                                     |
| 13     | Bose, A. C. . . . .              | India's Fight for Freedom Abroad, 1905-45.                                                                                  |
| 14     | Burman, D. . . . .               | Economic History of Bengal, 1757-1875.                                                                                      |
| 15     | Chakravarti, S. . . . .          | Indo-Nepalese Relations up to 1923.                                                                                         |
| 16     | Chand, J. P. . . . .             | Administration of Oudh, 1858-77.                                                                                            |
| 17     | Choudhary, L. K. . . . .         | India's Relations with Turkey and Persia, 1900-1945.                                                                        |
| 18     | Choudhary, R. B. . . . .         | Economic Conditions of N.W.P., 1833-57.                                                                                     |
| 19     | Choudhary, V.C.P. . . . .        | Comprehensive History of Bihar.                                                                                             |
| 20     | Das, Tara Lal . . . . .          | Indo-Nepalese Relations, 1804-59.                                                                                           |
| 21     | Deo Bhanj, B. C. . . . .         | British Relations with the Princely States of Orissa, 1803-57.                                                              |
| 22     | Dua, S. . . . .                  | Social Conditions in Northern India in the Second Half of the 19th Century with Special Reference to the Position of Women. |
| 23     | Dwivedi, G. N. . . . .           | Role of Civil Disobedience in the Indian National Movement.                                                                 |
| 24     | Fenick, Marguerite . . . . .     | Acceptance of Office by the Congress under the Government of India Act of 1935.                                             |
| 25     | Gaikwar, S. D. . . . .           | Raghoba and the East India Company.                                                                                         |
| 26     | Gandhi, S. S. . . . .            | China Papers specially those pertaining to the Opium War.                                                                   |

| (1) | (2)                         | (3)                                                                                        |
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| 27  | Gates, Major Edward . . . . | Government of India's relations with Oman since 1890.                                      |
| 28  | Ghosh, P. K. . . . .        | Central Administration in India, 1880-99.                                                  |
| 29  | Grewal, N. S. . . . .       | Indian Immigration into Tanganyika since 1900.                                             |
| 30  | Gupta, J. R. . . . .        | Social History of the Sikh Punjab, 1800-1849.                                              |
| 31  | Gupta, K. . . . .           | Hindu Nobility at the Courts of Akbar and Jahangir.                                        |
| 32  | Gyani, S. S. . . . .        | Strategy and Tactics adopted by the Indians in the Siege of Delhi, 1857.                   |
| 33  | Hari Singh . . . . .        | Anglo-Iranian Relations, 1919-47.                                                          |
| 34  | Imtiaz Hussain . . . . .    | Socio-Economic Developments in India during the 19th Century.                              |
| 35  | Jain, A. P. . . . .         | Speeches of Pandit Moti Lal Nehru.                                                         |
| 36  | Jain, O. P. . . . .         | History of the Indian Navy.                                                                |
| 37  | Jain, S. C. . . . .         | The Indian Tea Industry and Trade.                                                         |
| 38  | Jha, A. P. . . . .          | Police Administration in Bihar up to 1912.                                                 |
| 39  | Jitendra Singh . . . . .    | Lord Macaulay's Work for India, 1823-49.                                                   |
| 40  | Joginder Kaur . . . . .     | British Government and the Indian States, 1880-1905.                                       |
| 41  | Joshi, R. M. . . . .        | History of the Freedom Struggle in Hyderabad.                                              |
| 42  | Kasymov, A. M. . . . .      | History of the Struggle of the Mysore People against Foreign Dominion in the 18th Century. |
| 43  | Kaushik, D. . . . .         | Central Asia in Modern Times.                                                              |
| 44  | Keerti Nath . . . . .       | Indian Emigration, 1800-1900.                                                              |
| 45  | Kidwai, S. R. . . . .       | Prof. Ram Chand.                                                                           |
| 46  | Kundu, A. C. . . . .        | India's Policy towards South Africa, 1860-1919.                                            |
| 47  | Kuthlaria, D. N. . . . .    | Revision of District Gazetteers of Himachal Pradesh.                                       |
| 48  | Kruger, H. . . . .          | Indian Revolutionaries in Germany, 1907-20.                                                |
| 49  | Landge, D. G. . . . .       | Nagpur History, 1707-1861.                                                                 |
| 50  | Le Rougetel, Y. . . . .     | History of the Sikhs.                                                                      |
| 51  | Low, Dr. D. A. . . . .      | Politics and Constitutional Reforms, 1905-17.                                              |
| 52  | MacLagan, M. . . . .        | Governor-Generalship of Lord Canning.                                                      |
| 53  | Mahajan, S. R. . . . .      | Development of Education in the Punjab, 1849-1921.                                         |
| 54  | Mahesh Chander . . . . .    | Railway Rates and Fares in India, 1848-1925.                                               |
| 55  | Maheshwari, S. C. . . . .   | British Relations with the States of Rajputana, 1833-57.                                   |
| 56  | Majumdar, A. K. . . . .     | Records relating to Sikkim up to 1900.                                                     |
| 57  | Majumdar, K. . . . .        | Indo-Nepalese Relations, 1765-1901.                                                        |
| 58  | Malik, B. R. . . . .        | Haryana during the British Period, 1803-1901.                                              |
| 59  | Mandal, B. L. . . . .       | India's Trade Relations with Malaya and Indonesia, 1793-1883.                              |
| 60  | Mark, I. R. . . . .         | Industrial Policy of the Government of India, 1857-1947.                                   |

