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(194<sup>8</sup>) Department.

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Dated 20th February 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Indian Historical Records Commission - reservation of records of historical value in Zamin offices - Orders issued.



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Annamalai University  
Annamalainagar  
Dated 27th Sep. 1945.

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

From

Sri Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari, M.A.,  
Professor of History and Politics, Annamalai University,  
Member, Indian Historical Records Commission, and  
Convener of the ad hoc Regional Committee for the  
Madras Presidency for survey of records.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras  
in the Education Department,  
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Regional Survey Committee  
for Madras was recommended to be formed at the third meeting  
of the Research and Publication Committee of the I.H.R.Commis-  
sion at Aligarh in December 1943, and approved by the latter  
body. The Government of Madras have kindly informed the  
Secretary of the I.H.R.Commission that they would be glad to  
accord all reasonable facilities for the Members of the  
Commission for carrying on regional surveys of historical  
records in the Province.

In accordance with the terms of the formation of the  
Madras Regional Survey Committee, and with the approval of  
the Ex-Officio Members of the I.H.R.Commission in the Province,  
the following persons have been nominated as Members of the  
ad hoc Regional Survey Committee for Madras:

(a) Ex-Officio.

- (1) Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari, Annamalai University,  
Annamalainagar (Convener).
- (2) Rao Bahadur Dr.B.S.Baliga, M.A., Ph.D.(London),  
Curator, Madras Record Office, Chittoor.
- (3) Sri K.R.Venkatarama Aiyar, B.A., L.T.,  
Historical Records Officer in charge of Research,  
Pudukottai State, Pudukottai.
- (4) Sri K.A.Nilakanta Sastriar, M.A., Professor of Indian  
History and Archaeology, University of Madras.
- (5) Dr.K.R.Subrahmanyam, M.A., Ph.D., Head of the Dept.  
of History and Economics, Maharajah's College,  
Vizianagram.
- (6) Sri V.K.R.Menon, B.A.Hons., M.Sc.(London),  
Records Officer in Cochin, Ernakulam.

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(b) Nominated Members.

- (1) Dr.N.Venkataramanah, M.A., Ph.D., Madras University.
- (2) Mr.V.R.Ramachandra Dikshitar, M.A., Madras University.
- (3) Mr.R.Satyanatha Aiyar, M.A., Annamalai University.
- (4) Mr.Gurty Venkat Rao, M.A., Andhra University.
- (5) Mr.K.R.Srinivasa Aiyar, Archaeological Officer, Eudukottai.
- (6) Madame Yvonne Robert Gaebale, Presidente de la Society, de la Histoire de l'Inde Francaise, Pondicherry.
- (7) Mons. Gnanou Diagou Mudaliar, Advocate, Singirikoil P.O. Pondicherry.
- (8) Mr.T.N.Ramachandran, M.A., Superintendent, Archaeological Survey, Southern Circle, Chandragiri.
- (9) Mr.T.G.Aravamudhan, M.A., B.L., Advocate, Kilpauk.
- (10) Dr.P.Srinivasachar, M.A. Ph.D., Principal, S.B.College, Bezwada.
- (11) Dr.M.Rama Rao, M.A., Ph.D., Hindu College, Guntur.
- (12) Diwan Bahadur T.M.Narayanaswami Pillai, B.A., B.L., President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.  
*Member, Public Service Commission*
- (13) Rao Bahadur C.M.Ramachandran Chettiar, B.A., B.L., Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.
- (14) Mr.A.S.Mannadi Nayar, M.A., B.L., Member, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.
- (15) Mr.B.V.Krishna Rao, M.A., B.L., Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.
- (16) Mr.J.M.Somasundaram, B.A., B.L., Manager, Devasthanam, Tiruchendur.
- (17) Mr.C.Sivaramamurti, M.A., Curator, Archaeological Section, Government Museum, Madras.
- (18) Diwan Bahadur Dr.S.Krishnaswami Aiyangar, M.A., Ph.D. 143, Brodie's Road, Mylapore, Madras.
- (19) Rao Bahadur K.V.Rangaswami Aiyangar, M.A., Bimanpet, Mylapore, Madras.
- (20) Diwan Bahadur K.S.Ramaswami Sastriar, B.A., B.L., Retired District Judge, Lloyd's Lane, Royapettah, Madras.
- (21) D.S.Reddy Esq., Divisional Inspector of Schools, Anantapur
- (22) Dr.S.M.H.Nainar, M.A., Ph.D., Head of the Dept. of Arabic and Urdu, University of Madras.
- (23) Basheer Ahmad Sayyid Sahib Bahadur, M.A., B.L., Advocate, 25, Angappa Naicken Street, G.T. Madras.
- (24) Khan Bahadur P.Khalifullah Sahib Bahadur, First Councillor, Pudukottai.
- (25) Khan Bahadur Dr.M.Abdul Huq Sahib Bahadur, Principal Government Muhammadan College, Madras.



- (26) Ahmad Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Advocate, Madras.
- (27) P. Anujan Achan Esq., B.A., State Archaeologist, Cochin, Ernakulam.
- ✓ (28) Rao Bahadur T.M. Chinniah Pillai, President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.
- (29) Diwan Bahadur V. Raghunatha Reddy Garu, President, Tirupati Devasthanam Committee.
- ✓ (30) Diwan Bahadur B.V. Srihari Rao Nayudu Garu, Commissioner, Tirupati Devasthanam.
- (31) Sri M. Ramakrishna Kavi Garu, M.A., Madras.
- (32) Sir Gerald Hodgson of Messrs. Parry & Co., Retired Director.
- (33) Sri Mallampalli Somasekhara Sarma, M.A., Research Scholar, Andhra University, Guntur.
- ✓ (34) Mr. T. Balakrishnan Nayar, Professor of Indian History, Presidency College, Madras.
- (35) Mr. T. K. Venkataraman, Professor of History, Pachaiyappa's College, Chetput, Madras.
- (36) Dr. T. V. Mahalingam, M.A., D.Litt., Lecturer in History, Madura College, Madura.
- (37) Sri Rao Saheb M. Paramasivan Pillai, B.A., B.L., Member of the Executive Council, Pudukottai State, Pudukottai.
- ✓ (38) Prof. V. Venkataraman, M.A., L.T., Head of the Dept. of History, Presidency College, Madras.
- (39) Sri N. Kandaswami Pillai, Secretary, The Karanthai Tamil Sangham, Tanjore.
- (40) The Curator, Sarfoji Maharajah Saraswati Mahal Library, Tanjore.
- (41) Sri La Sri His Holiness the Adhina Karta of Tiruppanandal Mutt, Tiruppanandal, Tanjore District.
- (42) Janab M. G. Muhammad Ali Maraikayar, Merchant, Porto Novo.

This list has been communicated to the Secretary of the I.H.R. Commission and to the Imperial Record Department, and general instructions for the guidance of the Regional Survey Committees have been issued (Vide (Appendix E, I.H.R.C. Proceedings of Meetings, Vol. XXI, Twenty-first Meeting held at Udaipur).

I request that the members of the Committee may be given such facilities in their efforts to bring to light records and

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materials of historical importance in the possession of temples, mutts and other corporations and of Zamindaris and other estates and of private individuals as Government give.

I beg to remain,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*B. Srinivasachari*

Convener, Madras Regional  
Survey Committee of the I.H.R. Commission.

Education & P.H. Department

Endorsement 43435C/45-1 Edn., dated 8-10-45.

Referred to the Curator, Madras  
Record Office for remarks.

*Charan Lal*  
8/10/45

Deputy Secretary to Govt.,  
Education and P.H. Department

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To  
The Curator, Madras Record Office,  
Chittoor (with enclosures  
in original to be returned)



No.1323 DVII/45-1

Madras Record Office,  
Chittoor, 13-10-1945.

From

Rao Bahadur Dr.B.S.Baliga, Ph.D.(Lond.),  
Curator, Madras Record Office, CHITTOOR.

To

The Secretary to Government,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission - Ad hoc regional  
survey/constitution - Report.

Ref:- Government Endorsement No.43435 C/45-1 Education  
dated 8-10-1945.

In the letter from Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari,  
which has been referred to me for my remarks, he reports that he has  
formed an ad hoc regional survey committee for Madras in accordance  
with the Resolution No.V of the Research and Publication Committee of  
the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Aligarh in 1943  
and requests that the members of the Committee may be given facilities  
to do their work.

2. In my letter No.1122 DVII/44 dated 7-7-1944 in reply  
to Government Endorsement No.35097 C-1 Education dated 4-7-1944 upon  
this Resolution I have explained fully what facilities can be granted  
to



to the members of the Committee. And the Government in their letter No. 35097 C-2 Education dated 27-7-1944 have informed the Government of India about the nature and extent of the facilities which they were prepared to give to this ad hoc Committee pending the appointment of the Regular Regional Committee by the Government. They have stated (1) that my services cannot be spared except to the extent of rendering advice on technical matters like preservation and publication of records, (2) that the question of granting leave to any of the Government servants in the Committee will be decided as and when their services are requisitioned, (3) that the question of issuing circulars to the Collectors to assist the members of the Committee in obtaining access to private collections will be considered when the necessity arises and (4) that the question of giving official recognition to the Committee will arise only when the Committee experiences any difficulty in gaining access to private collections. Since Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari has not stated the exact nature of the facilities required by him, I would suggest that he may be informed that the Government will grant the Committee facilities to the extent mentioned in their letter to the Government of India whenever the Committee requires such facilities.

3. The Proceedings Volume referred to in the Penultimate para of the letter is furnished for the reference of the Government.

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Encl - 1 origl. file received  
from the Government and 1 copy.

CURATOR.  
13-10-1945.

Letter  
Ref

43435C/45 - 2 Edn. dated 25-10-45 Edu and P.H. Dept  
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To.

✓ Sir Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari,  
Professor of History and Politics  
Annamalai University

Sir,

Indian Historical Records Commission -  
Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee

With reference to your letter of 27.9.45 on  
the subject mentioned above I am directed to  
enquire what exactly are the facilities which  
you require and what instructions you expect  
to issue in the matter.

Copy to the  
Curator, M.R.O.  
to follow

16/10/45  
25/10/45

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Annamalai University,  
Annamalainagar,  
18th Novr. 1945.

From  
Sri Rao Bakadur

C.S. Srinivasachari, M.A.,

Professor of History and Politics, Annamalai University,  
convener, Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee for the  
Madras Presidency of the Indian Historical  
Records Commission,  
Annamalainagar.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Ref. Your letter No. 43435-C/45-2-Education, dated  
Fort St. George, 25th October, 1945.

I beg to thank you for your letter and to inform you  
that the primary task, according to the instructions of the  
Indian Historical Records Commission, of the members of the  
Regional Survey Committees is to help in "bringing to light"  
records in private custody with the help of the Government  
District Officials concerned, for which application will be  
made from time to time to Government.

Information may be kindly furnished to me for communi-  
cation to the Secretary of the Indian Historical Records Commis-  
sion as to the progress made by the Trustees and Executive  
Officers in charge of temples and mutts, in the classification,  
indexing and preservation of old records of historical value.

An idea of the progress made in this direction concerning  
the archives of the principal zamins may also be kindly given.

We were informed that "the Government of Madras state that  
the President of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board  
and the Board of Revenue have been asked to take steps for  
the preservation, classification and indexing of old records  
of historical value in the archives or temples and Zamin

offices respectively. The Hindu Religious Endowments

Board has issued a circular to the trustees and executive  
officers in charge of temples and mutts pointing out to them  
the importance of the old records and asking them to classify  
such records as are with them, to index them and to take all



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steps to preserve them in good condition. The Inspecting Officers of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board have also been directed to ascertain the action taken by the trustees and the executive officers of temples and mutts during their visits and to see that the instructions contained in the circular are followed. As regard the preservation of records in Zamin Offices, the Board of Revenue is in correspondence with the District Collectors and a separate report on the action taken by it will be sent later." (Page 111, Vol. XX, I.H.R.C. Proceedings of Meetings).

