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INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION
Regional Records Survey Committee
MADRAS.

CONVENOR:
PROF C. S. SRINIVASACHARI, M. A.

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4--5--1950.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
6 MAY 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To
The Secretary to Government, Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

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Sub: Indian Historical Records Commission - Regional Committee for the Survey of Historical Records - Report on the working for the year 1949.

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I submit herewith a copy of the report on the working of the above Committee during the year 1949, as required in Para 3 of the G. O. Ms. No. 3303, Education, dated 24th December, 1948.

2 I request that Government may arrange with the All India Radio Centres in the Madras State for talks by the members of the Committee and others, in English and in the Regional languages on the ~~on~~ value of Historical Records and/interesting finds there of.

PP. 8-11 infra

3 I enclose herewith copy of letter No. F. 6/46-C dated 8th December, 1945, from the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission to the Conveners of Regional Survey Committees in the Provinces which will give an idea of the procedure followed by the Commission in this matter of Broadcasting in the years 1946 to 1949. Some talks were delivered at Madras, Thiruchirappalli and Vijayawada Centres of the A. I. R., in English, Tamil and Telugu.

Reference may be made to Para 8 of the the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Records Survey Committee held on 31--10--1949, a copy of which was submitted and another copy is now enclosed. P. 7 infra PP. 6-7 infra

Yours faithfully,

C S Srinivasachari

Convener.

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23/16/5 Endt. 10315-50-1 E Dt. 15.5.50.

Refer to the Curator M.R.O for remarks.

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To

The Curator M.R.O.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

Regional Records Survey Committee

MADRAS.

CONVENOR:

PROF C. S. SRINIVASACHARI, M. A.

REPORT on the Working of the Regional Committee for the Survey of Historical Records, Madras, for 1949.

The Madras Regional Committee for the Survey of Historical Records was constituted by G.O.No.MS.No.3303 - Education dated 24.12.1948 of the Government of Madras, as a permanent Committee as suggested by the Government of India. The Committee is composed of five Representatives of Learned Institutions, two Representatives of Universities, six Nominees of Government, the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Madras, the Superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of India, Southern Circle, Madras, and the Curator of the Madras Record Office. The Committee was declared to be a First Class Committee for purposes of Travelling Allowance. The G.O. requires the submission of an Annual Report of the working of the Committee; and the expenditure incurred on the Committee is to be met from Major Head, 47-Miscellaneous Heads, Minor Head - Preservation and Translation of Ancient Manuscripts.

Two meetings of the Committee were held in the course of the year 1949, the first on the 21st April, 1949 and the second on the 31st October 1949. The first meeting approved the definition of the purpose of the Committee as indicated in the circular of the Convenor dated 14th March, 1949. The suggestion of Dr.B.S. Baliga, Curator of the Madras Record Office, regarding acquisition of Records of Historical Value that may be in the custody of Institutions like old Commercial Firms, Temples and Mutts, Mosques and Churches, Zamindaris and families of big land-holders and their preservation in a Central Place, was accepted ; and the members of the Committee were requested to contact such persons, who might have records in their custody so that they might be acquired and carefully preserved and duly catalogued and indexed. The President of the H.R.E. Board was requested to circularise the Institutions under his jurisdiction so that they might give information of any records of value available with them, together with particulars of their contents. The President of the H.R.E. Board kindly issued a circular, No.56 of 1949 dated 13.6.49 as a result of which the Trustees of the Tirumalai etc. Devasthanams, Panpulli, furnished information as to two records in his possession. Two other Devasthanams replied that they had no such records of historical or literary value. Raja Kendragula Jagannatha Rao Bahadur of Rajahmundry who has a quantity of Record material of the 18th and early 19th centuries in his possession, was addressed, on the recommendation of Prof. R. Subba Rao; and at the latter's suggestion the Rajah Saheb of Vizianagaram was also requested to furnish a note on the historical Records in his possession. The latter gentleman sent a copy of an old book published in 1894 containing the so-called Vizianagaram Treaty of 15th November, 1758 and a contemporary illustration of the battle of Kondur, 7th December 1758.

Propaganda The Rev. Father T.N. Siquiera, S.J., was requested to prepare a small note in English for educating the people to appreciate the value of documents scattered in unlikely places and he has kindly done so. And it has been sent to the Editor, Indian Archives, for publication. The Note has also been translated into Telugu by Mr. P.V. Ramanujaswami and into Malayalam and Kannada through the kindness of Mr. D. Chandrasekharan, Curator, Government, Oriental Manuscripts Library. Arrangements are being made for its translation into Tamil and for the publication of these version printing.

