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NEW DELHI 3, THE 9 JULY 1948.

From

Ashfaq Husain Esqr.,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

- (i) All Provincial Governments.
- (ii) All Chief Commissioners.

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SUB: INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION - RESEARCH
& PUBLICATION COMMITTEE - 10TH MEETING HELD IN
MARCH, 1947 - RESOLUTION IV - COMPILATION OF A
NATIONAL REGISTER OF RECORDS AND HISTORICAL
MANUSCRIPTS.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for such action as
the Provincial Government/you may deem necessary sub-paragraphs
(i) to (vi) Resolution IV passed at the 10th meeting of the
Research & Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Record
Commission held in March 1947, together with the observations
thereon of the Secretary Indian Historical Record Commission and
extracts of relevant portions of the agenda.

Yours faithfully,

H.S. Verma
(H.S. Verma)
for Deputy Secretary.

CLS/-50.c.D.23.7.

Sub-paragraphs (i) to (vi) Resolution IV passed at the 10th meeting of the Research & Publication Committee of the India Historical Record Commission held in March 1947.

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(i) that the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee, be entrusted with the compilation of such a register, to be called the National Register of records and Historical manuscripts, with the help of the Regional Survey Committee in the Provinces and the States;

(ii) that the latter bodies be instructed to concentrate on the work of compilation of the materials for the register to the exclusion of all other items of work they may have taken up or intend to take up in the near future;

(iii) that information collected be entered in the proforma approved by this Committee (annexed hereto), a separate form being used for each collection, series, group or "fonds" of records or historical manuscripts surveyed, that the completed forms be forwarded to the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee for consolidation with similar forms received from elsewhere, copies being retained by the Regional Committees in the form of a register for a reference purpose, with up-to-date indexes, duplicates of which should be furnished to the Secretary of the Committee, and that the Registers whether at the Centre or in the provinces be made available to accredited scholars;

(iv) that the Provincial Governments and the States, and through them the authorities of the Division, Districts, sub-divisions, Circles and other administrative units, High Courts and other Courts, Corporations, Municipalities, District and Local Boards, Trusts, Councils and similar organisations set up by the Provincial or State Governments or under their auspices, learned societies, Universities education institutions, religious establishments, Libraries, Museums and all public and semi-public institutions situated within the territorial limits of the Provinces and the States, be asked to co-operate fully with the Regional Committees in compiling the register by extending to them financial help, and according them unrestricted facilities for inspection of the records under their control;

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(v) the Regional Survey Committees be further asked to exclude from their immediate programme the contents of the Organised Records Offices and concentrate on such records in semi-public, institutional and private custody and such public records as are yet to be organised;

(vi) that the provincial Governments and the States having organised record offices of their own be asked to furnish the requisite information in respect of their collections direct to the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee, in the approved form copies being sent to the Regional Survey Committees functioning in the Provinces or the States as the case may be;

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Extract from letter No. F.1-1(a)/47-C dated New Delhi the 14th May, 1947, from the Secretary, Indian Historical Record Commission to the Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

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RESOLUTION IV. - I would recommend that copies of sub-paragraphs (i) - (vi) of the resolution together with the introductory note and a copy of the proforma be forwarded to the Provincial Government and the Indian States with the request that they should afford all help (financial and other), the Regional Survey Committee in their respective areas may need in carrying through the programme. The same authorities may be further requested,

(a) to bring the resolution to the notice of -

(i) the Universities, learned associations, educational institutions, Churches, Monasteries and other religious establishments, libraries, museums, fraternal organisations, and all important public and semi-public institutions, lying in their respective areas;

(ii) Corporations, municipalities, districts and local boards and similar other semi-autonomous bodies under their jurisdiction;

(iii) High Courts, Chief Courts and other Courts situated in their respective areas;

(iv) Authorities in charge of divisions, districts, sub-divisions, circles and similar other units under their administrative control, and Trusts, Councils, Societies or Similar organisations set up by them or organised under their auspices;

(b) to urge on the latter to co-operate with the Regional Committees in compiling the National Register;

(c) to send to the Secretary, Research & Publications Committee, a list of officials, agencies and bodies to which the resolution has been forwarded by the Provincial and State Governments.

The Provincial Governments and State Governments having organised records offices of their own may also be requested to instruct the officers in charge of their archives to furnish the requisite information to the Secretary.

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lines suggested in sub-paragraph (iii) of the Resolution.

3 Sub-paras (vii) and (viii) of the Resolution concern the Government of India. It will facilitate matters if the Government would take steps to convey to me their approval of this part at an early date and would take action accordingly. If Government is pleased to accept the proposal to publish the resolution in the Gazette of India, I would suggest that at least 10,000 additional copies of it be printed for circulation among the various public and semi-public institutions as well as private custodians of records affected by the resolution. 4

4 I shall send the necessary instruction to the Regional Survey Committees after the views of the Government of India on the matter have been obtained.