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3. The instruction given by the I.H.R.C. to the Committee is that they should educate public opinion and remove general suspicion, if any, about the purpose of the survey; individual cases regarding owners of valuable records must be left to the discretion of the members chosen to approach them and every effort should be made to utilise the services of local enthusiasts. "While important manuscripts may be found in unsuspected quarters the most likely places should be first tried. Religious establishments, municipal offices etc, may have in their custody very important records. Attempts should be made to trace the present representatives of historical families and descendants of persons who played any part however insignificant in map shaping the history of their country and it is not unlikely that among the family papers will be found important political correspondence or other valuable records. To the students of economic history papers belonging to old banking families may be equally useful." (p.27 of Appendix A, I.H.R.C. Proceedings of Meetings, Vol XXI).

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The Committee will be extremely grateful to Government for such recognition, guidance and impetus, to their work as they may kindly give.

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4. The Government Epigraphist for India has directed the attention of the Director of Archives, New Delhi, to the fact, reported by an Assistant of his, that "there is a large number of palm-leaf manuscripts in the house of Sankara



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Sastri, a priest at Sankaranainarkoil in the Tinnevely district.  
If the local Tahsildar could be <sup>directed</sup> ~~made~~ to make a report as to  
the nature and value of this material, the Committee will  
find it a useful basis to work on.

I am glad to say that by my efforts, I have been able  
to secure on loan, (1) a few sanads granted by the Tanjore  
Rajahs to the Tanksal family of Tanjore in charge of the mint  
and also their geneological tree table and (2) a few old  
records dating back to the end of the 18th century and concerning  
the trade transactions ~~sad-aal~~ of a well-known Marakkayar  
family of Porto Novo.

I beg to remain,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

B. Shrinivasachari



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Memo 43435C/45-3 Edn., dated 6-12-45

Indian Historical Records Commission.  
~~Ad hoc Committee - Preservation~~  
 of records of historical value in ~~temples~~  
~~offices.~~

The attention of the President, H.R.E.

Board is invited to his letter No: 28665-41/48-1 &  
 on the subject noted above

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30-9-43 and he is requested to submit a report  
 on the progress made by the Trustees and Executive  
 officer in charge of temples and mutts in the classification,  
 indexing and preservation of old records of  
 historical value. The matter should be treated as  
 urgent.

To the President,  
 H.R.E. Board. 1/10/12/45

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Memo 43435C/45-4 Edn., dated 6-12-45

Indian Historical Records Commission. ~~Ad hoc~~  
~~Ad hoc Committee - Preservation of~~  
 records of historical value in ~~temples~~ offices  
 etc.

The attention of the Board of Revenue

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is invited to its letter B.P.Rt Nos 901 & 2. 3. 44 on the  
 subject noted above and it is requested to submit  
 a report on the progress made in the classification  
 indexing and preservation of old records of historical  
 value in the archives of the principal Zamins in the  
 Province. The matter should be treated as urgent.

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To the Board of Rev  
 (Adm Rev)



Memo 43435C/45-5 E.D., dated 6-12-45

Indian Historical Records Commission. Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee - Preservation of records of historical value.

An extract from a letter of Sri Ras Bahadur B.S. Somvansh, Professor of History and Politics, Annamalai University and Convenor, Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee for the Madras Presidency of the Indian Historical Records Commission, is forwarded to the Collector of Tinnevely. The Collector is requested to <sup>ascertain</sup> ~~ascertain~~ and report whether the records in the possession of Sri Sankara Sastri, referred to in the letter are of historical value and whether he can be persuaded to allow <sup>access</sup> ~~access~~ to the records. There-

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To the Collector of Tinnevely (urthulu)

Letter No. 43435C/45-6 E.D., dated 6-12-45

To Sri Ras Bahadur B.S. Somvansh, Professor of History and Politics, Annamalai University

Sir, Indian Historical Records Commission Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee

with reference to your letter of 18.11.45 on the subject noted above, I am directed to say that reports have been called for from the President, H.R.E. Board and the Board of Revenue on the progress made in the classification, widening and preservation of old records of historical value in the <sup>custody</sup> ~~custody~~ of temples and mutts, and Zamins respectively. A report has also been called for from the Collector of Tinnevely about the records in the possession of Sankara Sastri of Sankaranamankoil.

As regards your request that Govt should grant recognition, guidance to the Committee, I am to say that if the Committee is able to locate records of historical importance ~~but if it finds any difficulty in getting access to them~~, the question of Govt Grant is

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prepared to consider what help can be given to the Committee in each individual case. ~~using their influence will be considered in each case on the merits.~~ If the Committee requires any technical advice on the publication and preservation of the records, the Curator, M.R.C., will be asked to <sup>offer</sup> ~~offer~~ such advice as is possible.

copy to the Curator, M.R.C. 10/12/45

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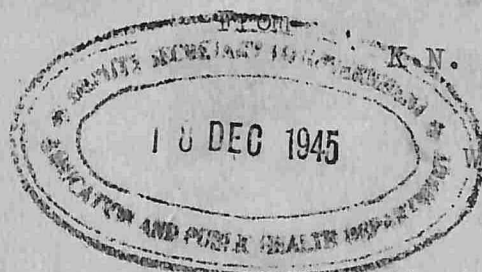
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Revenue Department.

subject.  
Records - Zamin offices and temple archives - Preservation.

Station: Madras Ref. No. P.2720/45-1 Dated 14-12-1945.



K.N. Anantaraman, Esq., I.C.S.,  
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.  
Scott Brown, Esq., CSI., CIE., ICS.,  
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Board's Ref. f/P 1575-43-1 dated 25-5-43. Read again.-  
B.P. No. 981, Routine, dated 2-3-44.  
Govt. Education & P.H. Dept., Memo. No.45435-C/45-4 Edn.,  
dated 6-12-1945.

REFERENCE:

2. A report has been called for from the Collectors in the matter. The Board's report will be sent on receipt of the Collectors' replies.

*N. Subramanian*  
17-12-45  
for JOINT SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government, Education & P.H. Dept.  
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Please see the copy interim reply from  
the Board of Revenue on p. 15 ante. This may  
lie over till 3-1-46.

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Three draft reminders are submitted

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF  
Education & P. H. DEPARTMENT.  
REMINDER.  
To THE Board of Revenue.  
Madras

I have the honour to invite  
I am directed to invite attention to Memo. No.  
43425C/45-4 Edu dated 6-12-45 and your  
No. P2120/45-1 dated 14-12-45 and interim reply

to request that the reply to it may be expedited  
request that this reminder may be returned as soon  
with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Office Education & P. H. Secretariat  
Station Fort St. George.  
Dated 8-1-46  
SUBJECT.  
Indian Historical Records Commission - Preservation of records of historical value in Zamindar offices etc.

Signature.  
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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REPLY.

To THE Secy to Govt 2. P.D.H.  
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The letters have been forwarded  
in the matter. Their replies have  
not yet been received. The re-  
sult will be submitted as soon  
as their complete reports are  
received.

N. Subramaniam  
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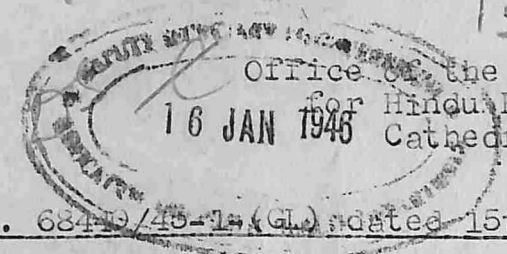
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B.P.H.C.

Please see the reply from the  
Board of Rev. above. The Board  
may be reminded again on 15-2-46  
if necessary.  
16/1/46  
17/1/46

Tele: "Religious"



Office of the Board of Commissioners  
for Hindu Religious Endowments,  
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Letter No. 6849/45-1 (GL) dated 15th January 1946.

From

Rao Bahadur Sri T.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,  
President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Indian historical records commission - Preservation of  
records of historical value in temples.

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Ref: Government Memorandum No. 43435-C/45-3 Edn dated 6-12-1945  
and reminder dated 8-1-1946.

I have the honour to state that trustees and paid  
officers of temples and maths have been requested to report the progress  
of work done by them in the above matter. Their reports are awaited.  
A report will be submitted to Government in the matter on or before 15-2-1946.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*S. Chinnaiya Pillai*  
PRESIDENT.

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Education & P.H. DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER.

Education Branch. 16

To The Collector of Tinnevely.

have the honour to invite

in directed to invite

attention to Memorandum

No. 455/555, dated 6-12-45 and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited.  
request that this reminder may be returned at once  
with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected,  
and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the  
delay.

Office Education & P.H.

Secretariat

Signature.

Station Fort St. George.

Deputy Secretary to

Dated 8-1-46

Designation.

SUBJECT.

Indian Historical Records 7/1/46.  
Commission - Ad hoc Regional  
Survey Committee - Preservation  
of records of historical value (P.T.O.)



18 JAN 1946

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REPLY

To THE Secretary to Government  
Education & Public Health  
Madras

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Sir,

The report from the  
Rev. St. Officer Kovilpatti  
is awaited. It has been  
forwarded on 11-1-46. Reply  
will be submitted as  
soon as the Rev. St. Officer's  
report is received.

W. S. S. S.

For Collector

N.R.  
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T.N.V.

E + P. H. D. (C)

Please see the replies from the M.R.B. and  
the Collector on pp 19 and 22 above.  
This reply may be awaited till 25-2-46  
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Tinnevely Collector's Office,  
Dated 7--2--1946.

From

Sri Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao M.A., B.  
Collector of Tinnevely.

To

The Secretary to Government,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Records--Indian Historical Records Commission--Ad Hoc  
Regional Survey Committee--preservation of records of histo-  
rical value.  
Ref: Government memo No. 43435-C-45 -5 Education dated 6th December  
1945.

Sri Senkara Bastri a Sanskrit Pandit referred to in the Government  
Memo died in 1896 or 97. His only son Sri S. Anantanarayana Iyer B.A.,  
B.L., is a lawyer practising at Sankarankoil. There is a large number  
of palm leaf manuscripts in Sanskrit Grantha and Devanagari characters  
available in his house. The historical value of them is not ascertain-  
able as there is none knowing those scripts. Sri S. Anantanarayana Iyer  
is reported to be quite willing to allow persons authorised by the Govern-  
ment to have access to them in his presence.

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W. S. S. S.  
for collector.





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Letter 43435C/45-7 Edu., 20-2-46

Ref. Sri. Rao Bahadur. b.S. Srinivasachari

Professor of History and Politics

Annamalai University  
(with enclosure)

Sir,

Indian Historical Records Commission  
Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee.

Ref my letter no. 43435-c/46-b

of 6-12-45.

I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of the letter from the collector of Tinnevely, no. 7411/45-8 of 7.2.46. in regard to the records in the possession of Sankara Sastri of Sankara. The reports called for from the President, N.P.E. Board and the Board of Revenue are still awaited.

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Endl- 43435C/45-8 Edu., dated 20-2-46

Commnd: to the collector of Tinnevely who is requested to see that Sri Rao Bahadur b.S. Srinivasachari <sup>or one of his nominees</sup> is allowed access to the records in question.

To the collector of Tinnevely.

Copy to Sri Rao Bahadur  
b.S. Srinivasachari.

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mint for attached with it. Summed  
had and it had not yet been  
received. It is requested to see that the  
necessary documents are in all such cases  
introduced in connection with

22/5/46

for the  
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Office of the Board of Revenue  
Education P.H. DEPARTMENT

1 - MAR 1946

REMINDER.

Education Branch.

To The

Board of Revenue

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Madras.

have the honour to invite

I am directed to invite attention to Memorandum No.