A transcript of a short Tamil account describing the donations and endowments made to the Minakshi Sundareswarar Temple obtained through the kindness of Mr. S. Sundararajan, American College, Mathurai; and it has been resolved to deposit a clean copy of it in the Madras Record Office.

A plan was adopted to have a note prepared on the nature, contents and bulk of the Records in the possession of Kendragula Raja Jagannatha Rao Bahadur and Government was to be requested to give an aid for the clerical-assistance required in preparing the note. The Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library was requested to publish Manuscripts R.No.1435, entitled "Kaliyuga Mannar Charitram" in his

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custody in the Bulletin of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library as it is of historical importance. The Curator gave transcript copies of five copper-plate Records belonging to the Sri Vedanarayana Perumal Kovil Devasthanam of Varadarajapuram, Musiri Taluk, Trichinopoly Distri and arrangements are being made for the editing of Transcripts and for their publication in the Sri Venkateswara Oriental Research Institute Journal.

The Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern Circle, Madras generously gave certain original papers belonging to the family of Cothoor Ranganayakulu Chetty relating to the transactions of his ancestors with the English Free Merchants and with the Supreme Court from 1801 to 1860. The Convenor is having them translated with a view to publishing them in the Journal of Indian History; he has also acquired a few additional papers relating to this subject from Mr.C. Ranganayukulu Chetty Garu.

A bound Volume of Madras Regulations in Tamil of 1803 and following years was deposited in the Madras Records Office by the Convenor.

Resolutions were also passed to request Government to arrange in the All India Radio Centres in the Madras State for talks, by the Members of the Committee and others, in English and in the regional languages on the value of Historical Records and on interesting finds thereof.

Information as to the constitution and working of our Regional Survey Committee has been supplied on requisition to the Governments of Mysore, of Madhya Pradesh, and of West Bengal and I trust that their organisation of similar Committees will be largely based upon our model.

The Report on the working of the Ad hoc Regional Survey Committee for Madras, constituted by the Indian Historical Records Commission, for the period January, 1948 - March, 1949, has been submitted to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission and a copy of it was submitted to the Secretary to the Education Dept. Govt. of Madras.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE REGIONAL RECORDS SURVEY COMMITTEE,

HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

MADRAS, AT 2-30 P.M. ON 31/10/1949.

Present:-

(1) Prof. V.R. Ramachandra Dikshitar, M.A.
(2) Prof. R. Subba Rao, M.A.
(3) Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari, M.A., (Convenor)
(4) Rev.Fr. T.N. Siquiera, S.J., M.A.
(5) Prof. R. Sathianathaier, M.A.
(6) Mr.V.D. Krishnaswami, M.A., Dip. in Arch. (Contab.)
(7) Dr. B.S. Baliga, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.)
(8) Prof. T. Balakrishnan Nayar, M.A., (Lond.)
(9) Mr. T.P. Minakshisundaram Pillai, M.A., B.L., M.O.L.
(10) Mr. R. Bhaskaran, M.A.
(11) Mr. P.V. Ramanujaswami, M.A.
(12) Prof. George Kuriyan, M.A., Ph.D.
(13) Mr. T. Chandrasekharan, M.A., L.T.

The following items of the Agenda were considered and passed.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 21/4/49, copies of which have been already sent to the Members.

Minutes confirmed.

2. Consideration of the proposal to print and publish the Rev. Father T.N. Siquiera's note on the Value of Documents in Private Hands, drawn up by him, at the request of the Committee.

Resolved to print the Note of Rev.Fr. T.N. Siquiera, S.J., and to request Messrs. T.P. Minakshisundaram Pillai, P.V. Ramanujaswami and T. Chandrasekharan, to translate the note into Tamil, Telugu and Kannada and Malayalam respectively.

3. The replies of (1) the Manager of the Sri Atmanatha Swami Temple, Avadayarkoil, Arantangi; (2) the Trustee of Sri Chidambara Vinayakar Devasthanam, Devakottai; and (3) the Executive Officer, Tirumalai Kumaraswamy Devasthanam, Panpulli, with a printed copy of the copper-plate in his possession, containing details of the acquisition of certain landed properties by the Temple-in response to the circular kindly issued by the President, H.R.E. Board.