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Compilation of a National Register of (i) Archives, and
(ii) historical manuscripts.

NOTE: Very little information is available regarding the bulk of the records and historical manuscripts that may be found in the various official or private repositories in this country. The records in the custody of organised records officers constitute only a small fraction of what may yet be unearthed elsewhere. These materials broadly fall under 2 categories:-

I. Documents accumulated in the course of organised business, social activity or family affairs by a natural process of growth.

II. Stray and isolated documents collected or acquired for their present owners without any reference to their archival value. The former again may be sub-divided into the following classes:-

(a) Public(e.g.) records of Central, Provincial or State Governments, of Divisions, Districts, Sub-divisions, Circles, Treasuries, High Courts and other Courts).

(b) Semi-public - Records of autonomous or semi-autonomous boards, Corporations and Municipalities, Trusts, Councils, Associations organised by or under the auspices of Central or Local Governments.

(c) Institutional - Records of Educational institutions, Libraries, Museums, learned societies, Business Corporations, Banks, Firms, Religious establishments, temples, mosques, charitable organisations, Labour unions and fraternal organisations.

(d) Private - i.e. family papers (including private correspondence, memoranda, diaries, account books, etc.).

While all these materials are important from the historians' point of view, it is the documents of the first category above that have the greatest evidential value, and that value they have

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in the highest degree when they have survived in undisturbed series in the custody of their original compilers or those compilers' direct representatives. But it is these records which are most exposed to the risk of destruction and dispersal. There are three reasons for this : (1) their value as evidences for history is not recognised to the same extent as that of non-archival documents like chronicles, or memoirs and similar compilations; (2) being accumulated primarily for business purposes they are liable, when these purposes have been served, to be considered of no importance, and though they may survive in spite of that, there comes a time when the space they occupy is grudged or their value as saleable waste is appreciated; (3) being not a mere collection of isolated documents but a body of related papers they may be ruined almost as effectively by dispersal as by destruction. Many of these risks may be eliminated by -

(1) the enactment of a public records legislation for the preservation of all records of national value on the lines of similar legislations in the progressive countries;

(2) the establishment of properly organised and staffed repositories to house the records which still require a suitable shelter, and education of the present custodians of the records in the principles and technique of scientific preservation of records ;

(3) making provision for technical services (such as repair, rehabilitation, fumigation, cataloguing, indexing, micro-filming, etc.) in such records repositories as may be unable to organise these services themselves;

(4) organisation of research facilities for approved students; and

(5) establishment of a system of control on the administration of these records by a Central Organisation.

As a fact have been included in the proposals. All these measures for post-war reorganisation of archives offices in India, formulated by the Indian Historical Records Commission. But before these can be implemented, it is

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necessary that the Commission should have definitive data regarding the nature and condition of the records available in India. To secure this the first requirement is a National Register of Archives and Historical Manuscripts which that would give in brief outline a description of the records and manuscripts in the different repositories, private, institutional or public and semi-public. Such a Register should serve the following purpose:-

It should be a (1) directory for the information first of the Commission, and of the Central Controlling authority if and when such an authority is constituted; (2) a basis for detailed safeguarding measures; (3) an instrument for the guidance of students; (4) a basis for the detailed survey of the individual collections in the various repositories which may be taken up after the National Register has been completed. Another use of the Register will be that it will serve as an efficient instrument of tracing records or records collections hitherto found missing.

A vast scheme like this can be implemented only on a co-operative basis and it is suggested that the work of the compilation of information should be entrusted to the Regional Survey Committees. Such Committee should be responsible for the register of its respective region and may be authorised to appoint Sub-Committees for the different units included in their area. It is further suggested that the Regional Survey Committees should, for the time being, concentrate only on the compilation of the National Register, this being the basic work.

Information in respect of each repository should be entered in a form to be devised by the Research and Publication Committee. (A specimen form annexed hereto may be examined in this connection). These forms when filled in should be consolidated at the office of the Survey Committee of the area and thence forwarded to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, for further consolidations with similar information

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forms received from other regions. Copies of these registers should of course be maintained in the form of a Register by the various Regional Committees themselves for reference and should be made available to accredited students. They should also be kept indexed up-to-date.

To make a thorough job of it, it would be necessary to get the whole-hearted co-operation not only of provincial and State Governments, but of local bodies, learned associations, corporations, municipalities, business firms and private individuals. Much of course will depend on the efforts and initiative of voluntary field workers. It is necessary, however, that such workers should have some training in the technique of survey. It is, therefore, essential that a set of instructions should be compiled and printed for the guidance of the Committees as well as workers.