43435C/45-4<sup>invtr</sup> dtd., dated 6-12-45 and <sup>Boards</sup> <sup>interim reply</sup>

No. ~~43435C/45-4~~, dated 11-1-46 and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited.

request that this reminder may be returned at once  
with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected,  
and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the  
delay.

Office Education & P.H.  
Secretariat,

Station Fort St. George,

Dated 20-2-46

Signature.

Deputy Secretary to  
Designation. Govt.

SUBJECT.

Indian Historical Records  
Commission - Preservation of Records  
of Historical Value in Zamin Offices  
etc.  
(P.T.O.)



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REPLY.

TO THE

Secretary to Govt.  
Education and Public

Health Dept.

2/ The Report called for from some of the colleges has not yet been received. They have been reminded. The next report will be put as soon as their reports are received.

H. K. Smith

for Secretary

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Please see the reply from the Board of Revenue on p. 27 ante. The Board of Revenue may be reminded again on 1-4-46 if necessary.

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Reminded on 4/4/46  
Reminded on 4/5/46



Tele: "Religious".

Office of the Board of Commissioners  
for Hindu Religious Endowments,  
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Letter No.68440/46-4 (Gnl). dated 8-3-1946.

From Rao Bahadur Sri T.M.Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,  
President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Education & Public Health Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,  
Sub: Indian historical records Commission -- Preservation of records  
of historical value in temples -- Information submitted.  
Ref: Government M.No.43435-C/45-3 Edn. dated 6-12-1945.

In continuation of my letter No.68440/45-1 (Gnl) dated 15-1-46, I  
have the honour to state that the required information called for from  
all important institutions has been received so far from 22 institutions.  
Most of them state that there are no old records of historical value  
in their respective institutions for classification, indexing and  
preservation. Only five institutions have furnished the information  
noted in the appendix hereto. Several institutions have yet to submit  
their reports and reminders also have been issued to them. A further  
report of the progress made will be submitted to Government after three  
months.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*S. Chinnaiya Pillai*  
PRESIDENT.

#### APPENDIX.

Name of the institution.

Particulars.

1. Temples under the Ramnad  
Samasthanam, Ramnad.

There are 25 copper plates of  
historical value in the Samasthanam.  
They are all duly indexed and  
preserved.

2. Sri Saranatha Perumal temple,  
Tirucherai P.O., Tanjore Dt.

Stone Inscriptions in old characters  
are fixed on the floor in 4 places  
noted below:--  
1. Just at the main entrance of the  
main shrine - 3'1" by 1'1".  
2. Four pillars mandapam 3'3" by  
1'1".  
3. do do 2'5" by 6".  
4. do do 2'1" by 1'2".

Item 1 was already recorded by the  
South Indian Epigraphy Department.  
No.139 of the report 1931-32 of South  
Indian Epigraphy is as follows:--  
" Tirucherai - on a slab standing  
at the entrance of the centre shrine  
of the Saranatha Perumal temple.  
Chola (King) Parakesari Varman 5th  
year (in words) ends of line lost -  
seems to register the gift of sheep  
made for a lamp in the temple of  
Tiru (ma) thirukoil Perumal at the  
Devadana village service by a lady  
of the house-hold of (Queen  
Kilanadigal) Tanjavoor".

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Technical education - Scheme for sending students for training  
overseas - Forms of application.

A form of application (in duplicate) together with a copy  
each of the 'advertisement' and the 'terms and conditions of  
award of Government stipends' are furnished.

To the Applicant.

Forwarded/By Order.

*E.A. Venkateswara Ayyar,*  
Assistant Secretary,  
Superintendent.

Government of Madras.  
Education and P.H. Department.  
Memorandum dated 16th April 1945.

Technical education - Scheme for sending students for training



3. Sri Sankaracharya Swamigal Math  
Tumbakonam, Tanjore district.

10 copper plates are preserved safely.  
Some records have been classified  
and sent for printing with English  
translation.

4. Sri Vanchinathaswami temple,  
Srivanchiam, Nannilam taluk,  
Tanjore district

Old writings on the walls of the  
temple. Photos of these were taken  
by the Archaeological Department  
in the year 1939-40.

5. Sivaganga Zamin temples,  
Ramanad district.

So far as the larger temples in the  
Zamin are concerned there are no  
records of historical value except  
copies of Sthalapuranams for a few  
temples and these are preserved  
in Zamin Head Office.

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Letter 43435C2/45-9 Edu, dated 16-3-46  
Ref. 10 Sri Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari, M.A.  
Professor of History and Politics,  
Annamalai University (Madras)

Sir,

Subj: Indian Historical Records  
Commission - Ad hoc Regional  
Survey Committee.

In continuation of my letter No. 43435C/45-7 Edu, dated  
20-2-46, I am directed to enclose for your  
information a copy of letter from the President,  
H.R.E. Board, Madras, No. 68440/46-4 (gnd) dated  
8-3-46, relating to the progress made

11/29-30/46



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By the Trustees and Executive officers in charge of temples and mutts in the classification, indexing and preservation of old records of historical value. The report called for from the Board of Revenue is still awaited.

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16/3/46

y.o.s.

Copy to the Curator,  
M.R.O., Chittoor  
(with encl).

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21-3-46

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ED & P.H. DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER.

To The Board of Revenue  
And Revenue  
Chittoor  
Madras

I am directed to invite you to

Memo No. 43435C/454 Com 6.12.1945 and in  
Branch 928-2-46 and  
request that this may be returned at once  
with information to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which it may be expected,
- (3) the circumstances which may delay.

Office Encl (C2)

Station

Dated 6-5-46

Signature  
Asst. Secy  
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SUBJECT.

Indian Historical  
Records Commission  
Preservation of records of  
historical value in  
M.R.O. offices and temples  
Archives - Preservation



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TO THE

Secretary  
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Still due from the  
Collectors of South  
Arcot and Chittoor  
Boards' report will  
be submitted on receipt  
of their replies. They  
were reminded on 29-4-46

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The Board of Rev. inq. reminded  
on 15/6/46 if necessary  
17/7/46. D. Sub

Tele: "Religious"



Office of the Board of Commissioners  
for Hindu Religious Endowments,  
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Letter No. 68440/46 GNL-11 dated 22.5.1946.

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Rao Bahadur I.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,  
President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Education and Public Health Department, Madras-9.

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Sub: Indian historical records Commission - Preservation of records of  
historical value - Report submitted.

Ref: 1. Government Endorsement No. 11217-c/43-1 dated 12/5/43. p37  
2. Government M.No. 43435-C/45-3 Edn. dated 6/12/45. p11  
3. This office letter No. 68440/45-(GNL)-4 dated 8/3/1946 p29 ante

I have the honour to state that since the issue of my letter referred  
to above the Board has received reports in respect of the above matter  
from 42 institutions. Most of them state that no records of historical  
value are available in their respective institutions. Two reports con-  
taining some useful information are noted in the appendix. A further  
report will be submitted in due course.

The Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious Endowments, Tanjore, brings  
to the notice of the Board that inam statements recorded by the Inam  
Commissioner which are of great historical value do not appear to have been  
recopied and preserved in the offices of the some of the District Collectors.  
He reports that whenever certified copies of inam statements were applied  
for replies are received that the statements are torn and hence the copies

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applied for could not be granted.

I have, therefore, the honour to request that the Government may be pleased to issue instructions to the Board of Revenue to circularise the District Collectors for the careful preservation of the inam statements and for ~~safe~~ public use.

for mutilated copies if any  
being got received and kept  
safe

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

President.

APPENDIX.

Name of the institutions.

Particulars.

1. Sri Nelliappar Devasthanams,  
Tinnevely town, taluk and district.

1. Apart from inscriptions on the temple walls there are four copper plates preserved in the temple and these have been sent to the Assistant Superintendent, Epigraphy for taking copies.

2. Sri Brahmapuriswaraswami temple,  
Ambal, Nannilam taluk, Tanjore District.

2. Summaries of four inscriptions secured by the South Indian Epigraphy Office, Ooty and copies obtained and preserved.

Typed by VG.22.5.1946.

25/5 Letter no 43435-10C2/45  
26/5 ref  
30/5/46

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Extracts to Ref To

Sri Rao Behar C.S. Linnichan  
Professor of History & Politics,  
Annamalai University,  
(Madurai)

Sir,  
Sub: Indrain Historical Acad  
Comm. - Ad Hoc Regional Survey  
Committee.

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In continuation of my letter  
no 43435-C 2/45-9 En. of 16.3.46, I am  
directed to enclose for your information  
a copy of the letter from Pt. H. B. Bond  
no 65440/46. GNL-11 dated 22.5.46 in  
regard to the preservation of records



2. Of historical value in temples and maths.  
Called for from the Board of Hindu  
is still awaited.

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y.o.s

Handwritten notes in Tamil script.

Handwritten notes in Tamil script.

Copy to the Curator  
Madras  
(Chinn Sule)

Tele: "Religious". 26 Office of the Board of Commissioners  
for Hindu Religious Endowments,  
Cathedral Post, Madras.

Letter No. 68440-GNL/45-19 dated 3-8-1946.



From Rao Bahadur Sri T.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A.,  
President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Education and Public Health Department, Madras--9.

Sir,  
Sub:- Indian Historical Records - commission - Preservation of  
records of historical value in temples and maths -  
Report submitted.  
Ref:- (1) Government Memorandum No. 43435-C/45-3 Edn. d/6-12-1945.  
(2) My letter No. 68440/45 GNL-11 dated 22-5-1946.

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I have the honour to state that since the issue of my letter  
referred to above, the Board has received reports in the above matter  
from 5 temples of which 3 have reported that there are no records of  
historical value with them. In regard to the remaining two temples,  
the particulars available are noted below:-

Sri Ranganthaswamy Temple, Srirangam, Trichinopoly District:-  
The Executive Officer states that there are 47 bundles of old records  
and that they could not be examined as they are written up in an  
unaccustomed language - probably 'Maharashtra'. The Executive Officer  
has been asked to ascertain the language in which they are written up  
so that action may be taken to get them examined.

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Sri Kallapiran Temple, Srivaikuntam, Tinnevely District:-- The Executive Officer reports that the stone inscriptions found on the eastern wall of the Mahamantapam of the temple are embodied in the guide book. He has been asked to see that the inscriptions are not spoiled by the worshippers and the public, and to send to the Superintendent of Archaeology and Epigraphy, Madras, a copy of the guide book. Copies of the guide book have also been called for by the Board and on receipt, a copy will be sent to Government.

2. The remaining temples are being called upon to send their reports without further delay.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

President.

NV/5.8.1946.

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Letter No. 43435/10/2 Edn, 30.5.46  
Ref. Sri. Rao Bahadur C. S. Srinivasa-  
Chari, M.A.,  
Professor of History and Politics,  
Annamalai University.  
(with enclosure).

Sir,  
Subject: Indian Historical Records  
Commission — Ad hoc Regional Survey  
committee.

In continuation of my letter  
No. 43435-10 c2/45 Edn, 30.5.46  
I am directed to enclose for your  
information a copy of the further letter  
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from the President, H.R.E. Board,  
Letter No. 68440 - GNL/45-19 d 3.8.46  
in regard to the preservation of old  
records of historic value in temples  
and mounds. The report called for from  
the Board of Rev. is still awaited.

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Copy to the Curator,  
M.R.O.  
with enclosure.

Education and Public Department  
REMINDER.

To The Board of Revenue,  
Madras

I am directed to invite attention to Memo No.  
43435 C/45 4 Edn d 6.12.45 and Boards  
interim reply No P2720/45-1  
of 14-12-1945

to request that the reply to it may be expedited  
and that the remainder may be returned at once  
and information as to

- (1) the date at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expedited,
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Office COPH C2 J. B. MEER  
Signature.  
Station Fort. St. George. Asst. Secy. to Govt.  
Designation.  
Dated 16-7-46.