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4. The supply by the Raja Saheb of Vizianagaram of a printed book, published in 1894, entitled "Vizianagaram, Treaty of November 15th, 1758", and containing historical notes, an illustration of the Battle of Kondur, (7th December, 1758) from an old print and copies of Persian seals of the Rajah of Vizianagaram; and the note supplied by the Curator, Madras Record Office, on the Treaty (Vide his letter dated 6th October, 1949)

Resolved to request the Rajah Sahib of Vizianagaram for copies of papers or lists, at least, of papers relating to the Treaty of 1758 as published in this Book, that may be in his possession.

5. A transcript of a short Tamil account obtained from a Chettiar family of Madura, describing the donations and endowments to the Minakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Mathurai, supplied by Mr. S. Sundararajan, Asst. Professor of History, American College, Madura.

Resolved to get the transcript copied by courtesy of the Curator of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and to send it to the Curator, Madras Record Office, Chittoor, for safe custody. Resolved that Mr.S.Sundararajan, Asst. Professor of History, American College, Madura, be thanked for his gift.

(b) Resolved to receive the gift of the Book containing Madras Regulations of 1803 and following years (Tamil Translation) from Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari and resolved that he be thanked for it.

(6) A letter from Sri Kendragula C. Raja Jagannatha Rao Bahadur, Rajahmundry, promising to furnish a list of the important Historical records in his possession.

Resolved to request Prof. R. Subba Rao, to furnish a note on the nature, contents and bulk of the records in the possession of Sri Kendragula Raja Jagannatha Rao Bahadur and the manner in which they can be listed. Further resolved to empower the Convenor to address Government for implementing the recommendations of Prof.R.Subba Rao, in this connection.

(7) Consideration of a proposal to request the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, to kindly furnish the Committee with a transcript of the historical portions of Manuscript R.No. 1435, entitled Kali Yuga Mannar Charitram acquired for his Library. (Vide his editorial note and note on the Manuscript, pages 2278--2280 of A Triennial Catalogue of Tamil Manuscripts, Volume VIII-Part II, Tamil (R.Nos.1056-1473) Madras, 1949.

Resolved to recommend to the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, the publication of the Manuscripts--Kali Yuga Mannar Charitram, in the Bulletins of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.

(8) Consideration of a request to Government to arrange with All India Radio Centres in the Presidency for talks by Members of the Committee in English and in the Regional Languages on the preservation and value of historical records and on finds of record materials that may be of interest.

Adopted.

(9) Receipt of Transcript copies of 5 Copper-plate Records belonging to Sri Vedanarayana Perumal Koil Devasthanam of Varadarajapuram, Musiri Taluk, Trichinopoly District, from the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.

Resolved that the Curator be thanked for the transcript and that Mr. T.P. Minakshisundaram Pillai be requested to edit it and the transcript as edited be sent to Mr. P.V. Ramanujaswami for favour of publication in the Sri Venkateswara Oriental Institute Journal.

(10) Receipt of papers from Mr. V.D. Krishnaswami, Superintendent of Archaeology, Southern Circle, Fort St.George, Madras, belonging to the family of Cothoor Ranganayakulu Chetty and concerning the transactions of Cothoor Appiah Chetty and his descendants, with the English Free Merchants in Madras, and with the Supreme Court, from 1801 to 1860.

Resolved that Mr. V.D.Krishnaswami be thanked for his kind gift and that Mr. C.S. Srinivasachari be requested to edit the English papers therein and get them published in the Journal of Indian History.

CSSrinivasachari

CONVENOR.

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letter No.F. 6/46-C dated the
from Dr. S.N.Sen, M.A., Ph.D., B.Litt., (Oxon.).
Secretary Indian Historical Records Commission to the Conveners
of Regional Survey Committees (Provinces).

(8)

I have pleasure to inform you that the Government of India have agreed to provide the necessary facilities for publicising our Survey programme. I have yet to settle the preliminaries with the All-India Radio and the Bureau of Public Information. But to make a further move in this matter it is necessary for me to some notes and articles dealing with the Survey and exploration activities in your area as well as the material for the Ist talk that your Committee may like to broadcast from the Radio station serving your area. These material will help both the Director General of Broadcasting and the Principal Information Officer to form some idea as to the nature of the service we require from them. It will hardly be necessary to mention here that the main responsibility for organising the publicity measures in your area will rest with your Committee and that the articles and talks dealing with your activities should be collected and edited by you before they are passed on to my office for necessary action.