Besides supplying from time to time the information as detailed above, it is felt necessary that the Regional Survey Committee should submit to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, brief summaries of their work on 31st August every year.

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ANNEXURE. I

FORM FOR NATIONAL REGISTER.

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1. Location of the repository or the find spot.
2. Owner, with name, occupation (in the case of bodies, functions) and address.
3. Name of custodian, if any.
4. Description of the Collections (to be used for each collection in the repository).
 - (a) Class of documents (archival or non-archival).
 - (b) Agency of origin with indication as to the functions of the agency.
 - (c) Chronological limits.
 - (d) Whether any part of the collection has ever migrated elsewhere. If so, where?
 - (e) Nature of documents (correspondence, diaries, memoirs, minutes, memoranda, etc.).
 - (f) Subjects in broad outline (diplomatic, private, financial, business, trade, etc.).
 - (g) Relations to any known collection.

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(h) Circumstances under which acquired (inheritance, purchase, etc.)

(i) Number (figures in bundles, volumes, files, rolls, baskets, packings, etc.).

(j) Material (palmleaf, paper, etc., colour and nature of ink).

(k) Language.

(l) State of preservation.

(m) Indexes and Catalogues, if any.

(n) If any portion published.

5.(i) Whether the present owner is agreeable to part with his collection under certain conditions. (ii) Whether he is agreeable to submit his collection to Central Control, if and when established, in exchange for technical service. (iii) Whether he is agreeable to grant research facilities to accredited students.

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Endt. No. 61104-1C₂ Edu., dated, 13-9-'48.

G. H. R. C. — Research & Publication Committee — 10th Meeting held in March, 1947 — Resolution IV — Compilation of a National ~~Research~~ Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts.

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Ref: From the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Education,
No. F. 92-34/48-E.I., dated,
9-8-'48.

Referred to the curator,
Madras Record Office, for
remarks.

To

The Curator, ^{10/9/48.}
Madras Record Office.
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(with reply) ^{10/9/48} ^{11/9/48}

No. 2187-D-VII/48-2.

Madras Record Office,
Chittoor, 28th September 1948.

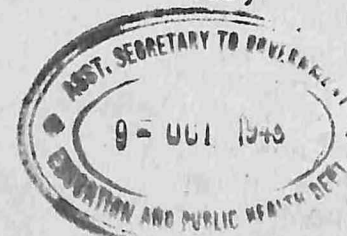
From

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 - Research and Publication Committee - 10th Meeting held in March, 1947 - Resolution IV - Compilation of a National Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts.

Ref:- Government Endorsement No. 61104-1 C2., Education, dated 13th September 1948.

The aim of the Resolution is to compile a National Register which will show the nature and contents of the records and manuscripts available in public, semi-public as well as private custody all over India. And this Register, it is proposed, is to be compiled by the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission through the agency of the Regional Records Survey Committees which have been set up or are going to be set up in the various Provinces and States. In view of the importance and urgency of this work it has been suggested that the Regional Records Survey Committees should, for the present, give up their work of unearthing private manuscripts, etc., and solely concentrate on the work of compiling this Register. A form in which the nature and contents of each collection, series, or group of records or manuscripts is to be indicated has been prescribed, and the Committees are required to collect information in this form, from (1) the Government offices such as the offices of the heads of departments, divisions, districts, sub-divisions, circles, the High Courts and other courts, (2) the offices of the municipalities, district boards, trusts and similar organisations and (3) the learned societies, universities, educational institutions, religious establishments, libraries, museums, business corporations, banks, firms, labour unions, charitable institutions, etc. The Committees are, however, not required to investigate the contents of organized Record Offices, like the Madras Record Office, such offices being expected to furnish the requisite information in the prescribed form direct to the Research and Publication Committee. And, finally, the Provincial Governments and the States are requested to give financial aid to the Committees and to issue instructions to the offices and institutions concerned for affording to the Committees unrestricted facilities for inspection of their records and manuscripts.

2. There is no doubt that the idea of preparing a National Register of Archives and Manuscripts is good. It is an idea which is now being actively agitated in England. The question is, how to implement the various suggestions made by the Research and Publication Committee. The first thing is to form Regional Records Survey Committees. From Government Memorandum No. 33 C2/47-10, Edn., dated 15th May 1948, it would appear that the Government are now taking the necessary steps to set up such a Committee for this Province. After the Committee is set up, it will have to be informed that the preparation of this Register should be its sole business for the present. The Government also will have then to issue instructions to the Heads of Departments, and through them to the Collectors, Judges and other District Officers, District Boards, Municipalities, etc., to give facilities to the Committee to inspect their records.