SUBJECT  
Indian Historical Records Commission.  
Preservation of records of  
Historical value in Zamin offices.  
[P.O.]  
15/7/46. CWA  
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NB: P 1987.468 27.7.46

REPLY.

To The Secretary to Govt.

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on 4/10/46

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2/ The Colly. of CTR reports that he will submit his complete reply by 15-10-46. The Board's reply will be submitted by 11/10/46 as same has been received.

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The Board of Rev. may be reminded again on 15.10.46 if necessary.

For Secretary

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Memo. No. 43435/45-13 C. Edu., 8., 17-10-46. E.O.P.H. C. 2. '46.

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Indian Historical Records Commission — Preservation of records of historical value in Zamin offices.

P. 110.7.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 43435 C/45-4.

Edu., dated, 6-12-45.

Board's interim

The attention of the

Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

is invited to its reference No.

N. Dis. P. 1987-46, dated, 27.7.46

on the subject mentioned above and it is requested to say when its final report mentioned therein may be expected.

To The Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Madras.

12/10/46.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Subject

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION - Preservation of Records of historical value in Zamin Offices etc. - Report submitted.

Ref.No.P.2720/45-12.

Station:-Madras.

Dated 22nd October 1946.



G. Venkateswara Ayyar Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

S. Ranganathan Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Read:- Government Memo.No.43435-C/45-4, Education, dated 6-10-45.  
Letter from the Curator, Madras Record Office, No.2158-DVII/46  
46-1, dated 16th September 1946.  
Letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, A1-7586/45 dated  
27-2-46.  
Letter from the Collector of Nellore, Rc.B5-13231/45,d/17-2-46

REFERENCE:

PP. 53-55 infra

The Board submits to Government a statement showing the progress made in several districts except Chittoor in the classification, indexing and preservation of old records of historical value in the archives of the principal Zamins.

2. While submitting the reports the Collectors of Nellore and Tinnevely raised some points. The Curator Madras Record Office was requested to offer his remarks on the points raised by them. A copy of his reply is submitted to Government. As suggested by him the Board requests that the Government may be pleased to address the Convener of the Regional Survey Committee ~~in~~ i.e. Dewan Bahadur C.S. Sreenivasachariar of the Annamalai University to suggest ways and means of dealing with the records.

3. The report relating to the district of Chittoor will be submitted to Government on receipt of reply from the Collector of that district.

for Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department (with a copy of statement).

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Copy of letter No.A1-7586/45 dated 27-2-46 from the Collector of Tinnevely to the Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- RECORDS - Zamin Offices and Temple archives - Preservation - Further report.

Ref:- Board's Ref.R.2720/45-1, dated 14-12-45 and 31-1-46. and this Office report A1-7586/45 dated 7-2-46

The Manager, Ettayapuram Zamin has since reported in his L.Dis.C.2.285/46 dated 6-2-46 that the records referred to in this office L.Dis.3216/43 dated 15-7-43 are neatly arranged and kept safely without being eaten by white ants. The Zamindar of Attankarai has also replied that the sanad and village plans (parts I and II) referred to previously are preserved carefully and kept in his custody. He adds that the said "Sanad and Part II of village plan are ruined by ants" He requests that new supply may be made. His request may be complied with if possible.

(Sd) x x  
for Collector.

Copy of letter No.Rc.B5-13231/45 dated 17-2-46 from the Collector of Nellore to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sub:- Records - Zamin Offices and Temple archives - Preservation - Report.

Ref:- Board's Ref.No.P.2720/45-1, dated 14-12-45.

I enclose a copy of the letter No.7931/43 dated 14-2-46 from the Huzur Officer, Venkatagiri Samasthanam and solicit instructions in the matter.

(Sd) x x  
for Collector.

Copy of letter No.7931/43 from Huzur Officer Venkatagiri Samasthanam, Venkatagiri town, dated 14-2-46.

Sub:- Records - Zamin Offices and temples - Archives - Preservation - Report.

Ref:- Your letter R.C.B5-13231/45 dated 5-2-46 and your telegram dated 12th instant.

I regret that I am seeing these papers only for the first time after taking charge of my office. I have looked into the previous papers and I find that practically nothing has been done in this Estate for the preservation, classification and indexing of records of Historical value. I do not propose to apportion the

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the blame for this failure on any one for the reason that the reference is so general in terms and it is not possible to expect the records of the Samasthanam which date back to several years to be overhauled for the purpose of taking out what may be considered to be records of historical value. In fact although the office promised on several occasions that the work would be completed if time be granted I feel that they did so in order to gain time and that they had absolutely a hazy idea of the manner in which they are to proceed to trace out the records of historical value. So far as I am able to see ~~the~~ from the file the only document that struck my office as being one of historical value is the Sanad granted to Rajah of Venkatagiri in 1802. This reference for the Sanad is due to the fact that in the explanatory note to the Government of India Memo. reference is made to "old inam grants and Peishkush records".

2. I may at once assure the Government that far from any records of importance having been destroyed in previous years the real difficulty in tracing out records of importance consists in wading through volumes of records of unimportance that should have been destroyed but were not. It seems to me therefore that no records of importance have ever been destroyed. The question of the selection of such documents and the classification and indexing of them will in the circumstances explained by me take several years and I do not think it will be possible to give the Government a list of records selected until at least a preliminary investigation is made to find out the contents of the drawers in the record room. This required deputation of an officer of some intelligence for a specific period for selection of such records. I regret that in these circumstances I am unable to say that any progress has been made in the classification and indexing of the old records at present. I am at present in camp and expect to reach my headquarters in two or three days. I shall investigate the matter fully and although I am certain that no list of documents can be prepared in a short space of time I can ascertain what time it would take for a person on special duty to classify those records and list them out. Meanwhile it would be advantageous if the Government could give us an idea of the sort of records that they would treat as important for the purpose of this reference. It may be presumed that the Government have received reports from certain institutions and if they furnish me a list of subjects or type of records, the preservation of which will help in future researches, I shall proceed to the selection on those lines.

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No.2158.DVII/46-1

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Madras Record Office.  
Chittoor, 16th September 1946.

From

Rao Bahadur Dr.B.S.Baliga, Ph.D.(Lond)  
Curator, Madras Record Office, Chittoor.

To

The Secretary,  
Board of Revenue, Chempauk, Madras.

Sir,

Sub:Records- Indian Historical Records Commission--  
Preservation of records of historical value in  
Zamin Offices etc.

Copy sent to Govt  
Ref: Board's Reference No.P.2720/45-10 dated 9th  
August 1946.

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In the Reference mentioned above the Board has invited my attention to Government Endorsement No.11217-C/43-1 Edn.& P.H. dated 12th May 1943 and has desired me to offer my remarks on two letters received by it, one from the Collector of Tinnevelley and the other from the Collector of Nellore. With the Government Endorsement was communicated to me a resolution passed by the Indian Historical Records Commission at its 19th Session suggesting, among other things, that instructions should be issued to the Dewans or other administrative officers in charge of principal zamindaris in the Province to take steps to "preserve, classify and index all old records of historical value". When this resolution was received by me I realised at once the difficulties which were likely to be met with in carrying it out and therefore pointed them out to the Government in a letter a copy of which I enclose for the Board's perusal. It will be seen from this letter that I have explained how the work of assessing the historical value of documents and of preserving, classifying and indexing them can properly be undertaken only by scholars and archivists and not by persons unacquainted with the value of archives and the methods of dealing with them. It will also be seen that I have foreseen the difficulties which have now been raised by the Huzur Officer of the Venkatagiri Samasthanam. It may be of interest to know that when my letter was forwarded to the Government of India the Secretary to the Indian Historical Records Commission did not answer any of the points raised by me but merely stated that by 'indexing' the Commission did not mean 'Cataloguing'. In these circumstances I find it extremely difficult to suggest the issue of any instructions to the Huzur Officer which will be of any real use to him in dealing with the records of the samasthanam.

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2. The Board will, however see from the Secretary's note received with the resolution of the Indian Historical Records Commission that the work of preserving, classifying and indexing the old records in the possession of Zamindars etc, is really the function of the Regional Survey Committees which were proposed to be appointed. At that time no regional survey Committee had been appointed for Madras but since then an Ad Hoc regional survey Committee has been constituted for Madras. The convener of this Committee is Dewan Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari, of

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50/ the Annamalai University. It would therefore appear that he is the proper person to be addressed to suggest the ways and means of dealing with the records of not only the Venkatagiri Samasthanam but also the records of all similar Zamin Offices.

D I would therefore suggest that the Board may kindly address that gentleman in this matter.

3. I regret the delay which has occurred in answering the Board's reference, a delay which was caused by my preoccupation with some urgent and important work which I had undertaken at the instance of the Government.

Sd. ...  
Curator.

/True Copy/

Copy of letter No. 657 DVII/43 dated 27th May 1943 from the Curator, Madras Record Office, Chittoor to the Secretary, to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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Sub: INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION- 19th Session-  
Resolution regarding preservation of records in the  
archives of temples and zamin offices.

Ref: Endorsement No. 11217-C/ 43-1 dated 12th May 1943.  
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A copy of the Government endorsement referred to above has been communicated to me. And though I have not been asked to offer any remarks I may be excused in offering the following remarks in view of the importance of the subject for the consideration of the Government.

1. The Resolution of the Indian Historical Records Commission which has been communicated by the Government to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and the Board of Revenue ( Land Revenue) for necessary action states that early steps may be taken "to preserve, classify and index all old records of historical value" in the possession of important temples and Zamin offices in this Province. It is to be inferred from the Resolution that this work should be undertaken by the temple authorities and the Zamindars. If this is so, it is highly doubtful whether they would be in a position to do this work satisfactorily. For, the work of assessing the historical value of documents, and of preserving, classifying and indexing them is one that can be undertaken only by scholars and archivists and not by persons unacquainted with value of archives and the methods of dealing with them. If the latter are to do the work many documents of historical value are likely to be over-looked and perhaps destroyed as valueless, secondly, repairs to old documents carried out in an unscientific manner, such as, flattening folded papers without moistening them in the proper manner and pasting strips of paper over writing in the attempt to hold torn pieces together, etc, are bound to prove detrimental to the documents. Experience has shown that once such bad repairs are carried out it is difficult afterwards to repair them again in the proper manner. Thirdly, in their attempts to classify documents they are likely to disturb the original arrangement. It

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is important that documents belonging to one series or one bundle in the series should not be mixed up with documents of another series. For this indiscriminate mixing up of the documents would create confusion and mislead those who consult them. Finally cataloguing (described as "indexing" in the Resolution) done in a defective manner and without bearing in mind the requirements of modern research is likely to prove of little value.

2. For these reasons, it will be unsafe to entrust the work of dealing with private collections of records to the owners of the collections themselves without their being assisted by competent persons. This is a work which ought to be undertaken only by a Regional Survey Committee formed on the lines indicated in my letter No. 712.DVII/42-1 dated 18th July 1942.

3. These objections would have been raised by me at the time that the subject came up before the Commission for discussion if I had attended its last session. But I could not attend the session as my presence was necessary in Chittoor in connection with the evacuation of records from certain offices in Madras to this place. I am, therefore, now submitting them to the Government for their consideration.

sd. B.S. Baliga  
CURATOR.  
27-5-43.

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DISTRICT.

NORTH ARCOT.

KISTNA.

WEST GODAVARI.

SALEM.

TANJORE.

TINNEVELLY.

MADURA.

GUNTUR.

VIZAGAPATAM.

TRICHINOPOLY.

COLLECTORS' REMARKS.

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There are no old records of historical value worth preserving in temple archives and Zamin offices in this district.

All the old records in the Estates of South Vellur Devarakota, Suravaram Mungala, Mukkayala and Lingag have been preserved listed classified and duly indexed. There are no records of historical importance in the other estates in the district requiring classification and indexing.

There are no old records of historical importance of value with the Zamindars in this district.

There are no old records of historical value in Zamin offices of this district.

