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Staff

Pending the appointment of a permanent incumbent Shri S. Roy continued to officiate as the Director of Archives during the year under report. Shri A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, Librarian and Shri K. C. Ghosh, Assistant Archivist (Grade I) retired from service with effect from 21 October and 4 August, respectively. Dr. Jagdish Raj, Archivist, and Shri Y. P. Kathpalia, Technical Officer, whose services were placed at the disposal of the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and Fundacion Eugenio Mendoza, Caracas, Venezuela, respectively, rejoined the Department in February.

As a measure of economy the posts of Proof Reader, Hindi Assistant, Assistant Librarian and Laboratory Attendant were kept in abeyance. Besides these, one post each of the Deputy Director of Archives, Librarian, Stenographer, Binder, Preservation Assistant and Assistant Micro-Photographer (Grade II), 3 posts of Assistant Archivist (Grade I), 7 posts of Assistant Archivist (Grade II), 2 posts of Guard (Grade I), 2 posts of Mender (Grade I), 6 posts of Record Attendant (Grade II), and 3 posts of Peon were left unfilled. The total strength of the establishment at the close of the year was 388.

Accession

Public Records.—The Department was not in a position to accession on a large scale any non-current records of the various agencies of the Government of India due mainly to shortage of storage space. As in the last few years, only such records were accessioned as were required to fill in the gaps in the series already transferred, or could not be housed by the creating agencies any longer. Thus the new accessions comprised, among a few others, 21 Index volumes and 132 authenticated copies of Bills passed by various State Legislatures and assented to by the President of India. (For details please see Appendix I).

As a first step in the orderly retirement of records, efforts were made to ascertain the bulk of the important archival groups awaiting transfer. Thus information was collected in regard to the Reform Papers belonging to the late Governors-General's Secretariat and preliminaries were being worked out for their ultimate transfer to the National Archives.

Private Papers and Manuscripts.—Efforts were continued to acquire by purchase or gift historical documents and manuscripts in



private custody and to afford them a new lease of life by making suitable arrangements for their preservation and upkeep. From amongst the material acquired on the recommendation of the Historical Documents Purchase Committee mention may be made of the Inayat Jang Collection purchased from Shri Abbas Husain of Hyderabad at a cost of Rs. 25,000. The collection comprises 1,35,931 documents and constitutes a most valuable source of information on the administrative and socio-economic history of the Deccan during the 17th and early 18th centuries. Other noteworthy acquisitions include a collection of documents belonging to Dr. N. B. Khare who has already made over to the Department, as gift, the major portion of his papers. The Department continued its negotiations in respect of other collections of private archives, most important among them being Dadabhai Naoroji Papers.

Microfilm Copies of Records from Foreign Repositories.—In pursuance of the policy of acquiring microfilm copies of records of Indian interest available in foreign repositories the Department acquired, during the year, 156 rolls of records of the Dutch East India Company, covering the period 1759-94 from the Algemeen Rijksarchief, The Hague. These comprise letters exchanged between the Indian and other factories of the Dutch East India Company, between these factories and the Governor-General at Batavia, and between the Governor-General and the Board of Directors of the Dutch East India Company at Amsterdam. These papers furnish valuable data for the study of economic and social conditions in India during the period. With the acquisition of the remaining records which cover the period 1795-96 the Department's programme will be fully implemented as far as the acquisition of copies of Dutch records of the 17th and 18th centuries is concerned.

46 rolls of microfilms of private papers of Lord Dufferin relating to the period of his viceroyalty, 1884-88, were also acquired. Invaluable as they are for fresh interpretation of known events of Lord Dufferin's administration, they also provide a veritable mine of information on a variety of subjects, particularly Anglo-Afghan relations, including the Panjdeh incident; Frontier defences; annexation of Burma; question of admission of Indians in the Indian Civil Service and constitution of the Public Service Commission; reform of Legislative Councils; Prince Dalip Singh's intended visit to India; and A.O. Hume and the Indian National Congress.

Necessary arrangements were made for the acquisition, in microfilm, of Mayo, Minto II and Fowler Papers in the custody of the Cambridge University Library, National Library of Scotland, and India Office Library, respectively. Other collections which are to be so

acquired include Dalhousie Papers pertaining to his Indian administration, now housed in the H. M. Register House, Scotland and Morley Papers in the custody of the India Office Library, Commonwealth Relations Office, London.