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3. In regard to the finances, two points have got to be considered; (1) whether the expenditure involved in the scheme should be wholly borne by the Government, or partly by the Government and partly by the semi-public and private institutions and (2) how the funds can be properly controlled and utilised with maximum benefit. As to the first point, it is highly doubtful whether any private institution can be induced to pay anything towards a scheme like this. The semi-public institutions like the district boards, municipalities, universities, etc., can perhaps be induced by the Government to contribute something. But the bulk of the expenditure, it is clear, will have to be borne by the Government alone. As to the second point, ~~the expenditure involved~~, it is not to be expected that the persons who are likely to be appointed members of the Committee, would have either the time or the patience to go from office to office all over the Province to examine the records and prepare registers in the prescribed form. For, they will, naturally all be persons with some avocation or other with very little time to spare for this work. And, even if they were to utilise their leisure for this purpose, they cannot, I think, be expected to do much, and what little they do, is likely to cost much by way of their Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance. The result would be the prolongation of the work for a series of years and the consequent increase in expenditure. Nor would their work be uniform in character. In my opinion all that can be expected from the members is to meet occasionally to discuss the progress of the work and to offer advice. At the most only a few of them can be expected to give more active help by visiting a few offices at rare intervals. The whole work can efficiently, systematically and expeditiously be performed only through a small paid establishment. This establishment should consist of a person fully acquainted with the records, preferably a senior member of this office, on the grade of the Superintendent of this office, namely, Rs.190-10-240, with a clerk or a typist and a peon. He will be under the control of the Committee and follow its instructions in all matters. He will go from district to district, visit the various offices at each place, examine their records, collect the information in the form prescribed and send it for the approval of the Committee. A work done like this by one responsible person will secure uniformity. The clerk or the typist will copy or type these forms in the shape of a register in duplicate, one for the Research and Publication Committee and one for the Regional Records Survey Committee. He will also prepare the index to the Register, and assist the Committee generally in its correspondence work. A peon will also be required to accompany the Superintendent. These are my views, but, of course, after the Committee is formed, it will have to decide whether there is any other practicable way by which the work can be done.

4. Pending the appointment of the Regional Records Survey Committee the Government are desired to bring the Resolution to the notice of all the public, semi-public and private offices and institutions referred to in paragraph 1 above, and to send a list of these offices and institutions to the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee (Please see paragraph 1 (a) and (c) of the extract from letter No.F.1-1 A/47-C dated 14th May 1947 from the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, to the Ministry of Education). At the same time, the Government of India have been requested to print 10,000 copies of the Resolution for circulation among the offices and institutions concerned (Please see the penultimate paragraph of the same letter). It therefore seems to be desirable to ask the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee, to supply the copies of the Resolution required for distribution in this Province. I enclose a list showing

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the number of copies approximately required. In this list I have omitted all public offices below the rank of district offices, as, in my opinion, the inclusion of numerous minor offices would make the task stupendous. I have, however, included in this list such of the semi-public and private institutions that I could think of. If it is found that there are other institutions, more copies may be obtained later on by the Regional Records Survey Committee and distributed.

5. According to paragraph 6 of the Resolution, the Government have to furnish the information relating to the Madras Record Office direct to the Secretary, Research and Publication Committee, in the approved form. But according to paragraph 2 of the letter of the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, to the Ministry of Education, the information is to be furnished by me directly to the two Committees. I shall compile this information and furnish it to the Committees in due course.

6. I take this opportunity of forwarding to the Government a letter on this subject which I have received from the Government of West Bengal, and in which that Government desire to know what the Government of Madras propose to do in the matter. A copy of my reply to it is also enclosed. If the Government have no objection, the Government of West Bengal may be informed of the action proposed to be taken on the Resolution.

Yours faithfully,

CURATOR.
7-9-1948.