There are no old records of historical value for preservation and there are no large temples containing such records.

Old records of historical value are preserved in the Zamin and ~~mitta~~ offices of (1) Uthumalai Zamin (2) Sivagiri Zamin (3) Ettayapuram Zamin (4) Attankarai Zamin.

Uthumalai Zamin. Estate records and the old records are neatly arranged and kept safely duly indexed and are watched carefully without being eaten away by white ants.

Sivagiri Zamin. Old records of historical value have been kept in safe custody in the double lock of the Estate Treasury and are preserved carefully.

Ettayapuram Zamin. Records are neatly arranged and kept safely without being eaten by white ants.

Attankarai Zamin. Sanad & Village plans (Parts I & II) are preserved carefully and kept in the custody of Zamindar.

There are no old records of historical importance worthy of preservation.

A portion of Venkatagiri estate is the only Zamindar in this district. There are no records of historical importance in the Zamin offices in this district.

There are no old records of any historical importance in the estates of ~~Chennudut~~ and Siripuram. In kunpam, Vizianagaram, Bobbili and Salur estates the important records of historical value are classified indexed and preserved carefully.

There are no records of historical value except the book named 'The aristocracy of Southern India' by Vaidyan - Vol II and certain copper plates of Marugapuri and Kadavu estates and they have been preserved carefully. Out of 5 copper plates available in the Marugapuri estate four have ~~been~~ been since



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deciphered, indexed and safely preserved in the strong room of the estate. It is stated that the fifth plate has been filed in the Karur Sub Collector's Court and that it will be got back indexed and preserved in the strong room. The Manager is being instructed to see that this is done. Seven copper plates available in Kadavur estate have been carefully preserved, indexed and kept in the estate office in safe custody.

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There are some old records in the offices of the Sivaganga Ramnad, Seithur Estates and also in some of the larger temples. There are no records of historical value available with the Sivaganga and Seithur estates and the records available are ordinary ones. The records available with the Ramnad Samasthanam have been noted, classified, indexed and preserved. It is reported that there is one copper plate in the Ramnad Estate and that it is very difficult to decipher the inscription on it. As far as it can be deciphered it has been deciphered. The subject matter of this plate relates to the grant of certain amount monthly to the Ramaeswaram temple.

The records with Sri Vaidyanatha Temple at Srivilliputtur have been sorted and classified but not indexed. The temple authorities have been instructed to speed up indexing of the records in the Devasthanam.

CHINGLEPUT.

Tiruvellore: There are only two Zamindars where records of historical value are stated to be available. They are (1) Tirupathi Devasthanam and (2) Wanapathi Estate. The records of Devasthanam are said to be preserved in the head office of Tirupathi. The records of the other estates are preserved at the head quarters of the Estate at Wanapathi in Hyderabad (Deccan). Any records of value relating to Sri Veeraraghavaswami Temple at Tiruvellore are stated to be preserved at the headquarters of the Jeer of Abotla Matam to whom the temple belongs. Tirupachur Siva temple is another famous temple but no records of value are said to be available with the Trustee.

Superumbud Taluk. Sri Bashyakara Swami temple at Superumbudur and Alwar Temple at Tirumursi are the only old Devasthanams in this taluk. The Trustees are reported to be attending to the classifying and indexing of records of historical value that are with them. There are no estates with old records of importance.

Saidapet Taluk: No old records of historical importance in any of the temples or estates Aming Karal etc.,

Chingleput Taluk: There are only 3 big Devasthanams. They are (1) The Sri Kandaswamy Devasthanam at Tirupbrur (2) the Sri Vedagiri Devasthanam at Tirukali kundram and (3) Sri Nithaiya Kalyana Buvarahaswami Devasthanam.

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The trustees have not been keeping the records properly classified and indexed and they have again been asked to attend to it and finish it as early as possible. The only important Zamindari in this taluk is the one belonging to Sri Rao Bahadur M. Vedachala Mudaliar of Chingleput. He has been addressed the matter with a view to finish the work. There are no such records in any of the temples or Zamin offices of other taluks.

COIMBATORE:

There are no records of historical value in the principal Zamins in this district.

EAST GODAVARI:

The old records available in the Huzur will-office of the Vizianagaram Estate have been classified and indexed.

SOUTH ARCOT:

There are no records of historical importance and value in the office of Zamin office of this district.

There are no records of historical value that have to be indexed and preserved.

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Sri Dewan Bahadur C. S.

Srinivasachari, M.A.,

Professor of History and Politics,

Annamalai University,

Annamalai Nagar.

(with enclosure)  
(Copy of H. 45-55C2)

Sir,

Indian Historical Records

Commission - Ad hoc Regional Committee.

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Continuation of this  
Dept. Letter No. 43435C2/45-12 Edu.,  
dated,



dated, 15-8-46, I am directed to  
 the Board of Revenue, Ref. No. P. 2720/45-12, P. 45 d.7  
 dated; 22-10-46, together with its  
 enclosures, received with it, showing  
 the progress made in several districts  
 except Chittoor in the classification,  
 indexing and preservation of old records  
 in the archives of the principal Zamins. I am  
 to request you to issue necessary  
 instructions to the Huzur Officer, Venkatagiri  
 Samasthanam, as to what should be  
 done in the matter of dealing with  
 the records in the Samasthanam in the matter of  
 classifying and listing the records of the  
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Tele: "Religious" Office of the Board of Commissioners  
 for Hindu Religious Endowments,  
 Madras-6.

Letter No. 68440/46-27-GNL., dated 12-12-1946.

From Rao Bahadur Sri T.M. Chinnaiya Pillai, M.A., B.L.,  
 President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board,  
 Madras-6.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
 Education and Public Health Department,  
 Fort St. George, Madras-9.

Sir,

Sub: Indian Historical Records Commission - Preservation of  
 records of historical value in Religious Institutions -  
 Further report submitted. P. 11 ante

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 43435-C/46-3-Edu., dated  
 6-12-1946. (2) My letter No. 68440/45-GNL-19., dated  
 3-8-1946. PP. 37-38 ante

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I have the honour to state that since the issue of my letter  
 referred to above, reports regarding the preservation of records of  
 historical value have been received from 11 institutions, of which  
 10 have reported that there are no records of historical value with  
 them.

The Treasurer of Sri Rudhrapathiswarar temple, Tiruchengattangudi,  
 Mannilam Taluk, Tanjore District, reported that there is one Epigra-  
 phical record in his temple which is duly preserved. He has been  
 asked to obtain the assistance of the Epigraphical Department and  
 send a copy of that record for transmission to Government.

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Keft below  
A copy of the guide book of Sri Kallapiranswami temple, Srivai-kuntam, Tinnevely District, mentioned in my letter referred to above has been received and it is forwarded herewith. This contains the extracts of the inscription which were recorded by Government in 1895. (Vide page 23 of the guide book).

The Trustee of Sri Veerabhadraswami temple, Lepakshi, Anantapur District, reports that copies of the inscriptions on copper plates are with the Epigraphic Department. He seeks assistance of the Board's local Officer for taking copies of the inscriptions on the walls of the temple. He is being instructed to obtain photographic copies of the inscriptions on the walls and address the Epigraphical Department for their preservation.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*M. S. Srinivasachari*  
President.

Encl: 1 Guide Book of Sri Kallapiranswami temple.

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Letter No. 43435 C2/45-14 Edn., B., 4-1-47  
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To  
Sri Dewan Bahadur d. S. Srinivasachari,  
M.A.,  
Professor of History and Politics,  
Annamalai University,  
Annamalainagar.

(with enclosure)  
copy of H.59-60 of 5/12/46

Sir,  
Indian Historical Records  
Commission — Ad hoc Regional Survey  
Committee.

In continuation of this Department's  
PP. 57-58 C.7. letter No. 43435 C2/46-13. Edn., dated,  
3-12-46, I am directed to ~~forward~~ <sup>forward</sup> ~~enclose~~ <sup>enclose</sup> for  
your information a copy of the further  
letter from the President, H.R.E. Board

PP. 59-60 C.7. No. 68440/46-27 - GNL., dated, 12-12-46, <sup>with enclosure</sup>  
from the P.B. H.R.E. Bd. on the above subject, <sup>with enclosure</sup>  
with the guide book received with it.

Copy to the director,  
H.R.O. (with enclosure) 15/12/46.  
copy of H.59-60 19/12/46

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M. S. Srinivasachari

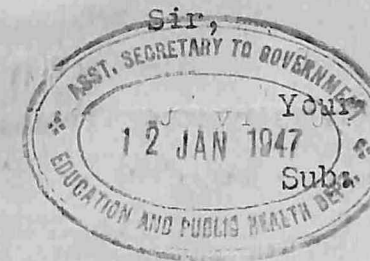


Dewan Bahadur  
C. S. SRINIVASACHARI  
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND POLITICS  
AND DEAN, FACULTY OF ARTS (Retired)

Chidambaram,  
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY  
ANNAMALAINAGAR  
17th December, 1946.

To

The Joint Secretary,  
Education and Public Health Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras.



Your letter No. 43435-C2/46/13-Edn. dated 3rd Decr. 1946.

Subj: Indian Historical Records Commission - Ad hoc  
Regional Committee.

I thank you for the above letter and enclosed papers.

The records and papers in the possession of Zamins and Devasthanams will be particularly valuable for purposes of historical study if they should go back to the eighteenth century prior to 1802 and 1842 when Revenue Settlements were effected by the British Government and great temples like Tirupathi were handed over to individuals or mutts.

For purposes of ascertaining what records may be historically useful and important and therefore should be carefully preserved and either catalogued or calendered for publication, it is necessary as the Curator of Records has observed that experts in historical research should be deputed to the important Zamins and Temple for examination of records. For this purpose and for necessary detailed instructions and facilities, I am requesting the Indian Historical/Commission authorities to issue directions and detail members of the Ad hoc Regional Committee for purposes of survey and report. The help the local Government officers and particularly of the Curator will be most valuable.

The Venkatagiri Zamin goes back in historical importance to the sixteenth century and many of the Southern Paligars date also from about that time. It is possible that



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records and papers of value may be available in their collection.

X / I shall write to you further after ascertaining the views and directions of the Commission.

I beg to remain,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*B. Srinivasachari*

Convener,  
Regional Survey Committee.

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Revenue Department.  
Subject.  
Indian Historical records Commission - Preservation of records of historical value in Zamir offices &c.

Ref. No. P.2720-45-16 Dated 30--1--1947.  
Station: Madras

From M.S. Mani, Esq., OBE., ICS.,  
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

E. Bennett, Esq., I.C.S.,  
Commissioner of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Read.-  
Board's Ref. No.P.2720-45-12, d.22-10-46.  
Letter from Collector, Chittoor, D.Dis.14976/46,d.8-1-47.  
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REFERENCE:

The Board submits a further statement showing the progress made in the various Zamindaries &c., in Chittoor district.

2. As pointed out in the statement further reports are being called for from the H.R.E.Board and the Collector of Chittoor. The Board will submit a further report in the matter on receipt of reports received from them.

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for Secretary.  
To the Secretary to Govt., Education & Public Health Dept.,  
VSK.30-1. with a statement.



CHITTOOR.-

1. Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam.

Printed copies of Tirupathi devasthanam inscriptions Volumes I to V and Volume VI Part I and II and Epigraphical report. The Commissioner Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, reports that the records mentioned above have already been catalogued and safely preserved in the record section of the Devasthanam Hazur Office.

2. Pulicherlapalayam.

The records relating to the genealogy of the Poleygars of Pulicherlapalayam are reported to have been sorted out and indexed.

3. Bangaripaliam zamin.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Chittoor, has reported that the records including those relating to temple archives have been kept carefully after sorting and indexing them.

4. Venkatagiri Samasthanam.

The question of the sorting of records of this Zamindari is being dealt with by the Collector of Nellore. At the instance of the Samasthanam the Board has asked for instructions in its Ref. No. P. 2720-45-12, dated 22-10-46, regarding the nature of the records to be sorted and listed.