2 The series of talks to be broadcast on our activities is to be inaugurated by the President of the Commission from the Delhi Station. This is to be followed by other talks from the Provincial Radio Stations. The procedure in respect of the talks to be transmitted throughout the station serving your area will be as follows:- The materials for the first talk (as pointed out in the para) should be passed on to me for submission to the Broadcasting authorities. The drafts for the subsequent talks will have to be prepared and edited locally under the supervision of your Committee and to be submitted direct to the local Radio-authorities. The speaker is to be selected by you in consultation with them. I understand the prospective speaker will have to undergo a voice test at the station before he can finally be selected.

3 As regards articles for publication through the agency of the Bureau of Information the correct procedure would be to send them to my office in every case, for passing on to the proper authorities.

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4 Both the talks and the articles should be prepared in a style that would have an easy appeal to popular imagination. Our subject is not merely to make available new materials to research Scholars but to rouse the general public to a sense of the supreme importance of old documents to engender in them the belief that the records from a part of the national heritage and should not be lightly dealt with and to induce them actively to participate in our survey and exploration programme.

5 As regards new finds, our object will be served if we give a descriptive account of them pointing out the source from which and the circumstances under which they were found, their state of preservation and above all their importance. If these materials tell a story it will certainly be our duty to relate it and in as attractive a style as possible. We should also point out anything new in the Way way of historical facts as well as the general effect of the documents in modifying existing opinion. We may also call attention to unusual terms of expression, strange words, customs, manners, and in general, anything out of the ordinary that might appeal to our readers and listners. Photographs of finds will certainly add to the attraction of the articles meant for publication. I am enclosing herewith a set of instructions laying down the procedure to be followed in implementing our publicity programme.

PP.10-11 infra

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10 The dates and duration of talks will be fixed by the All-India Radio.

11 The materials for the talks should be submitted to the Station Directors at least a fortnight in advance for approval.

12 An advance intimation of a talk should be given to the Secretary Indian Historical Records Commission.

13 Remunarations of speakers are in the exclusive discretion of All-India Radio.

14 The materials for the first talk to be broadcast should be submitted to the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission by first week of September 1948. Those for subsequent talks are to be furnished.

C.S.Srinivasachari

/True Copy/. CONVENOR.

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

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras

5 JUN 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No.1341-D.7/50-2, dated 3rd June 1950.

Sub:- Indian Historical Records Commission - Regional records survey Committee - Facilities for radio talks - Application from the Convenor, of the Committee.

Ref:- Government Endt.No.10315-50-1 E dated 15th May 1950.

p 20 ante

pp 1-2 ante

p 8 + p 11 ante

In the letter of the Convenor referred to me for remarks he requests the Government to arrange with the All India Radio Centres in the Madras state for talks by the members of the Committee and others. According to the instructions received by him from the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission, he is to arrange for talks directly with the local radio authorities (Please see paragraphs 2 and 13 of the instructions). The Government do not come into the picture at all. It is therefore not clear why he is asking the Government to arrange for talks. Of course the Committee

has passed

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has passed a resolution to the effect that the Government should arrange for the talks, but that was because the Committee was not aware of the instructions of the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission. The Government may therefore ask the Convenor to get into touch with the Radio authorities himself in accordance with the instructions received by him. He may however be informed that if the scheme involves any expenditure on the part of this Government in the shape of travelling allowances etc., it may be postponed to better times, that is, after the present financial stringency disappears. K

2. I am not offering any remarks on the annual report of the Committee as it does not appear that my remarks on it are required.

Yours faithfully,

CURATOR,
3-6-1950.

CPS.

3.6.50.

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I. H. R. C. — Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras — Report on the working of the Committee for the year 1949 — Recorded.

pp1-11 cf from the Convenor, Regional Records Survey Committee, Dt. 4.5.50

pp13-14 cf from the Curator, M.R.O. No. 1341/07/50 Dt. 3.6.50.

G.O. (MS) 2296 Edn. dt. 16/8/50.

Recorded.

2. The Convenor, Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras, ~~is informed~~ ~~that~~ should himself arrange for the broadcast ~~talks by~~ the members of the Committee, in consultation with the authorities of the All India Radio.

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rations in the State, in accordance with the instructions issued to him by the Secy., I.H.R.C., in this behalf. ~~[illegible]~~ If any govt. expr. is to be incurred from the State funds on account of the scheme, it should be postponed.

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To
✓ The Convenor,
Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras
✓ " Curator M.R.O.
S/C.

22.7.50.

19.7.50.

Education (E) Dept.

C. 10315 E/50.

I.H.R.C.--Regional Records Survey Committee-- Report on the Working of the Committeee for the year 1949.