A good deal of exploratory work in regard to the location and selection of papers of former Governors-General, Viceroys and Secretaries of State for India was done. The Department intends to acquire microfilms of (i) papers of Lord William Bentinck, Governor of Madras, 1803-07, and Governor-General of India, 1828-35, from the University of Nottingham, and (ii) those of Secretaries of State for India, Lord Salisbury (1874-78) and Sir Austin Chamberlain (1915-17), from the Christ Church Library, Oxford and the Birmingham University Library, respectively, and (iii) papers relating to India during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, from the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

Books and Periodicals.—678 books and 2,408 periodicals were added to the Departmental Library. In addition, 38 volumes mostly dealing with the history of India and other Asian countries were received under the Wheat Loan Programme.

Checking and Arrangement

During the year, 300 bundles of records of the Foreign and Political Department (1922-37), 196 bundles of the Military Department (1890-93) and 75 bundles of the Home (Political) Department (1907-21) were checked with their lists. 17,350 bundles, 11,010 volumes and 2,900 carton boxes containing records of the Foreign and Political, Home, Military, Public Works and Legislative Departments were re-arranged. (For details please see Appendix II). 8,400 Original Consultations forming A & B series of the Home Department records for the period 1861-1943 were amalgamated. Further 2,040 bundles, 597 volumes and 741 carton boxes were labelled and 7,186 bundles numbered. During the same period arrangement of the records of the late Central India States Agency, Western India States Agency and the Punjab States Agency was completed. Similar arrangement of the records of the late Rajputana States Agency neared completion.

Besides the above, 895 documents in Persian and Urdu, belonging to the collection known as Mutiny Papers, were checked, docketed and provided with reference numbers.

Chronological arrangement in a large collection of Government publications available in the Departmental Library was also brought about.

Compilation of Reference Aids

Substantial progress was made in the preparation of reference aids to records. Listing of the various groups of records was continued and 837 files of the Home Department (Police 'A' Branch, 1895-1900, and Reforms 'A' Branch, 1919-21) were listed during the year. Abstract lists of the records of the late Central India States Agency were prepared and the compilation of abstract lists of the records of the late Home, Finance and Agriculture Departments made progress. Preparation of similar lists of the late Foreign Department records made considerable progress. Notes on the organisational history of the Central and Western India States Agencies were also prepared.

With a view to resuming the work of compiling press-lists of records, which was suspended several years ago, a new Branch was created. A volume of press-list covering the Secret Department Proceedings of the years 1763-75 was published as early as 1918. It was decided to bring the press-listing of this Department down to 1780. The work on the second volume was taken in hand and satisfactory progress made therein.

Handlisting of English translations of Persian correspondence available among the Foreign Department Proceedings was continued and the period covered was 1809-10 (Political) and 1794-1806 (Secret). Handlists were also prepared of the Persian correspondence pertaining to the years 1805, 1807 and 1808. 1,308 documents in oriental languages acquired by purchase or gift were listed, and press-listing of Persian correspondence for the year 1801 was completed and of that for the years 1802 and 1803 neared completion. Further progress was made in cataloguing the oriental seals found among the Original Persian Letters Received. Listing of seals found on the letters of the years 1841-57 was completed, and 106 seals relating to Oudh were catalogued. Preparation of index slips of the volume of *Alqab-Nama* (1807-61) containing the names and titles of Indian chiefs and foreign potentates, was completed.

Compilation of *Index to the Foreign and Political Department Records*, Vol. II (1781-83) was continued and index entries of the Proceedings of the Secret Branch of that Department from October 1782 to July 1783 were edited. As regards the indexing of maps, 1,929 index slips of the historical maps belonging to the Survey of India were prepared and 4,968 index cards of printed maps put in an order which rendered consultation quick and easy. The Department also undertook the preparation of a descriptive list of the xerograph prints of Macartney Papers received from the United States of America.

Appraisal

431 files of the late Finance Department (Cash Branch) and 5,507 files of the late Department of Education, Health and Lands (Agriculture Branch) were sorted out, listed and sent to the Ministries of Finance and Food & Agriculture, respectively, for disposal as they had outlived their retention period. The Departmental Library holdings were also appraised and 2,800 volumes, which were either duplicates or had no enduring value whatsoever, were sorted out and offered to such research institutions in India and abroad as were willing to acquire them.