5. Temple at Yadamar.

The Collector has reported that the old records relating to this temple are with the Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Madras. They are being requested to state whether they have been sorted and a proper list maintained by them.

6. Temple at paradarami.

The records of this temple are said to have been filed in the D.M's. Court, Chittoor, in connection with the Civil suit between the old and new trustees. The Collector is being requested to report whether a list of records so filed is not available with the Trustees and if so whether it does not throw any light on the nature of records and whether there are no more records in the temple for being sorted and listed.

for Secretary,  
Bd. of Rev.

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Memo no. 43435.C.2.46/-15 Edu. Dated 20.3.47

Indian Historical Records Commission - Ad hoc  
regional Survey Committee for the Preservation of  
Records of historical value in Zamin Officers, etc.  
Ref.

p 65 of no 9423/47 From the Bd. of Rev, Ref no. P 2720-45-16 N 30-142

With ref to the letter read above,

The Board of Rev is requested to expedite its

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ref in the matter cited above to state when its

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION - Preservation of records of historical value in Zamin Offices.

Ref.No.P.2720/45-18.

Station:Madras.

Dated:31st March 1947.

From

T.M.S.Mani Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

W. Scott Brown Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.  
Commr. of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes

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From the Government, Education and Public Health Department, Memorandum No.43435-C2/46-15 Education dated 20th March 1947.

REFERENCE:

The Board submits that there was some discrepancy in the reports received from the Collector of Chittoor and the Secretary Hindu Religious Endowment Board and they have been requested to send their further reports in the matter. The Board's reply will be submitted to Government as soon as the Collectors report and the report from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board are received and considered.

*[Signature]*  
for SECRETARY.

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The Secretary to Government,  
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.  
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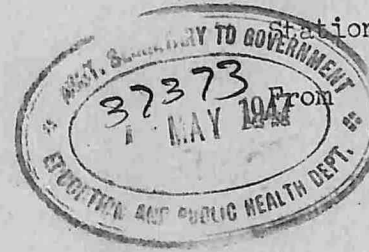
Subject.

Indian Historical Records Commission - Preservation of records  
of historical value in Zamin offices etc.

Reference P. 2720/45-19

Dated 29-4-1947.

Station: MADRAS



T.M.S. Mani Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

S. Ranganathan Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Commercial Taxes.

READ:-

Board's Reference No. P. 2720/45-12 dated 22-12-46.

REFERENCE.

The Board requests early orders of the Government on its  
reference cited above.

FOR SECRETARY

✓ To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Education & Public Health Department.

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Indian Historical Records Commission -

Preservation of Records of historical value in  
Zamini offices etc.

Ref:-

p 73 ante CW 37373 C2/47 - From the Board of Rev, Ref P 272 of 45 - 19/5/29. 4.47

The Board of Rev is informed that the matter  
is under consideration of Govt. and that orders  
will be issued soon.

To

The Bd. of Rev

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Letter no 43435 C2/46 - 17 Edn dated 5.5.47

To

Sri Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari  
M.A.  
Professor of History and Politics and  
Dean of Faculty of Arts (Retired)  
Chidambaram.

Sir,

Sub. Indian Historical Records Commission -  
Preservation of Records of historical value in Zamini offices -

Ref:-

Govt. Letter no 43435 C2/46 - 13 Edn d) 3.12.46

" 43435 C2/46 - 14 Edn d) 4.1.47

Your letter no. nil dated 17.12.46.

I am directed to invite your attention to the  
Govt's letters cited above and to request that you  
may be informed of the Govt's decision  
early and may be that in the matter  
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DIWAN BAHADUR  
PROFESSOR C. S. SRINIVASACHAR  
Convener,  
Madras Regional Survey  
Committee of the I.H.R.  
Commission.

NO.2, North Sannidhi, Chidambaram,

20th May, 1947.



To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,  
Educational and Public Health Department,  
Fort St. George, Madras

Sir,

Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission --  
Preservation of Records of Historical  
value in Zamin Offices.

Ref:- Your No.43435.C2/46-47 Edn. dated  
5th May 1947.

1 I beg to be excused for the delay in replying  
to the above letter.

2 The Research and Publication Committee of the  
I.H.R. Commission have directed their Regional Survey  
Committees to concentrate their main effort, for the  
present, towards the preparation of a National Regis-  
ter of (1) Archives, and (2) Historical Manuscripts,  
that may be found in the various official or private  
repositories in the country.

3 The records of Institutions like Religious  
establishments, temples and mosques, and of chari-  
table organizations, and family papers have got to

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PROFESSOR C. S. SRINIVASACHARI

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to be searched for, ascertained and listed.

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4 The note of the remarks of the District Collectors supplied to me along with your letter of 3rd December 1946, has been communicated to the Secretary, I.H.R. Commission. It will be a great help if Government should kindly assist the I.H.R. Commission by getting lists or calendars of records preserved in the Zamin Offices in the respective jurisdictions, concerning the important events in the history of these Zamins, their relations with the Nawabs of the Carnatic and the East India Company, and succession lists of the Zamindars.

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5 As regards ~~xxxxxx~~ the letter No. 7931-43 dated 14th February 1946 from the Huzur Officer, Venkatagiri Samasthanam, I request that the Govt. may be pleased to furnish me or the Secretary, I.H.R. Commission with a list of the principal documents of value concerning the subjects mentioned in the previous paragraph.

6 Owing to the paucity of resources and to

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my being single-handed, I have been able to collect only the following items of record material.

- (1) A Tamil Life of Sivaji,
- (2) Some family and official papers of the Tanksal (Tanksal L.C.-Mint masters) of the Tanjore Maratha Raj, and a few of their Sandis.
- (3) The family papers of the Christian Courtiers of Pondicherry from the time of Lazare De Motta, the Dubash of Francois Martin, the Founder and First Governor of Pondicherry, Andre Muthaiyappa, his successor and of Pedro Kanakaroya Mudaliyar, the rival and contemporary of the well-known Diarist Ananda Ranga Pillai.
- (4) Two Tamil manuscripts concerning the History of the Carnatic in the 18th century preserved in the Archives of Paris, and being copies of manuscript accounts of the Chronicler Narayana Kone who wrote in the first decade of the 19th Century, and whose history is among the Meckenzie Collection of papers.

There are also a few small items of collection that I have gathered.

7 I shall report to you what action will be taken in the accumulation of the material for the National Register, contemplated by the I.H.R.



Commission.

I have the honour to remain,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*C. S. Srinivasachari*

CONVENER,  
Madras Regional Survey Committee.



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Encl. no. H3435 C2/H5 -18 Edn D/ 16.6.47

Indian Historical Records Commission - Ad hoc  
Regional Committee for Madras - Preservation of records  
of historical value in Zamini offices etc

Ref:- Ref P

From the Bd of Rev 2720/H5-12 dated 22.10.46

From Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srimivasachari, letter D/ 20.5.47

Extracts from the letter of  
A copy of the letter from Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srimivasachari

Convener, Madras Regional Survey Committee of the Indian  
Historical Records Commission <sup>read before</sup> forwarded to the Board of  
Revenue <sup>for information and necessary reference</sup> to  
furnish a consolidated list of records preserved in the Zamini  
offices and also a list of the principal documents of  
value in Venkataswami Samasthanam

To  
The Bd of Rev ✓  
(with a copy of p 77-83) RC  
p 77-83 inclusive  
on 14/6/47  
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Letter  
Ref H3435 C2/H5 -19 Edn D/ 16.6.47

To

✓ Sri Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srimivasachari,  
Convener, Madras Regional Survey Committee  
of the I.H.R. Commission  
No. 2 Post Office, Saundharan, Chidambaram  
(with enclosure)  
(copy of p 65-67)

Sd/-

Indian Historical Records Commission -  
Preservation of Records of Historical Value in Zamini Offices.

In continuation of this department's letter  
no. H3435 C2/H5-14 Edn dated 4.1.47, I am directed to  
forward for your information a copy of the further report

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from the Board of Rev, Ref. No. P. 2720-45-16 dated 30.1.47 with  
the enclosures showing the progress made in Chittoor in  
the classification, indexing and preservation of old records  
in the archives of the principal zamins

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Copy to the Curator  
H.R.E. (with encs)

W. H. H. (14/6/47)

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Ch. 34172 - Trustees Bd of Rev, Letter No. P. 2720/45-18 dated 31-3-47. p71/2

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historical value in Zamin Offices

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Memo No. H3435 C2/45-20 Edn dated 16.6.47

The attention of the Bd of Rev is invited to its  
letter read above and it is requested to state when  
a further report in the matter may be expected

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W. H. H. (14/6/47)

14/6/47

2. The Bd of Rev 20/6



REVENUE DEPARTMENT  
Subject.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION - Preservation of  
records of historical value in zamin offices - Further report  
submitted.

Station: Madras Ref. P. 2720/45-23 51 Dated 5/7/47.

From T.M.S. Mani, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
Secy. Board of Rev.

S. Ranganathan, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S., Commr. of  
Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.

Read:- Govt. Memo No. 43435C2/45-20 Education dated 16-6-47.  
Letter from the Collector of Chittoor, L.Dis. 4686/47  
dated 26-5-47.

From the Secy. H.R.E. Board, No. 52317-47 Gnl. 1 d/ 24-6-47.

REFERENCE.

In continuation of its reference No. P. 2720-45-16  
dated 30-1-47 the Board submits copies of letters received from  
the Collector of Chittoor and the Secretary, Hindu Religious  
Endowments Board, Madras.

To the Secretary to Government, Education & P.H. Dept.

Copy of Chittoor Collector's Roc. H2. 4686/47 dated 26-5-47.

Sub:- Indian Historical Records - Preservation of Records of  
Historical value in Zamin Offices - report.

Ref:- Board's Ref. No. P. 2720/45-17 dated 19-3-47.

It is ascertained definitely that there is no information  
available as to the old records of the temple at Yadamar. The  
trustee states that it was only a presumption of his that the  
records might be with the H.R.E. Board. He is not definite about  
p.t.o.



about the information.

(Sd).....for Collector.

Copy of L.Dis.4686/47 dated 26-5-47 ~~dated~~

Sub:- Indian Historical Records - Preservation of records of Historical value in Zamin Office - Report.

Ref:- Board's Ref.No.P.2720/45-17 dated 19-3-47....

It is ascertained definitely that there are no old records relating to the temple at Paradarami to be listed out and sorted.

With reference to para 2 of the above quoted reference a copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary Hindu Religious Endowment Board Madras regarding the record of the temple at Yadamari is herein enclosed for information.

(Sd).....for Collector.

Copy of letter No.52317/47 Gnl.1 dated 24-6-47 of the H.R.E.Board.

Subject:- Indian Historical Records - Preservation of records of Historical value in Zamin offices - report.

Ref:- Your letter P.2720/45-22 dated 13-6-1947.  
Roc.H.2. 4686/47 dated 26-5-47 from the Collector, Chittoor.

I have the honour to state that there are no records of Historical value relating to Yadamari temple available with the Board.

(Sd) V.Sivasankara Row,  
Ag.Secretary.

/True Copy/

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for SECRETARY.

Letter No. 43435C2/45-21 Edn dt. 14-7-47  
Reg Jo

✓ Sn. Durain Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari,  
Convener, Madras Regional Survey Committee  
of the I.H.R. Commission  
No. 2, North Samadhi, Chidambaram  
(with enclosures)

Sir,

Indian Historical Records Commission -  
Preservation of Records of historical value in Zamin offices.

In continuation of this Department's letter Reg  
No. 43435C2/45-19 Edn dated 16.6.47, I am directed  
to forward for your information a copy of the  
further report <sup>received</sup> from the Board of Rev., Reg. No.

[P.T.O.]