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| 61  | Masson, Usha        | Means of Transport and Communication in India, 1650-1750.                   |
| 62  | Mathur, R. M.       | Relations of Bikaner State with the East India Company.                     |
| 63  | Mathur, Y. B.       | Changes in the Administrative System of the Punjab, 1849-75.                |
| 64  | McGregor, Elaine    | Bipin Chandra Pal and His Relationship to the Indian Nationalist Movement.  |
| 65  | Mehra, S. K.        | The Life and Times of Amir Khan of Tonk.                                    |
| 66  | Mehra, G. D.        | Boxer Revolt and the Indian Troops.                                         |
| 67  | Metcalfe, Thomas R. | Influence of Mutiny on the Government of India Policy, 1858-68.             |
| 68  | Mohammad Atiq       | History of Indian Journalism in the 19th Century.                           |
|     | Mukharya, P. S.     | Governor-Generalship of Lord Auckland.                                      |
| 70  | Nair, N. P.         | Administration of Foreign Affairs in India, 1750-1947.                      |
| 71  | Nayar, S. K.        | Education and the Language Problem in the Punjab since Partition.           |
| 72  | Pal, G. N.          | Contribution of the Indian Press to the Indian Freedom Movement, 1870-1947. |
| 73  | Paliwal, Devilal    | Udaipur and the British, 1857-1947.                                         |
| 74  | Panikar, K. N.      | Delhi Residency, 1805-58.                                                   |
| 75  | Pareek, R. S.       | Contribution of Arya Samaj in the making of Modern India, 1875-1947.        |
| 76  | Pathak, S. K.       | Indo-Tibetan Relations during the British Rule in India.                    |
| 77  | Perti, R. K.        | Administration of India under Lord Lansdowne, 1888-94.                      |
| 78  | Rajbhandari, N. P.  | Government of Nepal.                                                        |
| 79  | Raman, S.           | Lord Dufferin's Administration of India, 1884-88.                           |
| 80  | Ravinder Kumar      | India and the Persian Gulf Region, 1858-1905.                               |
| 81  | Rolnick Phyllis     | Indian Political Thought.                                                   |
| 82  | Rothermund, Dr. D.  | Movements for Social Reform, National Unity and Independence.               |
| 83  | Roy, M. P.          | Pindaris—Their Rise and Fall, 1761-1857.                                    |
| 84  | Roy, P. C.          | India's Contacts with China and Tibet.                                      |
| 85  | Sachdeva, K. L.     | Social and Cultural History of Delhi, 1803-57.                              |
| 86  | Sadana, B. L.       | Personnel Administration of Northern Railway.                               |
| 87  | Sangat Singh        | History of Freedom Movement in Delhi.                                       |
| 88  | Sanyal, D.          | Meerut Conspiracy Case.                                                     |
| 89  | Sanyal, Suprakash   | British Relations with Benares, 1764-95.                                    |
| 90  | Saran, P.           | Persian <i>Akhbarat</i> , 1788-1803.                                        |
| 91  | Sastry, G. K.       | History of Law of Sedition in India.                                        |
| 92  | Satyendra Kumar     | Political Reactions to National Planning.                                   |
| 93  | Saxena, B. D.       | Administration of India under Lord Minto II.                                |
| 94  | Saxena, J. P.       | British Relations with Indore, 1802-58.                                     |
| 95  | Saxena, K. L. M.    | Organisation of the Army in India, 1857-94.                                 |
| 96  | Saxena, N. C.       | Indo-Burmese Relations, 1761-1818.                                          |