Research and Reference Service

The practice of keeping the Research Room open from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on week days and from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Sundays and second Saturdays was continued. During the year, 120 scholars availed themselves of the facilities afforded by the Department for consulting records. Among these scholars there was a fair number from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia and Germany. Their subjects of research touched almost all aspects of Indian history with particular emphasis on subjects relating to the Indian national movement and struggle for freedom. (Please see Appendix III).

The Department continued to render service to public and private agencies as well as individual scholars in the matter of supplying photographic reproductions or releasing excerpts. During the period under review, 11,474 typed pages of excerpts were released and 5,049 photostats, 5 photo enlargements, 29,785 negative exposures and 396 feet of positive prints of microfilms were prepared for them. Besides this, a large number of enquiries involving laborious research, referred to this Department, was attended to, as usual, and requisite information supplied in most cases. Some of the interesting enquiries related to: (i) the earthquakes which occurred in India between 1869 and 1905; (ii) the War Memorial Arch in New Delhi; (iii) Venkatappa Naik and the Mutiny of 1857-58; (iv) the insurrections at Nargund and Mundargi in 1858; and (v) rocketry in India. (For details please see Appendix IV).

Of the three Research Fellows working under the National Archives of India Fellowship Scheme, one completed his research in April 1961. The Fellowships of the remaining two were extended for another year to enable them to complete their work.

The Department attended to 65,984 requisitions for records from Government departments, and 60,107 files and volumes returned

by the various borrowing agencies were restored to their proper places.

391 reels of microfilms were requisitioned by the research scholars and the members of staff. 44,254 requisitions for books and other printed materials from research scholars, members of staff, Gazetteer Unit and History of Freedom Movement Unit of the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs were attended to, and 55,614 volumes received back were restored to their places. The return figure includes some of the volumes lent out during 1960.

Preservation and Photoduplication

The normal routine functions of air-cleaning, fumigation, deacidification, lamination and binding of records and printed materials were attended to. During the year under report, 68 volumes were air-cleaned and the same number fumigated. 1,53,368 sheets of records were laminated and 10,547 sheets, one map and one document on birch-bark repaired with tissue paper. Minor repairs were done to 6,765 sheets and 380 maps, while 92 sheets, 13 palm leaves and 15 birch-bark strips were repaired with chiffon. Besides, 1,088 maps were repaired and mounted, 1,20,415 sheets and 226 maps deacidified, 1,24,553 sheets and 228 maps cleared of old patches of repair, paste, etc., 2,00,645 sheets and 892 maps guarded and 89,717 Original Consultations docketed. In addition, 1,335 volumes, 656 books and 1,020 miscellaneous items were bound. Leather preservative dressing was applied to 15,742 leather-bound volumes, while 11,427 leather-bound volumes were treated with a fungicidal solution.

Under the microfilming programme of the Department volumes of the series 'Report on Native News-papers' relating to Bengal (1863-1911), Madras (1872-1911) and Bombay (1868-84) were micro-filmed.

Research Laboratory

With a view to conserving foreign exchange, the Research Laboratory continued its search for suitable indigenous substitutes for imported repair materials and tested available materials such as tissue paper, hand-made paper, leather, etc. While hand-made paper manufactured by the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Commission was found to conform to the prescribed specifications, the efforts to procure tissue paper of the requisite quality did not prove fruitful. Paper mills in the country showed little inclination to manufacture paper of the specifications prescribed by the Department. The Hand-made Paper Research Institute, Poona, however,

agreed to prepare some samples. On-the-spot discussions held by the Scientific Officer of the Department with the Superintendent of the Institute, produced salutary results inasmuch as the paper samples since produced have shown a marked improvement on the previous efforts. The samples are under investigation for ascertaining their suitability for repair purposes.

Among the insecticides and fumigants used by the various Ministries and their attached and subordinate offices in their record-rooms, those in common use were tested in the Research Laboratory to ascertain their effect on paper. The data so collected is being examined for the preparation of a detailed report.

As last year, a few samples of hand-made paper, *maida*, dextrine, acetone, long-cloth, etc. were tested with a view to ascertaining their suitability for repair work.

Technical Service

The Department continued to render technical service to such institutions and individuals as did not have such facility. 2,697 sheets covering 1,575 letters of Gandhiji, deposited with the Department by the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi for interim custody, were repaired. Besides this, technical service to the Raza Library, Rampur was continued and, during the year, 268 manuscripts (12,356 sheets) were repaired, 175 bound and about 300 microfilmed.