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 Re P. 2720/45 - 23 sales 5.7.47 with its enclosures  
 4.0.8.  
 12.7.47  
 12/7/47

Subject: Records - Indian Historical Records - Commission - Preservation of records of historical value-

Ref. P. No. 2720-45-25

M a d r a s . dated 4-10-47.  
 From

F.M.S. Mani Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,  
 Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.

S. Ranganathan Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S., Commr. of Land Rev.  
 & Comml. Taxes.

Read:-  
 Government Endt. No. 43435-C.2/45- Education dated 16-6-47.



Letter from the Curator, Madras Record Office, No. 1709-D.VIII-47 dated 9th Sep, 1947:-

Ref:- Board's Ref. No. P. 2720-45-24 dated 11th Aug, 1947.

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In his letter dated 20th May 1947 referred to in the Government Memorandum under consideration, Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachari requests that the Indian Historical Records Commission might be furnished with "lists or calendars of records preserved in the Zamin Offices in the respective jurisdictions concerning the important events in the history of these Zamins, their relations with the Nawabs of the Carnatic and the East India Company and succession lists of the Zamindars". This request is made by him chiefly because the remarks of the District Collectors furnished to him show that in a number of cases the Zamin records have already been sorted out and indexed. I do not know who has prepared these lists and indexes or on what lines they have been prepared. Perhaps they were prepared by the persons in the zamin offices. If so it is doubtful whether they would have been prepared on proper lines. It would in my opinion, have been better if they had been prepared by the members of the Regional Survey Committee. But as they have now been prepared all that is required is that the lists or indexes should be examined and the items coming under the description furnished by Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachari should be picked out and made up into separate lists. These fresh lists can be prepared by the persons who have prepared the present lists. If these persons can make out, in addition, succession lists of the Zamindars, these may also be furnished along with the lists relating to important events. The Collectors may therefore be asked to issue instructions to the persons in charge of Zamin offices to examine the lists already prepared by them and to prepare fresh lists of the records dealing with the subjects mentioned by Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachari. Instructions may at the same time be issued for preparing the succession lists of the Zamindars. In the case of Zamin Offices where no lists have yet been prepared instructions may be issued for the preparation of the lists in the foregoing manner. When all the lists are completed, the Collectors may be asked to forward them to the Board so that they may be furnished to the Indian Historical Record Commission. It may be stated here that calendars are much more elaborate than lists and that they are difficult to prepare. Since however Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachari is content with either calendars or lists, it is better to prepare lists.

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2. In regard to the records of the "religious establishments, temples and mosques and charitable organisations and family papers" Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S.S. Srinivasachari states that they have got to be searched for ascertained and listed. He does not state that these lists should also be furnished to him. Nor does he say, as to who is to do the searching and the listing. I, however, find from the extracts of the Collectors remarks



that the temple records have also been listed in a few cases. It is not known who listed them. So far as I can see, the listing should be entrusted to the persons in charge of the temples, mosques, etc. as they are not generally competent to do it. Nor is it their duty. The proper persons to do this work are the members of the Regional Survey Committee which has been specially constituted for this purpose. In my opinion one or more members of this Committee ought to visit each and every temple or mosque which is likely to contain records of interests and examine the records which might be preserved in them and list them according to the instructions which the Indian Historical Record Commission might have issued. So far as these records are concerned Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachari may therefore be informed and the work of listing them may be undertaken by the members of this Committee.

3. In regard to the records of the Venkatagiri Samasthanam referred to in Paragraph 5 of the letter lists may be prepared on the lines adopted in the case of the other Zamindaris.

(sd) x x  
Curator.

Reference:-

The Board has consulted the Curator, Madras Record Office on the suggestion contained in the letter of Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Sreenivasachari forwarded to it with the Government Endorsement cited above. A copy of the Curator's letter is submitted to the Government.

2. The Board agrees with the Curator and recommends:

(1) that the Collectors may be asked to issue instructions to the persons in charge of Zamin Offices to examine the lists already prepared by them and to prepare fresh lists of the records dealing with the subject mentioned by Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Sreenivasachari and instructions may also be issued for preparing the succession lists of the Zamindars.

(2) where no lists have been prepared, instructions may be issued to have them prepared as now instructed by Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Sreenivasachari.

(3) that in regard to the records of the religious establishments, temples and mosques and charitable organisations and family papers, the work of listing them may be undertaken by the members of the Regional Survey Committee.

for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Education & P.H. Dept.

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E & P.H. Dept.

Indian Historical Records Commission - Preserva-

tion of Records of historical value in Zamin offices.  
orders issued.

From Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari dated 20-5-47.  
From the Board of Revenue Ref.P.No.2720-45-25 dated 4-10-47.

Order/Ms. 325 Edn. / 20.2.48

In his letter read above Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasa-  
chari, Convener, Regional Survey Committee of the I.H.R.C.,  
has requested Government to assist the committee in getting

lists or calendars of records preserved in the Zamin  
offices concerning the important events in the history of  
these Zamins, their relations with the Nawabs of the  
Carnatic and the East India Company and succession lists  
of Zamindars. The Government have consulted the Board

of Revenue in the matter. The Board recommends that  
the Collectors may be asked to issue instructions to the  
persons in charge of Zamin offices to examine the lists  
already prepared by them and to prepare fresh lists of  
the records dealing with the subject mentioned by Dewan  
Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari and that instructions may  
also be issued for preparing the succession lists of the  
Zamindars. The Bd. also recommends that where no lists  
have been prepared, instructions may now be issued to have  
them prepared. The Government approve the recommendations.

The Board is requested to issue necessary instructions to  
the Collectors concerned, obtain and forward to Government  
a consolidated list for transmission to the Convener, Regional  
Survey Committee.

2. As regards the records of the religious establish-  
ments, temples and mosques and charitable organisations  
and family papers, the Curator M.R.O. and the Board of  
Revenue consider that the listing of these records should  
not be entrusted to the persons in charge of the temples,  
mosques etc., since they are not generally competent to do  
such work, and recommend that the work of listing these



records should be undertaken by the members of the Regional Survey Committee. The Government agree <sup>with</sup> the recommendation.

To  
Dewan Bahadur Professor. C. S. Srinivasachari,  
The Board of Revenue  
The Curator M.R.O.

Call Book

Indian Historical Records Commission -

Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee - Constitution - Facilities.

From Sri Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari, Convenor of the  
Ad hoc Regional Committee for the Madras Presidency,  
dated 27-9-45.  
(Issued as Endorsement No.43435 C/45-1 Edn., dated 8-10-45)  
From the Curator, M.R.O., No.1323 DVII/45-1 dated 13-10-45.

The Indian Historical Records Commission was re-organised in 1941. In this connection the Govt. of India envisaged the formation of Regional Committees consisting of officials and non-officials for the survey of historical records and hoped that Provincial Governments would setup such committees according to the special needs of the territories under their control. The question of constituting such a committee was examined by this Govt., But it was eventually decided to postpone the matter till after the war in view of the instructions of the Govt. of India for elimination of non-essential work during the war. Subsequently the Indian Historical Records Commission recommended that ad hoc committees might be formed and that Provincial Governments might afford all facilities to these committees. In this department's letter No. 35097C-2 Edn. d. 27-7-44 to the Govt. of India was informed of the nature and extent of the facilities which this Govt. were prepared to give to the ad hoc committee to be formed in this Province. Sri Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari says that he has now formed such an ad hoc committee for this Province and requests that the members of the committee may be given such facilities in their efforts to bring to light records and materials of historical importance in the possession of temples, mutts and other corporations and of Zamindaris and other estates and of private individuals as Government give. He has not specified the exact nature of facilities required by him. The Curator suggests that Sri Rao Bahadur C.S.Srinivasachari may be informed that the Govt. will grant the committee facilities to the extent mentioned in this department's letter No. 35097C-2 Edn., dated 27-7-44 whenever the committee requires



such facilities. ~~For order xxxxx Perhaps this matter may be~~  
~~taken up only after the Record Office is transferred to Madras~~  
Before informing Sri Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari that Govt.  
are prepared to grant the facilities mentioned in his letter  
dated 27-9-45 it seems better to ask him what exactly are  
the facilities he requires. For orders. Subject to approval

a draft letter is subd.

Draft affd.

16/11/45  
25/10/45  
25/10/45

Issued as Letter No. 43435C/45-2 Edu., dated 25-10-45  
No. 52456, From Sri Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari, Annamalai Nagar,  
Date 2-11-45

Please see Mr. Srinivasachari's letter on

pp 8-10 of

Portion marked A in the letter.

When applications are recd. from members  
of the Committee the authorities concerned may  
be asked to render such help as is possible.

No action is necessary now.

Portion marked B & C of the letter.

The President, H.R.E. Board and the Board  
of Rev may be asked to report in the matter.

Portion marked D in the letter.

If the members of the Committee are able  
to locate the records and if they find  
any difficulty in gaining access to them  
the question of Govt using their influence  
to persuade the owners to allow access to  
the records may be considered. If any  
technical advice is needed in regard  
to the publication and preservation of  
the records the Curator, M.R.C., may be  
asked to assist as far as possible. For orders  
whether Mr. C.S. Srinivasachari may be informed

accordingly.

Portion marked E in the letter

The collector of Tinnevely may be asked  
to submit a report in the matter.

Your drafts are subd.

A2 may see, especially drafts III and IV

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Approved  
A2

Issued as Memo. 43435C/45-3 Edu., dated 6-12-45  
Issued as Memo. 43435C/45-4 Edu., dated 6-12-45  
Issued as Memo. 43435C/45-5 Edu., dated 6-12-45  
Issued as Letter No. 43435C/45-6 Edu., dated 6-12-45

C.No. 8446, From the Collector of Tinnevely, L.D. 7411/45  
dated 7-2-46

Please see the reply from the collector of  
Tinnevely on p. 23 of. Replies from the Board  
Revenue and the H.R.E. Board have not  
been received. Two exchange reminders are  
submitted. After the replies are received

Consolidated reply may be sent to Sri Rao

C.S. Srinivasachari.

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25/10/45

A copy of the letter from the collector of  
Tinnevely may be sent to Sri C.S. Srinivasachari  
A draft letter is subd on page 24 of. The collector may  
also be requested to see that Sri Srinivasachari  
is allowed access to the records in question.

16/11/45  
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Issued as Letter 43435C/45-7 Edu., dated 20-12-45  
Issued as Edt. 43435C/45-8 Edu., dated 20-2-46



C No. 13830/46, From the President, H.R.E. Board, Madras

No 68440/46-4 (Genl) dated 8.3.46

Please see the reply from the President, H.R.E. Board, on pp 29-30. A copy of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> letter may be sent to Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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12/3/46

10/3/46

[Letter No 43435-C/45-9 Em. 8/16.3.46] p31 cf  
C No. 27709 from the President, H.R.E. Board, Madras  
No 68440/46 Genl - 11 8/22.5.46 p33 cf

Please see the further reply from the President, H.R.E. Board, at pp 33-34 cf. A copy of this letter may be sent to Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

The receipt of further report from the President, H.R.E. Board, promised in the para of this letter at p 33 cf. and the reply of the Board given may be awaited. They are reminded on 15/7/46, Thursday. An extract of paras 2+3 of pp 33-34 cf. may be sent to Rev for necessary action.

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4.6.46

[Letter No 43435-10C/45 dated 30.5.46]

C. no. 44688 From the President, H.R.E. Board Letter  
No. 68440 - Genl/45-19 3.8.46

Please see the further reply from the President, H.R.E. Board at pp 37-38 c. f. A copy of this letter may be sent to Rao Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted

for approval.

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PP.39-40 cf. [Issued as letter No. 43435 C2/45-12. Edu., 8.15.8.46.]

reminded  
A draft letter to the Bd. of Rev. is submitted for approval.

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15.10.46

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[Issued as Memo. No. 43435/45-13C2, 8.17.10.46.]