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| 97  | Seal, Anil         | Some Aspects of Indian Nationalism, 1880-1919.                                                                    |
| 98  | Schgal, V. P.      | Social and Economic Conditions in India during the First Half of the 17th Century.                                |
| 99  | Sen, S. K.         | Economic Development of India, 1858-1914.                                                                         |
| 100 | Sharma, B. D.      | Udaipur and the East India Company.                                                                               |
| 101 | Sharma, B. G.      | Sir John Malcolm in Central India—A Study in Anglo-Indian Administration and Diplomacy in the Early 19th Century. |
| 102 | Sharma, B. P.      | Nepal-Tibet Relationship during the 19th Century.                                                                 |
| 103 | Sharma, J. M.      | Contribution of the Vernacular Press to the Indian Freedom Movement.                                              |
| 104 | Shrestha, Kurum    | History of Nepal.                                                                                                 |
| 105 | Singh, K. N.       | Civic Consciousness in the Punjab, 1900-1950.                                                                     |
| 106 | Singh, Sham Behari | European Agency Houses in Bengal, 1770-1833.                                                                      |
| 107 | Singh, Sukh Bir    | Growth of the Freedom of Press in India.                                                                          |
| 108 | Sinha, Parmanand   | Agrarian History of Bihar, 1765-93.                                                                               |
| 109 | Srivastava, Asha   | Social and Religious Conditions in India in the Latter Half of the 19th Century.                                  |
| 110 | Srivastava, T. N.  | Post-Mutiny Settlement in India, 1857-70.                                                                         |
| 111 | Srivastava, V. S.  | Bharatpur and the British, 1700-1900.                                                                             |
| 112 | Suri, P.           | Growth of Committee System in the Central Legislature of India, 1920-47.                                          |
| 113 | Tandon, S. L.      | History of Excise System in the Punjab, 1846-1947.                                                                |
| 114 | Taunk, B. M.       | Khilafat Movement in India.                                                                                       |
| 115 | Thakur, R. N.      | Public Services of the Indian Union from 1793 to the present day.                                                 |
| 116 | Tiwari, Sudha      | Social and Educational Amelioration of Women in India, 1858-95.                                                   |
| 117 | Tripathi, R. C.    | Mutiny at Kanpur and Nana Dhondu Pant's Part in It.                                                               |
| 118 | Uma Krishna        | Administrative Organisation of Bhopal State from 1868 onwards.                                                    |
| 119 | Upadhyaya, C. B.   | The Central Indian States and the British Crown, 1858-1905.                                                       |
| 120 | Uppal, S. N.       | Bahadur Shah Zafar and the Siege of Delhi.                                                                        |
| 121 | Uppal, S. S.       | The Punjabi Short Story—Its Origin and Development.                                                               |
| 122 | Vashishta, G. S.   | Relations between Bharatpur and the East India Company, 1761-1825.                                                |
| 123 | Vashishta, H. B.   | Revenue System of the Marathas, 1656-1818.                                                                        |
| 124 | Woodman, D.        | Burma, Nepal and the Indian Frontier.                                                                             |
| 125 | Yashi Bala         | Radical Democratic Party.                                                                                         |

# APPENDIX IV

## ENQUIRIES DEALT WITH BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA DURING 1960

### Public Agencies

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| 1  | Ministry of External Affairs                                                     | (3 enquiries) |
| 2  | Ministry of Education                                                            | (1 enquiry)   |
| 3  | Ministry of Home Affairs                                                         | (4 enquiries) |
| 4  | Ministry of Finance                                                              | (2 enquiries) |
| 5  | Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs                             | (1 enquiry)   |
| 6  | Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)                                             | (2 enquiries) |
| 7  | Ministry of Defence                                                              | (4 enquiries) |
| 8  | Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply                                            | (1 enquiry)   |
| 9  | Accountant General, Punjab, Simla                                                | (1 enquiry)   |
| 10 | Director of Archives and Historical Monuments, Government of Maharashtra, Bombay | (1 enquiry)   |
| 11 | Delhi Administration, Delhi                                                      | (1 enquiry)   |
| 12 | Military Estate Officer, Bengal Circle, Calcutta                                 | (1 enquiry)   |
| 13 | Director of Archaeology, Trivandrum                                              | (1 enquiry)   |
| 14 | Law Commission                                                                   | (1 enquiry)   |
| 15 | Keeper of Records, Government of West Bengal                                     | (1 enquiry)   |
| 16 | Agriculture and Lands Department, Government of Gujarat                          | (1 enquiry)   |
| 17 | Home Department, Government of Punjab                                            | (1 enquiry)   |
| 18 | Government of Andhra Pradesh                                                     | (1 enquiry)   |
| 19 | Home (Political) Department, Government of West Bengal                           | (1 enquiry)   |
| 20 | Military Estates Office, Lucknow Circle, Lucknow                                 | (1 enquiry)   |
| 21 | Department of Atomic Energy                                                      | (1 enquiry)   |