Twenty-eight outside agencies were helped in the repair and rehabilitation of brittle manuscripts. Among the items thus handled special mention may be made of a Sharda-Persian document on birch-bark repaired for the Director of Archaeology and Museum, Srinagar, two volumes of "Paintings in the Buddhist Cave Temples at Ajanta" laminated for the Director, National Museum, New Delhi, two volumes of "Kapisthala Samhita" laminated and bound for the Sanskrit Library, Varanasi, and a volume entitled "Dacca and Murshidabad Silk Paint Designs" laminated for Shri Alokendu Nath Tagore of Calcutta.

Free servicing of documents under the scheme 'Preservation of manuscripts and letters relating to Gandhiji's life and work' was also continued. 52 such letters, etc. were received from various individuals and institutions for preservation, major portion being from Shri G. V. Kripalani. In addition to this, some writings of Gandhiji and six diaries of his close associate, late Shri Mahadev Desai, received from Shri Pyare Lal Nayyar and a few of Gandhiji's letters to Shri Malkani, received from Shri N. M. Naraini, were repaired.

The mobile microfilming unit of the Department went to Bikaner in response to a request from the Director of Archives, Government

of Rajasthan, and microfilmed some important manuscripts and documents including *farmans* of the Mughal Emperors and reports relating to Shivaji's visit to Agra. The unit also visited Kathmandu and microfilmed about 300 rare manuscripts at the Bir Library, as part of the project of assistance by the Indian Aid Mission to Nepal.

In addition to the above, 183 requests for photoduplication, including those from abroad, were attended to. Some of the institutions to whom photoduplication service was rendered were the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi, the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, the Universities of Allahabad, Aligarh and Malaya and the Record Offices of Bihar and Punjab. Mention may also be made of the microfilms prepared for Rabindra Sadan, Viswa-Bharati, of 67 volumes of newspaper clippings relating to Tagore's visit abroad, and the supply of photo-copies of manuscripts, letters and newspaper clippings relating to Tagore to exhibitions organised by the Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, the Tagore Centenary Peace Festival Committee, Calcutta, and the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

Advisory Work and Inspection

Technical advice on the different aspects of preservation and repair of records was rendered to 56 institutions in the country and abroad. These include the Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta, Maulana Azad Library, Muslim University, Aligarh, Department of Archaeology and Culture, Government of Nepal, Sanskrit University, Varanasi and Librarian, Topeka State Hospital, Kansas. Also detailed information regarding the hand lamination process developed in the Department was supplied to the National Library of Bulgaria.

The Scientific Officer of the Department visited the Library of the University of Roorkee and the record-room of the Ministry of Rehabilitation in order to offer advice on the measures to be adopted for the preservation of their holdings. At the request of the Aligarh Muslim University the Department deputed one of its officers to Aligarh where he surveyed the records of the University which comprise very valuable documents dating back to the year 1875. The survey report together with practical suggestions for the proper preservation of these records was sent to the University.

As in the previous year, the Department collaborated with the Inks and Allied Products Sectional Committee and the Documentation Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution.

Training and Educational Activities

Nine trainees, including two nominees of State Governments, successfully completed the One-Year Diploma Course of Training in Archive-Keeping and were awarded the diplomas after written and practical tests. For the next course commencing from 11 September 1961, another batch of seven trainees, including two nominees of the Government of Malaya and three nominees of the State Governments in India was selected.

The Department also arranged special short term training course for the nominees of a few outside agencies such as the National Botanical Gardens, Lucknow, Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi, Uttar Pradesh Government Secretariat, Lucknow, Directorate of Archives and Monuments, Government of Maharashtra and National Library, Calcutta.

The Director of Archives delivered a course of lectures on "Archive Science" at the National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. He also delivered a talk on "Problems of Historical Research" under the auspices of the Hindu College Historical Society, Delhi. "Archive Administration" and "Archive Preservation" formed the subjects of two lectures delivered by the officers of this Department at the Central Secretariat Training School, New Delhi.