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Director of Agriculture	...	1
Board of Revenue	...	1
Chief Inspector of Certified Schools	...	1
Registrar of Co-operative Societies	...	1
Director of Public Instruction	...	1
Chief Engineer for Electricity	...	1
Chief Inspector of Factories	...	1
Chief Conservator of Forests	...	1
Director of Industries and Commerce	...	1
Inspector-General of Prisons	...	1
High Court of Judicature	...	1
Law Officer:		
1. Government Solicitor	...	1
2. Government Pleader	...	1
3. Public Prosecutor	...	1
4. Official Receiver	...	1
5. Official Assignee	...	1
6. Crown Prosecutor	...	1
7. Editor, Indian Law Reports	...	1
8. Sheriff of Madras	...	1
Principal Judge, City Civil Court	...	1
Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes	...	1
Chief Presidency Magistrate	...	1
Commissioner of Labour, Registrar of Trade Unions, Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation and Chief Inspector of Factories	...	1
Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly	...	1
Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.	...	1
Director of Fire Services	...	1
Madras Public Service Commission.	...	1
Presidency Port Officer, Agent for Government Consignments and Government Marine Surveyor	...	1
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras...	...	1
Inspector-General of Police	...	1
Commissioner of Police	...	1
Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Irrigation, Buildings and General)	...	1
Inspector-General of Registration	...	1
Superintendent of Stamps and Stationery	...	1
Director of Town Planning	...	1
Government Epigraphist for India, Ootacamund	...	1
Collector of Central Excise, Madras.	...	1
Superintending Engineer, Bombay Central Circle, Central Public Works.	...	1
Collector of Customs	...	1
Works Manager, Ordnance Clothing Factory	...	1
Commissioner of Income-tax.	...	1
Regional Director, Regional Meteorological Centre	...	1
Accountant-General,	...	1
Postmaster-General	...	1
Director of Telegraphs	...	1
Manager, Reserve Bank of India.	...	1
Senior Translator to Government	...	1
Superintendent, Government Museum.	...	1
Commissioner for Government Examinations	...	1
Registrar of Books	...	1
Principal, School of Indian Medicine	...	1
Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards	...	1
Assistant Radio Engineer, Madras Circle.	...	1
Sanitary Engineer	...	1
Collectors	...	1
District and Sessions Judges	...	25
District Medical Officers	...	26
District Health Officers	...	24
District Veterinary Officers	...	26
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District Forest Officers	...	28
District Superintendents of Police	...	25
District Agricultural Officers	...	24
District Educational Officers	...	29
Conservators of Forests	...	6
Assistant Conservators of Forests	...	7
Deputy Inspectors-General of Police	...	3
Divisional Inspector of Schools	...	4
Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies	...	30
Deputy Registrars of Land Mortgage Banks	...	3
District Registrars of Assurances	...	31
Superintending Engineers	...	10
Executive Engineers	...	60
Income-tax Officers	...	55
Deputy Directors of Agriculture	...	10
Deputy Inspectors of Municipal Councils and Local Boards	...	3
Divisional Electrical Engineers	...	9
Inspectors of Factories	...	29
Inspectors of Excise	...	20
Assistant Commissioners of Excise	...	5
Inspectors of Steam Boilers	...	7
Inspectresses of Girls Schools	...	3
Superintendents Central and District Jails	...	46
Superintendents Central Excise & Customs	...	33
Port Officers	...	7
Superintending Engineers (Electricity)	...	3
Directors of Emigrants	...	3
Divisional Engineer (Mechanical)	...	1
Chaplains	...	6
Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax	...	10

Universities.

Madras University	1	
Andhra ..	1	
Annamalai ..	1	3

Learned Institutions and Libraries.

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	1
Adyar Library, Adyar	1
Sri.Venkateswara Oriental Institute	1
Tirupati.	1
Sanskrit College, Mylapore	1
-do- Tiruvadi	1
Connemara Public Library, Egmore.	1
Indian Geographical Society, Madras.	1
Government Museum, Egmore.	1
Government Oriental Manuscripts,	1
Library, Triplicane	1
Madras Library Society Nungambakam	1
Tanjore Maharaja Saroji Saraswathi	1
Mahal, Library Tanjore.	1
Danish Mission Reading Room and	1
Library, Broadway, Madras.	1
Madras University Library	1
Chepauk, Madras.	1
Madras Institute of public Adm.	1
Manade Library, Mylapore.	1
My the Society, Bangalore	1

Fraternal Societies.

Madras Pre-Discharged Prisoners'	
Aid Society, Mount Road, Madras.	1
Friend-in-need Society, Poonamallee	
High Road, Madras.	1
Indian Officers' Association,	
Royapettah, Madras.	1
Indian Red Cross Society, Egmore,	
Madras.	1
Ramakrishna Mutt Mission, Mylapore.	1
Salvation Army, Broadway, Madras.	1
Servants of India Society, Royapettah.	1
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty	
to Animals, Vepery, Madras.	1
Theosophical Society, Adyar.	1
Y.M.C.A., Esplanade, Madras.	1
Y.W.C.A., Poonamallee High Road, Madras.	1
Y.M.I.A., Armenian Street, Madras.	1
Madras Library Association, Chepauk,	
Madras.	1
Cosmopolitan Club, Mount Road, Madras.	1
Adyar Club, Adyar.	1
Madras Club, Mount Road, Madras.	1
Madras Gymkhana Club, Mount Road, Madras.	1
Madras Labour Union, Madras.	1

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Charitable and Religious Institutions.