### Private Institutions and Individuals

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| 1 | D. G. Landge              | Records on the Nagpur Bhonslas available in the National Archives of India.                                                        |
| 2 | S. C. P. Jain             | Notification relating to leases etc. in the Indore Residency Area, published in the <i>Gazette of India</i> in 1947.               |
| 3 | Sikandar Singh Bhayee     | Government of India letter No. 229 dated 21 January 1851 relating to grant of <i>mafis</i> and <i>jagirs</i> to the Punjab Chiefs. |
| 4 | Babu Lal Gupta            | Bibliography on the social life of Indian settlers in the Fiji Islands.                                                            |
| 5 | J. N. Banerjea            | Correspondence between Sir William Jones, James Prinsep, Manuel Cantopher and Warren Hastings.                                     |
| 6 | Shanti Rani               | Coins in circulation in India during the British period.                                                                           |
| 7 | I. D. Saklani             | Records about Saklana Estate in Tehri-Garhwal.                                                                                     |
| 8 | Dr. Ganda Singh           | Information on Griffith, Adamson and Gregory.                                                                                      |
| 9 | Dahyalal Amarshi Bhawasar | The judgment given by the Agent to the Governor General, Western India States Agency, Rajkot, in Political Appeal No. 93 of 1934.  |

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| 10 | Dr. M. H. Khan                        | Careers of Ghulam Ali Khan, Shah Nurullah Khan and Lutf Ali Beg who served under Tipu Sultan.                                                                                              |
| 11 | Vishwa Bharati Films Limited, Bombay  | (Private) Publications on the life and achievements of Tatyja Tope.                                                                                                                        |
| 12 | M. H. Merritt                         | Pension papers of Frederick Hamilton Merritt and Hannah O'Donoghue.                                                                                                                        |
| 13 | Ram Rattan                            | Certified copy of voters list of House No. 1708/9, Ward No. XV, Pratap Singh Street, Paharganj, Delhi, for the year 1945.                                                                  |
| 14 | Dharm Singh Dhillon                   | Loharu State.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 15 | Promod Prakash                        | Papers relating to Fundamental Rules of the Finance Department of November 1919 and 5 July 1924.                                                                                           |
| 16 | Lal Chand Mathur                      | Services of Diwan Nihal Chand and Shagun Chand of Patiala State during the First War of Independence, 1857-58.                                                                             |
| 17 | Dr. Walter Fischel                    | Information on Lyon Prager and Pellegrine Treves.                                                                                                                                          |
| 18 | M. P. Rai                             | Documents on Swami Sant Sheo Narayan Das.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 19 | Sampath Kumaran                       | The fall of Seringapatam.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 20 | N. B. Roy                             | The last years of Bahadur Shah II in Rangoon.                                                                                                                                              |
| 21 | Raja Manohar Shah                     | The political pension granted to the Gond Raja Suleman Shah by the British Government in 1855.                                                                                             |
| 22 | C. D. Ellicott                        | Date and place of birth of Robert John Lawrence.                                                                                                                                           |
| 23 | Principal, S. D. College, Beawar      | Important minutes, official decisions and treaties of the Government of India during the British period.                                                                                   |
| 24 | High Commissioner of Malaya in India  | Records on the East India Company's relations with the States of Malaya.                                                                                                                   |
| 25 | B. Rigby Hall                         | Information on hand-stamped markings of towns, dates etc. on letters.                                                                                                                      |
| 26 | Mary Jean Paquet                      | Information about Major Harry Larkyns.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 27 | Col. A. McLevery                      | Medal rolls of the 2nd Queen's Own Rajput Light Infantry for the campaigns in Afghanistan (1878-80), Burma (1885-87), Lushai (1889-92) and China (1900), and of the World War I (1914-18). |
| 28 | Indian Lac Research Institute, Ranchi | Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, 1916-17.                                                                                                                                     |
| 29 | Dr. Nikolaus Klein                    | Information on Walter Balthasar Reinhardt and his wife Begam Samru.                                                                                                                        |
| 30 | Mhow Electric Supply Co., Mhow        | Notification regarding the Mhow Electric Supply Company in the <i>Central India Agency Gazette</i> , Vol. I, No. 22, dated 20 April 1907.                                                  |