No. 65075 C2. From the Board of Rev., No. P.19720/45-12, 8.22.10.46.

p45 cf

pp 53-55 cf

The Board of Rev. has submitted a statement showing the progress made in the several districts except Chittoor in the classification, indexing and preservation of old records in the archives of the principal zamins. A copy of the statement may be forwarded to the Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted.

15.11.46

2. The collector of Nellore has submitted to the Board a letter from the Huzur Officer, Venkatagiri Samasthanam, the Huzur Officer in which he states that practically nothing has been done in the estate for the preservation and classification of records. Before undertaking this work, the Huzur Officer wants to have an idea of the sort of records which Govt. would treat as important for the purpose of preservation.



preservation etc. With reference to this request, the curator, H.R.O., has suggested Dap 50 of that Mr. Srinivasachari, Convenor of the Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee, may be addressed. The Board desires the Govt. to address this gentleman in this matter to for suggest suggesting ways and means of dealing with records. Attention is invited to page 8 d. 7. where Mr. Srinivasachari has said that the primary task of the <sup>govt.</sup> Committee is to help in "bringing to light" records in private custody with the help of Govt. officials. The classification and preservation of records seems to be a matter for the <sup>office</sup> ~~Land~~ themselves. If the ~~Mayor~~ <sup>Mayor</sup> officer, Venkatasani Samanthanam, finds any difficulty in the sorting of records, he may be asked to consult the curator, H.R.O., for advice. It seems unnecessary to consult Mr. Srinivasachari on this point. <sup>as suggested by the Board</sup> for orders whether the Board may be informed accordingly.

Pl see 'B' on p 47 CF.  
The Mayor officer, Venkatasani Samanthanam wishes to have an idea of the sort of records to be selected for preservation and the kind on which they should be selected in the process. <sup>in which the records are now kept in the Samanthanam.</sup> The Curator H.R.O. says that he finds it extremely difficult to suggest the issue of any instructions to the Mayor officer which will be of any

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red use to him in dealing with the records of the Samanthanam. He therefore suggests that Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari is the only person to be addressed to suggest ways & means of dealing with the records. A copy of his correspondence was received from the Board through which he has been asked to write necessary instructions to the Mayor officer as to what he should do in the matter.

15.11.46  
18.11.46  
15.11.46

A revised draft letter is submitted. Pl see question slip.

23/11/46  
26/11/46

As regards portion marked 'A' on p 45 of the report contained therein, for the Govt. to consider and they will address the Govt. to the Dept concerned if necessary. The draft letter may also be.

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PP. 57-58 d. 7. [Issued as letter No. 43435 C<sub>2</sub>/46-13. Bd. 8.3.12.46]

PP. 59-60 d. No. 71177. From the President, H.R.E. Bd., No. 68440/46-27-GNL., dated, 12-12-46.

A draft letter to the Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari is submitted.

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19/12/46

19.12.46

(P.T.O.)



8 issued as letter No. 43435 C2/45-14. Edu., B., A-1-47. P. 61 d. 7.

C. No. 2599 C2. From Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, 17-12-46. PP. 63

The further report mentioned at X on page 64 d. 7. may be awaited till 25-2-47.

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C. No. 9423 C2/47: From the Board of Rev. Ref. No. P. 2720/45/16 Dated 30.1.47

The Boards' further report mentioned at 'A' on p 65 cf may be awaited till 6.3.47

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A draft memo to the Bd. of Rev. is put up for approval.

15.3.47

15.3.47

18/3/47

Issued as Memo No. 43435 C2/46-15 Edu. 20-3-47.

C. No. 26177- From Bd of Rev. letter No. Ref. P. 2720/45-18

31.3.47

Further report from the Board may be awaited till 3.5.47.

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C. No. 37373 C2/47 - From the Bd. of Rev. Ref. P. 2720/45-19 dated 29.4.47.

Please see the Board's letter on p. 73 cf. requesting orders on the reference of the Board No. P. 2720/45-12 d. 22.10.46. The matter was referred to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, Chidambaram in his report's letter

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p 57 cf No. 43435 C2/46-13 Edu. dated 3.12.46 and he has not furnished his reply yet. An interim report to the Board of Rev and a draft letter to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari are put up for approval.

3.5.47

2.5.47

p 75 cf  
p 75 cf

Issued as Memo No. 43435 C2/46-16 Edu. dated 5.5.47  
Issued as letter Ref. No. 43435 C2/46-17 Edu. dated 5.5.47

C. No. 43563 C2/47 - From Dewan Bahadur Pray C. S. Srinivasachari, convener, Madras Regional Survey Committee of the I.H.R. commission letter dated 20.5.47

p 77-84 cf

p 79 cf

p 79 cf

p 81 cf

p 65-67 cf

Please see the letter from Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari on p. 77-83 cf. He requests that Govt should assist the Indian Historical Records Commission by getting lists or calendars of records preserved in the Zamindari offices in the respective jurisdictions, concerning the important events in the history of these Zamindars, their relations with the Nawabs of the Carnatic and the East India Company and Succession lists of the Zamindars. As regards the request of the Huzur office, Venkatasani Samasotharam, Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari has requested Govt to furnish him or the Secy I.H.R. with a list of the principal documents of value concerning the subjects mentioned in the previous paragraph. A copy of the Dewan Bahadur's letter may be communicated to the Board of Rev. and he requested to furnish a consolidated list to Govt. A draft order to the Board of Rev. is submitted for approval.

As regards the list of collection of record material furnished by Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, his further report in the matter may be awaited.

The Board's Ref. No. P. 2720-45-16 dated 30.1.47 showing the progress made in the various Zamindaris etc in relation with the classification, indexing and preservation of old records may be forwarded to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

30.5.47

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8 issued as letter No. 43435 C2/45-14. Edu., B., 4-1-47. P. 61 d. 7.

C. No. 2599 C2. From Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, 17-12-46. PP. 63 d. 7.

The further report mentioned at X on page 64 d. 7. may be awaited till 25-2-47.

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24.1.47

C. No. 9423 C2/47: From the Board of Rev, Reg. No. P. 2720/45/16 Dated 30.1.47 p. 65-67 cf

The Boards' further report mentioned at 'A' on p. 65 cf may be awaited till 6-3-47

Re  
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12.2.47

Re  
14/2/47 A draft memo to the Bd. of Rev is put up for approval.

Re  
15.3.47

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15.3.47

Re  
18/3/47 Issued as Memo No. 43435 C2/46-15 Edu  
20-3-47.

C. No. 26177- From Bd of Rev. letter No. Ref P. 2720/45-18

21-3-47

Further report from the Board may be awaited till 3.5.47.

Re  
9/4/47

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9.4.47

C. No. 37373 C2/47 - From the Bd. of Rev, Reg. P. 2720/45-19  
dated 29.4.47.

p. 73 cf

Please see the Board's letter on p. 73 cf. requesting orders on the reference of the Board No. P. 2720/45-12 d) 22.10.41. The matter was referred to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, Chidambaram in his report's letter

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p. 75 cf  
p. 57 cf

p. 57 cf No. 43435 C2/46-13 Edu. dated 3.12.46 and he has not furnished his reply yet. An interim report to the Board of Rev and a draft letter to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari are put up for approval.

Re  
2.5.47

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3.5.47

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Re  
21/5/47 [Issued as Memo No. 43435 C2/46-16 Edu dated 5.5.47]  
[Issued as letter Reg. No. 43435 C2/46-17 Edu dated 5.5.47]

C. No. 43563 C2/47 - From Dewan Bahadur Pray C. S. Srinivasachari,

convenor, Madras Regional Survey Committee of the I.H.R. commission

p. 77-84 cf

letter dated 20.5.47

Please see the letter from Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari

p. 79 cf

on p. 77-83 cf. He requests that Govt should assist the Indian

Historical Records commission by getting lists or calendars of records

preserved in the Zamindari offices in the respective jurisdictions,

concerning the important events in the history of the Zamindars, their

relations with the Nawabs of the Carnatic and the East India Company

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and Succession lists of the zamindars. As regards the request of

the Huzur officer, Venkatasani Samastharam, Dewan Bahadur

C. S. Srinivasachari has requested Govt to furnish him or the Secy

I.H.R. with a list of the principal documents of value concerning

the subjects mentioned in the previous paragraph. A copy of the Dewan

Bahadur's letter may be communicated to the Board of Rev, may

be requested to furnish the necessary information to Govt. A draft

order to the Board of Rev is submitted for approval.

3 As regards the request of the Board of Rev, may

p. 81 cf

be Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari, his further report in the

matter may be awaited.

p. 65-67 cf

3 The Board's Reg. No. P. 2720-45-16 dated 30.1.47 showing the

progress made in the various zamindaris etc in relation with

in the classification, indexing and preservation of old records may

be forwarded to Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari. A draft

letter is submitted for approval.

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4. Please see the Bd's letter on p 71 of. The Bd may be reminded about its further report. A draft on it submitted

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COO. 55925 C2/47. From the Board of Rev., Reg. P. 2720/45-23 of 5.7.47.

Please see the letter from the Bd. of Rev. on p 87 of. It may be forwarded to Dewan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachari. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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COO. 80120 C2/47. From the Bd. of Rev., Reg. P. No. 2720-45-25 of 4.10.47.

In his letter dated 20th May 1947, Dewan Bahadur Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari, requested Govt to assist the Indian Historical Records Commission by getting lists of or calendars of records preserved in the Zammin offices in the respective jurisdiction concerning the important events in the history of those zamins, their relations with the Nawabs of the Carnatic and the East India Company and succession lists of Zamindars. The Board of Rev was asked to take the necessary action in the matter. [vide Endt. No. 43435 C2/45 - 18 Edn dated 16.6.47]. The Board in turn, has referred the matter to the Curator, M.R.O. and has endorsed his views to Govt. Before such list is furnished, the Board recommends that the collectors may be asked to issue instructions to the persons in charge of Zammin offices to examine the lists already prepared by them and to prepare fresh lists of the records dealing with

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the subject mentioned by Dewan Bahadur Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari and that instructions may also be issued for preparing the succession lists of the Zamindars. The Bd. also recommends that where no lists have been prepared, instructions may now be issued to have them prepared. The recommendations of the Bd. of Rev. may be approved. It is however for consideration whether Govt. should issue the instructions or the Bd. itself may be asked to issue the necessary instructions to the Collector's concerned, obtain and forward to Govt. a consolidated list for transmission to the I.H.R.C.

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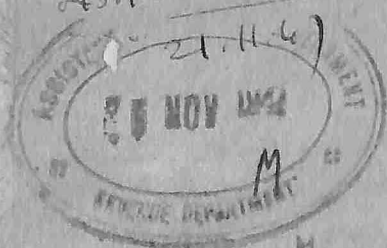
2. As regards the records of the religious establishments, temples and mosques and charitable organisations and family papers, the Curator, M.R.O. considers that the listing of these records should not be entrusted to the persons in charge of the temples, mosques etc. since they are not generally competent to do such work. He therefore states that the work of listing these records should be undertaken by the members of the Regional Survey Committee. The Bd. agrees with the Curator, M.R.O. It is for orders whether Govt. also may agree with them and inform Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari accordingly.

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3. Rev. may see the case u.o. for remarks, if any, prior to circulation.

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Please see the notes from p. 10. ante. This Dept may agree with the view at 'A' alone and the file may be passed on to Fiska Dev.

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Please see the notes of F.P.B. at pp 10-11 ante. This Dept may agree with the view at 'B' alone. The Com



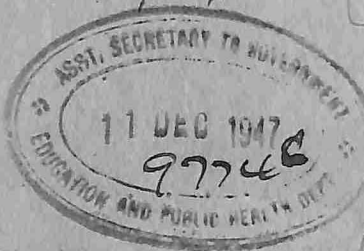
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[Note to page 10 and 11 to read]  
Please see the Rev. note on page 11 and  
and the Finca Development Dept. note  
above. The case may now be circulated  
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A and B on page 11 are approved.

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