Hindu Religious Endowment Board, Madras.	1
Chennapuri Annadana Samajam, Park Town,	
Madras.	1
Purasawalkam Annadana Samajam,	
Purasawalkam	1
Monegar Choultry, Washermanpet, Madras	1

Municipalities.

Adoni	1
Anakapalle	1
Anantapur	1
Bellary	1
Bezwada	1
Bimlipatam	1
Bodinayakkanur	1
Calicut	1
Cannanore	1
Chicacole	1
Chidambaram	1
Chingleput	1
Chittoor.	1
Cocanada	1
Cochin	1
Coimbatore	1
Conjeevaram	1
Coonoor	1
Cuddalore	1
Cuddapah	1

Municipalities (Contd.)

Devakottai	1	Rajapalayam	1
Dharapuram	1	Saidapet	1
Dindigul	1	Salem	1
Ellore	1	Sivakasi	1
Erode	1	Srirangam	1
Gudivada	1	Srivilliputhur	1
Gudiyattam	1	Tadpatri	1
Gnatar	1	Tanjore.	1
Hindupur	1	Tellicherry	1
Hospet	1	Tenali.	1
Karaikudi	1	Tirunelveli	1
Karur	1	Tirupati	1
Kodaikanal	1	Tiruppattur	1
Kumbakonam	1	Tiruppur	1
Kurnool	1	Tiruvannamalai	1
Madura	1	Tiruvār	1
Mangalore	1	Trichinopoly	1
Mannargudi	1	Tuticorin	1
Masulipatam	1	Udamalpet	1
Mayavaram	1	Udipi	1
Nandyal	1	Vaniyambadi	1
Narasarappet.	1	Vellore	1
Negapatam	1	Villupuram	1
Nellore	1	Virudhunagar	1
Ongole	1	Vizagapatam	1
Ootacamund	1	Walajapet	1
Palacole	1		
Palghat	1	Corporation	
Palancottah	1	of Madras.	1
Palni	1		
Peddapuram	1		
Periyakulam	1		
Pollachi	1		
Proddattur	1		
Rajahmundry	1		

District Boards.

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Arcot North.	1	Kurnool	1
Arcot South	1	Madura	1
Bellary	1	Malabar	1
Chingleput	1	Nilgiris*	1
Chittoor.	1	Ramnad	1
Coimbatore	1	Salem	1
Cuddapah	1	Tanjore	1
Godavari East.	1	Tirunelveli	1
Godavari West.	1	Trichinopoly	1
Guntur	1	Vizagapatam	1
Kanara South	1		

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Form No. XXIX, S. I., 1924.

Government of West Bengal

HOME (RECORDS) Department

From Sri Dharendra Mohan Gupta,
Deputy Secy to the Govt. of West Bengal.
To The Curator, Madras Record Office, Madras.

No. 273 R.R. dated Calcutta, the 16th September, 1948.

Subject:- Indian Historical Records Commission -
Research and Publication Committee - 10th
meeting held at Delhi in March 1947 -
Resolution IV - Compilation of a National
Register of records and historical manus-
cripts.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the
Government of India, Ministry of Education, letter No.
F.92-34/48 E.I. dated the 9th August, 1948, on the -
compilation of a national register of records and --
historical manuscripts and to request that you will
be so good as to let the Provincial Government know, if
there be no objection, what the Government of Madras --
propose to do in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of
West Bengal.

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Copy of letter No.2187-D-VII/48-1, dated 24th September 1948, from the Curator, Madras Record Office, Chittoor, to the Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Home (Records) Department, Calcutta.

Sir,

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Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission - Research and Publication Committee - 10th Meeting held at Delhi in March 1947 - Resolution IV - Compilation of a National Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts.

P. 23 ante Ref:- West Bengal Government letter No.273 R.R. dated 17th September 1948.

P. 1 ante The Government of India, Ministry of Education, letter No.F.92-34/48 E I., dated 9th August 1948 has just been forwarded to me by the Government of Madras for my remarks. I shall be submitting my remarks to the Government shortly. I shall send your letter to them along with my remarks so that they may inform you, if they have no objection, what they propose to do in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) B.S.Baliga.

CURATOR.

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ASSISTANT CURATOR.
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E & P.H. (C2)

MEMO. No. 61104/48-2 C.2. Edu., dated, 15-1-49.

Indian Historical Records Commission - Research and Publication Committee - 10th Meeting held in March, 1947 - Resolution IV - Compilation of a National Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts.

