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From (Name) Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Oxon),  
Designation Director of Public Instruction  
Station MADRAS.

Received ..... Registered .....  
To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
MADRAS.

Enclosures: Rc. No. 113 G4/48 dated 12th March 1948.

Sir,

SUB: LIBRARY - Government Oriental Manuscripts Library - Periodical Checking of the Manuscripts ~~Library~~ by the Curator - Revising the period from 3 years to 5 years.

REF: Letter Rc.No.81/47 dated 25.11.47 from the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras.

I have the honour to submit herewith an extract from the Curator's letter referred to above and to state that I discussed this subject with the Curator and I agree with him that it is not practicable to examine all the Manuscripts once in 3 years. His request to have the checking made once in 5 years may be accepted. This does not mean that the annual checking will be given up. A special examination of all the Manuscripts in every bundle, which the Curator is expected to do once in 3 years may hereafter be done once in 5 years.

I suggested to the Curator that instead of examining all the Manuscripts at the end of every 5 years, he may check a certain number, roughly 1/5 every year, and complete the entire checking at the end of 5 years. He may take up a few Manuscripts every month or ~~very~~ every quarter, check them and make an entry in a register so that he may re-check them every 5 years. In this manner all the Manuscripts will have been checked at the end of 5 years without the need for checking all of them at the same time. The Curator agreed that this might be done. I recommend that this procedure may be approved by Government.

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for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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G.O. No. 885 Edu. D. 25.6.43 required for this file  
referred to above has been called for from the  
M.R.O. ~~Chittoor~~ and its receipt may be awaited.  
This may lie over till 5-4-48.

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COPY OF:

From the Curator, Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library,  
University Buildings, Madras to the Director of Public  
Instruction, Madras Rc.No.81/47 dated 25th November 1947.  
With

Sub: Government Oriental Manuscripts Library -

With I submit that the period of three years for checking the manuscripts in the library by the Curator, was fixed by the Government in G.O. No.885, Education dated 25-6-43. In practice it is found that the period of three years is not sufficient to check all the manuscripts in the Library. The checking was taken up by my predecessor in office about the end of 1943 and was continued by me. Till now all the manuscripts in Tamil, Mahrathi, Persian, Arabic, Urdu and the historical manuscripts in Sanskrit have been checked. A major portion of the manuscripts in Sanskrit, all Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam have to be checked. ~~Without reference to the~~ These manuscripts have to be checked with reference to the Descriptive and Triennial Catalogues. In many cases several works are contained in a single bundle-palm-leaf or in a volume. They are described in different volumes of Catalogues according to the subject in which they are included. Therefore much time is taken up in checking the manuscripts with necessary references in the Catalogues and the stock Registers and in addition to attending to other items of the Library work it is found possible to check on an average about 24 bundles or volumes a day. At this rate it is expected that all the manuscripts can be checked once only in about five years without undue inconvenience to the Curator.

I, therefore, request you to be good enough to address the Government for favour of revising the period from three to five years for checking the manuscripts by the Curator. This personal inspection of manuscripts is over and above the annual verification of the stock of manuscripts done by the staff as usual report of which is submitted to the Director every year.

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Curator.

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*K. S. Hanumanth*

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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The Govt. accept the recommendation of the D.P. J that the order contained in the 885 Ed. Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1943 should be modified so as to require the completion of the periodical checking of the manuscripts in the Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras <sup>within a</sup> ~~once in~~ a period of five years instead of three years, by the Curator of that Library. The Govt. approve the procedure suggested in the second paragraph of the Director's letter cited above in respect of the periodical checking of the manuscripts, in pursuance of these orders. The Director is requested to issue formal instructions to the Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library in this regard.

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To  
The D.P. J.  
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Note

The D.P. J's Recommendation in the letter in the if may be accepted in view of

The difficulty pointed out by the Curator in checking the loss in the Library, once in 3 years -

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The reasons for limiting the period to three years are in para 6 on page 2 of the (9).

The five years now suggested by the Director may be fixed as the maximum period.

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