Under its educational programme the Department arranged for a series of talks by distinguished scholars, both Indian and foreign, on topics connected with archival and historical research problems. Mention in this connection may be made of the talks of: Professor A. Briggs, the distinguished British historian, on "Archives as source material for the history of the Labour Movement"; Dr. Anthony Low of the Australian National University, Canberra, on "Archives and the history of Kenya and Uganda"; Dr. Garland Cannon of the Columbia University, New York, on "Source materials for the study of the life of Sir William Jones"; Dr. Grace Morley, Director, National Museum, New Delhi, on "Problems common to museums and archives"; Dr. B. N. Ganguli, Director, Delhi School of Economics, on "Priorities in research on Indian economic history"; Professor Jean Filliozat of Collège de France, Paris and Director of l' Ecole Française d' Extreme Orient, Paris, on "Some observations on ancient archives of South-East Asia"; Dr. Horst Kruger of the German Academy of Sciences, Berlin, on "Archives and problems of historiography in the German Democratic Republic"; and Professor J. A. Gallagher, Dean of the Trinity College, Cambridge, on "Some problems relating to the National Movement in India".

Exhibition

On the occasion of the 31st death anniversary of the great Indian mathematician, S. Ramanujan, the Department organised at its premises an exhibition of documents illustrating his life and career. The exhibition aroused a good deal of public interest and attracted a large number of visitors. It had to be extended beyond the scheduled period in response to the public demand. The Department actively participated in the documentary exhibitions organised by various agencies. Noteworthy among them were: a historical documents exhibition at Chandigarh in February 1961 in connection with the 36th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held there under the auspices of the Panjab University; the Tagore Centenary Exhibition arranged in May at Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi by the Rabindra Shata-varsiki Janma Jayanti Kendriya Parishad; the Urdu Newspapers and Books Exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in Vigyan Bhavan in October; the exhibition held at Delhi University premises in December on the occasion of the 24th session of the Indian History Congress; and the Archaeological Centenary Exhibition organised by the Department of Archaeology in December 1961—January 1962. A number of select and interesting documents and manuscripts, in original or copy, were lent by the National Archives of India and displayed at the abovementioned exhibitions. Among the exhibits on display at the Urdu Newspapers and Books Exhibition were a few old issues of *Jam-i-Jahan-Numa*, the first weekly newspaper in Urdu published in India in 1822 and of *Delhi Urdu Akhbar* published in 1840. The documents displayed at the Archaeological Centenary Exhibition included a letter (in facsimile) written by Dr. Samuel Johnson to Warren Hastings in 1774, impressing on the latter the need for surveying the remains of ancient edifices in India. Equally significant was the letter which James Prinsep wrote to the Government of India in 1837, pleading for the setting up and development of a national museum in the country.

The permanent exhibition of select historical documents and manuscripts at the premises of the Department continued to be popular and attracted more than a thousand visitors during the year under review.

Publication

The Publication Programme of the Department was pursued with vigour. The printing of volume IV (Home Department, 1764-66; Hony. Editor: late Professor C. S. Srinivasachari), volume VII (Home Department, 1773-76; Hony. Editor: Professor R. P. Patwardhan), and volume XV (Secret Department, 1782-86; Hony. Editors:

Professor C. H. Philips and Dr. B. B. Misra) made satisfactory progress. The editorial work in connection with volume III of the series (Home Department, 1760-63; Hony. Editor: Dr. R. R. Sethi) was completed. The scrutiny of volume XVIII (Secret Department, 1796-1800; Hony. Editor: late Rev. Father H. Heras) was undertaken with a view to making it ready for the press. The work of preparing typescripts of volume XIX (Military Department, 1787-91) for its new Hony. Editor, Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad, was also taken up.

Under Scheme III-A relating to the publication of records in oriental languages, the printing of the volume of *Persian Akhbars* (being published in collaboration with the University of Delhi) made some progress.

Under Scheme III-B the volume of *Elphinstone Correspondence*, 1804-08, was brought out in collaboration with the University of Nagpur. The work of preparing typescripts of Ochterlony Papers (1818-25), which was undertaken during the year, made substantial progress and a major portion of the text was sent to Dr. N. K. Sinha, Professor of History, Calcutta University, who is to edit the volume on behalf of the University.

As regards the series *Selections from Educational Records*, volume II dealing with the growth of universities in India (1860-87) was made ready for the press. In addition, collection of materials for volume III of the series dealing with the origin and growth of educational departments in India was taken in hand.