Ref: From the Curator, M.R.O., No. 2187-D-VII/48-2, dated 28-9-'48. ...

~~The Curator is informed that~~ The aim of the Resolution IV passed at the 10th meeting of the Research and Publication Committee held on March 1947 is to compile a National Register which will show the nature and contents of the records and manuscripts available in public, semi-public, as well as private custody all over India.

2. The Govt. consider that no official records below the Govt. level are likely, normally, to have an All India value for Research students and records in Offices below that level will generally have only local or ephemeral interest. ~~and the compilation of a Register showing the nature and contents of these records would be an inexcusable waste of time and energy.~~

3. If they should attract the research of a topical variety, the only course needed will be to make these records accessible under suitable conditions for such ~~occasions~~ ^{occasions} as they arise. These remarks apply with even more force to the offices of hundreds of Local bodies which are also included in the proposal.

3. The Regional Survey Committee has been set up with the idea of having valuable records in private custody traced and provision for their preservation made. It is not desirable that the Committee should be diverted from that work and asked to take up ^{the} work in the manner contemplated in the present proposal.

4. The Govt. do not therefore propose to take any action on the resolution of the Research and Publi:

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It would be an inexcusable waste of time & energy to endeavour to compile a Register for the India in which the records of these small local bodies & of the subordinate offices are all over India.

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Publication Committee referred to above.

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To

The Curator
M. R. O.
(Chittoor)

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E & P.H. (C2).

Letter/Ref.No. 61104/48-3C2. Edu., 1948, dated, 25-1-49.

To
The Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Home(Records) Dept., Calcutta.
(in copy of Mem. in 1-1 ant)

Sir,
Indian Historical Records Commission - Re-
search and Publication Committee - 10th
Meeting held at Delhi in March, 1947 -
Resolution IV - Compilation of a National
Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts.
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With reference to the letter No.273 R.R., dated,
17-9-'48, from the Dept. of Home(Records) to the
Curator, Madras Record Office, on the subject men-
tioned above, I am directed to ~~state that this Govt.~~
~~consider~~ enclose for your information a copy of this
Govt.'s memo. No. 61104/48^{2C2. Edu.,} dated, 25-1-49,
containing the views of the Govt. on the subject.

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Copy to :-

The Curator,
M.R.O., Chittoor.

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Yours faithfully,

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P.10.7. From the Govt. of India, Ministry of Edn., No.F.92-34/
48-El., dated 9-8-'48.
PP.15-17 c.7. From the Curator, M.R.O., No.2187-D.VII/48-2 dated
28-9-48.
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I.H.R.C. - Research and Publication Committee -
10th Meeting held in March, 1947 - Resolution IV -
Compilation of a National Register of Records and
Historical Manuscripts.
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P.10.7. The Govt. of India have forwarded to this Govt.
PP.2-3 c.7. a copy of the resolution passed by the Research and
Publication Committee of the India Historical Records
Commission in its meeting held in March, 1947, for
such action as this Govt. may deem necessary.

P.15 c.7. 2. The remarks of the Curator on the resolution
are on pp. 15-17 c.f. The aim of the Resolution is to
compile a National Register which will show the nature
and contents of the records and manuscripts available
in public, semi-public and private custody throughout
India and ~~that~~ this Register is proposed to be compiled
by the Research and Publication Committee of the
I.H.R.C. through the agency of the Regional Survey
Committees which have been set up or are going to be
set up in the various Provinces.

3. The Govt. have decided to constitute a Regional
Committee for this Province, in ^{fulfillance} position of the insti-
tutions of the I.H.R.C. The file ^{is being reported to the} is in circulation.
The Curator observes that

4. The Regional Survey Committee should, for the
present, give up their work of unearthing private
manuscripts and concentrate on the work of compiling
the above Register. A form has been prescribed in
PP.11-12 c.7. which the nature and contents of the collections of
the records and manuscripts are to be indicated and
the Regional Survey Committees are required to collect
information in this form from (1) Govt. offices,
(2) offices of the local bodies and (3) learned
societies, educational institutions & religious
establishments etc.

5. The Curator further observes that the persons

the time or the patience to go from office to office all over the Province to examine the records and prepare registers in the prescribed form, as they will be persons with some avocation or other with very little time to spare for this work and all that can be expected from the members of the Committee is to meet occasionally to discuss the progress of the work and to offer advice. Hence he suggests that the whole work can efficiently, systematically and expeditiously be performed only through a small establishment and that this establishment should consist of a person on the grade of ^a the Supdt. of his office on the scale of Rs.190-240, as he is to be fully acquainted with the records, a clerk or a typist and a peon. He states that the above remarks are his views and it will have be decided after the formation of the Committee whether there is any other practicable way by which the work can be done. It is submitted that the Curator's suggestion in this regard may be taken up for examination after the formation of the Regional Survey Committee.