The scrutiny, collation and revision of the text of volume XI of the *Calendar of Persian Correspondence* (1794-95) neared completion. The compilation of volume XII (1796-97) of the series was completed and that of volume XIII (1798-99) taken up.

Among the other publications brought out by the Department during the year under report mention may be made of the *Indian Historical Records Commission Proceedings*, volume XXXVI, Pt. II and the brochure *Diplomatic of Sanskrit Copper-Plate Grants*. The printing of *The Indian Archives*, volume XII, Nos. 1-2 (January-December 1958) neared completion. The *Report of the Committee on Archival Legislation* was sent to the press. The first edition of the brochure *Archives and Records: What are They?* being out of stock, steps were taken to get it reprinted in order to meet the increasing public demand for it.

Advisory Bodies and Committees

Indian Historical Records Commission.—The Commission held its thirty-sixth session in the Panjab University campus at Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Dr. K. L. Shrimali, Union Minister

for Education and *ex-officio* President of the Commission, on 25-26 February 1961. The session was attended by a large number of scholars, historians and archivists from all over India, including representatives of the Central and State Governments, Universities and learned societies. Twenty-three papers based on unpublished original materials on different aspects of Indian history were read and discussed on the occasion. Among the interesting papers read mention may be made of: "Dadabhai Naoroji and Sir George Birdwood" by Prof. R. P. Patwardhan; "Evidence of an Old Qanungo on Mughal Zamindari System in Bengal" by Dr. N. K. Sinha; "Manchester, India Office and the Tariff Controversy, 1858-1882" by Dr. Amales Tripathi; and "Curzon and Anglo-Russian Negotiations over Persia (1895-1901)" by Ravinder Kumar.

The members' meeting held in the afternoon of 25 February was also presided over by Dr. Shrimali. A number of resolutions were discussed and passed at the meeting, important among them being those relating to legislation on archives; use of standard quality of paper and ink by the record-creating agencies in India; preparation of descriptive lists of microfilms obtained by the National Archives of India from the U.S.A.; transfer of records relating to Gujarat from the erstwhile Bombay State; and financial grants to research institutions in India.

Research and Publication Committee.—The thirty-first meeting of the Research and Publication Committee was held at the premises of the Panjab University on 28 February 1961 under the chairmanship of Shri P. N. Kirpal, Educational Adviser to the Government of India and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee. Among the important resolutions passed by the Committee were those relating to the provision of hostel facilities for research scholars working in the National Archives of India; acquisition by the National Archives of India of reference books in regional languages; and drawing up of a co-ordinated programme for the release of foreign exchange for acquiring from abroad microfilms of records relating to India.

National Register Committee.—The National Register Committee, which was appointed by the Government of India to advise on the implementation of the scheme in regard to the compilation of the National Register of private and semi-private archives, held its third meeting in August 1961. It endorsed the recommendations made by the Committee on Archival Legislation regarding manuscripts and records in private custody. It also recommended the appointment of some staff at the Centre for looking after the work of compilation of the National Register and suggested that the work may be confined at the initial stage to a region comprising three or

four states (e.g., Delhi, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan) and that it should be gradually extended to other regions as more experience in the field was gained. The Committee reviewed the progress of work done by the participating State Governments and recommended to the Central Government to raise substantially the Central grants-in-aid to the participating states. It may be mentioned here that the Government of India sanctioned during the year grant-in-aid at the rate of Rs. 3,000 per state to West Bengal, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madras, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Andhra Pradesh for the implementation of the National Register Scheme.

Committee on Archival Legislation.—The report of the Committee on Archival Legislation was submitted to the Government of India. It was also circulated to all the State Governments, Union Territories, Ministries of the Government of India, statutory bodies, and members of the Indian Historical Records Commission in order to elicit their opinion on the recommendations contained therein. The comments received are being considered by the Government of India. The Committee's report is now under print.

Other Activities of the Director and other Officers of the Department

The Director of Archives participated in the seminar on Economic History organised by the Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, and contributed a paper "The Untapped Sources of Economic History in the National Archives of India". He also attended the 24th session of the Indian History Congress held under the auspices of the Delhi University in December 1961.