6. In para 4 of his letter on page 16 c.f., the Curator states that pending the appointment of the Committee the Resolution of the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission has to be brought light to the notice of all the public, semi-public and private offices and institutions and to send a list of these offices and institutions to the Secy., Research and Publication Committee. Hence he says that it is desirable to ask the Secy., R & P. Committee, to supply the copies of the Resolution required for distribution in this Province. He has enclosed a list showing the approximate number of copies ^{required} may be obtained later on, if necessary, by the Regional Survey Committee for distribution. The list is found on pages 19-22 c.f. As per the list, the total number of copies of the Resolution required is 796. The recommendation of the Curator ^{in this regard} for copies required may be accepted. A draft letter to the Secy., R. & P. Committee, is submitted for approval.

7. As regards the request of the Curator in para 6 of

~~the~~ resolution, ^{who has} the Curator may be asked to inform the Deputy Secy., Govt. of West Bengal (when address the Curator direct) ^{that} the matter is engaging the ^{attention} of the Government. For orders.

What is the present stage of the scheme for the formation of the Regional Survey Committee? What is the estimated cost of the scheme?

Submitted the file on the subject mentioned at A above was circulated to H.H. (Edn), H.H. (Fin) & H. Pr. on 1-12-48. It has not yet been received back in the section.

The question of compiling a national register of records and historical manuscripts may be put to the Regional Survey Committee after it has been formed. The question of employing the staff proposed by the Curator may be taken up after the views of the proposed Committee are known. Printed copies of the resolution on the subject may be obtained from the Secretary of the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission if it is considered necessary to proceed with the question. In reply to the letter on page 23 of, the Curator may be asked to inform the Dy. Secretary, Home (Records) Dept. Govt. of Bengal that this Govt. propose to take up the question for further examination after the formation of the Regional Survey Committee.

This is an extremely doctrinaire proposal. No official records below the Governmental level are likely normally to have an All-India value for Research students. Records in offices below that level will

If they should attract the research of a topical variety, the only ^{needed} course will be to make those records accessible, under suitable conditions, for such occasions as they arise. These comments apply with even more force to the officers of the hundreds of local bodies which are also included in the proposal. It would, in my opinion, be an inexcusable waste of time and energy to endeavour to compile a Register for All-India in which the records of these small local bodies and of the subordinate Govt. offices all over India should be listed up. The Regional Survey Committee has been set up with the idea of having valuable records in private custody traced and provision for their ~~xxx~~ preservation made. That is a work of far more value than that covered by the present proposal, and I do not think it ~~will be~~ desirable at all that the Committee should be diverted from ^{to do} their work and asked to ~~conduct~~ take up the work in the manner contemplated in the present proposal. I think the Govt. of India may be informed on these lines, *y by M. S. Lohani, Secy. to Govt. of India.*

f no action need be taken on the Resolution. (The reasons may be indicated to the Secy. to Govt. of India, P.O. to Secy. to Govt. of India in 1948 to 1949.)

by 27/11/48

(Mr. Lohani)

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30-12-48



A draft Memo. to the creator, M.R.O., and a draft letter to the Govt. of Bengal are submitted for approval with

reference to X above. No further reference has been received from the Govt. of India. After some of the drafts, the papers may be recorded.

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(Order 58, P.O., d. 3-2-49)

M. S. Lohani, Secy. to Govt. of India.

No.A-1-1866-48. *cr* Mercara, the *5* March 1949.

From - The Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
To - The Secretary to the Government of ~~India~~ Madras, Education Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir, *15* MAR 1949

Records Indian Historical - Commission - Research and Publication committee - 10th meeting held in March 1947 - Resolution No.IV - Compilation of a National Register of Records and Historical Manuscripts. *2/10-7.*

I invite your attention to letter No.F.92-34/48-E.I., dated the 9th August 1948, to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners on the subject, and should be glad to know what action is being taken by the Government of Madras, to give effect to the resolution in question.

Copy to the Assistant Commissioner, Coorg.

for Chief Commissioner.

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The Chief Commissioner of Coorg,
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Sir,

J. H. R. C. — Research and
Publication Committee — 10th
Meeting held in March, 1947 —
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National Register of Records
and Historical Manuscripts.

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With reference to

C. 7. your letter No. A-1-1866-48, dated
the 5th March 1949, on the subject
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mentioned above, I am directed
to enclose for your information
a copy of this Government's memo.

No: 61104/48-2 C2. Edu., dated, 25-1-49, (2)/27-28.7.
Containing the views of the Govt.
on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

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