Shri R. C. Gupta, Assistant Director of Archives (Preservation), attended the meeting of the Documentation Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution held in April 1961. He was nominated Convener of the Committee. He represented the Department at the Sixth Indian Standards Convention held at Kanpur in December 1961. Shri Gupta was also appointed a member of the *ad-hoc* Committee on Preservation of National Sample Survey Cards set up by the Central Statistical Organisation of the Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi. He visited the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, to study the state of preservation of the sample survey cards and submitted his report which was discussed at the meeting of the *ad-hoc* Committee held in New Delhi on 18 November 1961.

Shri Ranbir Kishore, Scientific Officer, attended the 12th meeting of the Inks and Allied Products Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution held at New Delhi on 27-28 March 1961.

Regional Office, Bhopal

Checking and arrangement.—2,850 files of the Political Department, Bhopal State, and 135 files of the Military Secretariat were checked before taking up their listing. 5,832 files of the former covering the years 1941-47 were checked, sorted and arranged on the shelves. 435 bundles and 139 volumes were labelled, and chronological arrangement and pagination of the collection known as Mutiny Papers were completed.

Compilation of Reference Aids.—Abstract lists were prepared of 2,850 files of the Political Department, Bhopal State, covering the period 1926-28 and of 135 files of the Military Secretariat for the year 1913. The Persian and Urdu subject-heads on 1,132 volumes and 1,219 files of *Daftar Insha* were translated into English.

Research and Reference Service.—Two research scholars availed themselves of the facilities provided by the Office for consulting the records in its custody. 212 volumes and files and 11 maps were requisitioned by the Madhya Pradesh Government and the research scholars. Several queries, from the Madhya Pradesh Government as well as private individuals, were attended to. These queries related to such subjects as: election of members to the Bhopal Legislative Council in 1933, emblems of the former princely states, evolution of the Bhopal Police, etc.

Preservation.—Besides the routine duties like the daily dusting of records etc., special cleaning was done of 39,165 volumes, 39,920 files and 2,420 bundles. 1,045 bundles were rebound and 95 bundles placed between plywood boards. The number of files docketed during the year was 5,832.

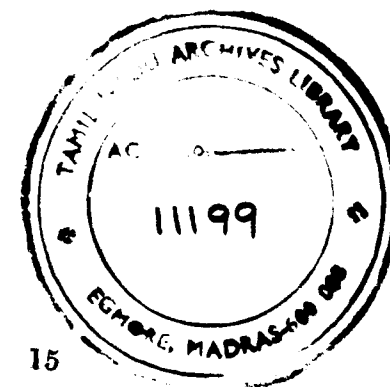
The repair and rehabilitation of the records of *Daftar Insha* and *Daftar Vakalat* as also of those relating to the Mutiny made steady progress. 35,913 sheets were flattened, 54,964 sheets full-pasted, 3,546 sheets repaired with cellulose acetate foil and tissue paper and 11,784 sheets repaired with tissue paper. In addition, 2,859 volumes were fumigated. 367 volumes including library books were repaired and bound, and 49 maps repaired and mounted.

Exhibition.—As in previous years, the permanent exhibition of historical documents at the Office premises attracted, during the year under report, a large number of visitors, noteworthy among them being Sarvashri Hasan Zahir, Member of the Union Public Service Commission, K. Dixon of the Heavy Electricals Ltd., Bhopal, and Foy Nissen, Assistant Regional Representative of the British Consul in Bombay.

APPENDIX I

ACCESSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RECORDS DURING 1961

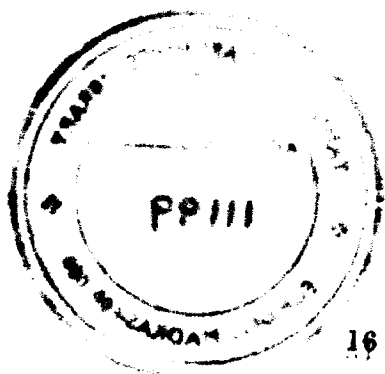
Serial No.	Ministry/Department, etc.	Years	Volumes, etc.
1	Department/Ministry of Commerce and Industry : Indexes	1943-52	20 volumes
2	Ministry of Food and Agriculture : Index	1954	1 volume
3	Ministry of External Affairs	..	35 sheets of strip maps of certain areas
4	Department of Survey of India, Eastern Circle, Calcutta	..	81 plane table survey sheets
5	Authenticated copies of Bills from States assented to by the President	..	182 Bills.



APPENDIX II

RECORDS RE-ARRANGED DURING 1961

Serial No.	Department	Years	Volumes, etc.
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