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pp 1-11 cf

From the Convenor, Regional Records Survey Committee dated 14-5-50.

pp 13-14 cf

From the Curator, M.R.O., No. 1341 D.7/50-2 dated 3.6.50.

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Please see the letter from the Convenor, Regional Records Survey Committee, Madras, forwarding the Report on the Working of the Committee for the year 1949, at pp. 1-11 c.f. and the remarks theron of the Curator, ~~MRXO.~~ M.R.O., at pp.13-14 c.f.

Copy at (2)

para 3 p2 (2)

2/ In G.O.No. 3303 Edn. dated 24-12-1948, it was ordered that an annual report on the working of the Committee should be submitted to Govt. Accordingly, the Convenor has submitted the report and has requested the Govt. to arrange with the All-India-Radio centres in the State for talks by the members of the Committee on the value of historical records and interesting finds thereof. The curator, M.R.O., who was consulted, reports that the broadcast talks can be arranged by the Convenor himself by getting into touch with radio authorities in accordance with the instructions issued to him by the Secy. I.H.R.C., and that ~~expenses~~ if expenses are to be incurred on account of the scheme, ~~if any~~ by the State Govt, it may be postponed. ~~need not be sanctioned~~. For orders whether the Curator's view may be accepted and the Convenor informed accordingly.

para 2 p1 cf

p14 cf

This may be done A
[illegible]

cp. para 2 p14 cf

para 3 p2. (2)

3/ The Curator has not offered any remarks on the Annual report, on the ~~xxxxxxx~~ presumption that they are not required. As the Govt. have prescribed the submission of Annual report, it is but proper that it must be reviewed, for which, the remarks of the Curator ~~would~~ will be useful. It is, therefore, for orders whether the Curator may be asked specifically to offer his remarks on the Annual report. ~~After orders are passed, necy. drafts will be submitted.~~ Draft memo. is submitted.

The whole file re (2) sh. be put up. The point to be examined is whether the Committee has served or is serving the purpose for which it was constituted.
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No reference seems necessary. The report may be simply recorded.
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With ref. to the remarks of Secy at the bottom of p 1 ante, the G.O. 3303 Edn. dt. 24.12.48 is put up at (D). From the discussions therein, it is observed that the Finance Dept. suggested that an Annual Report on the working of the Committee may be called for, with ref to the minutes of JS (Finance) so that the position may be reviewed at the end of a year. – pl. see para 4 on p 19 nf of (D).

A draft order ~~recording the Reports~~ is submitted for appl. ~~The file may be sent to~~ Finance ~~may see~~ for remarks before circulation.

p 11 nf (D)

Forwarded pl see noting note kept below.

9.7.50.

This report appears to be the first after the Committee was set up. No special remarks seem to be called for on the report on pages 3(a) to 5 cf.

22.7.50

Finance (CS)

Edn. u.o. 10315R/50
24.7.50.

The draft order may be perused and the case returned to Edn.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT
27 JUL 1950

ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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28 JUL 1950

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In G.O.3303 Edn.dated 24-12-1948 at the instance of the Govt.of India and the Research and Publication Committee of the Indian Historical Records Commission, a permanent Regional Survey Committee composed of persons and representatives of institutions interested in the subject was constituted for rendering useful service in the field of Historical Research by taking comprehensive census of available records and historical materials in India and acquiring records lying ~~under~~ with ~~for~~ in the private custody etc. The submission of annual report on the working of the Committee was also ordered in the above G.O.

2. The Convenor of the Committee has now submitted a copy of the report on the working of the Committee in question on pp 3-5 cf.

p 3(a) cf

3. Two meetings of the Committee was held in the course of the year. It will be seen that the Committee was ~~emerged~~ engaged during the year under review ~~on the question of~~ in acquiring important records of ~~his~~ historical ~~final~~ value ~~for~~ in the private institutions. ~~etc~~

p 5 cf

4. Resolutions were also passed to request the Govt. to arrange in the All India Radio Centres in the Madras State for talks by the members of the Committee and others in English in Regional languages on the value of Historical Records and on interesting finds thereof.

pp 13-14 cf

5 The Curator Record Office has ~~not~~ no special remarks on the report of the Committee. In regard to the request of the Committee to arrange with the A.I.R. centres in the Madras State for talks by the members of the Committee and others, the Curator states that the convenor can arrange for the talks directly with local Radio authorities. But the Govt. can now ask the convenor to get into touch with the Radio Authorities himself in accordance with the instructions received by him. It is also suggested that the Govt. may also inform him that if the scheme involves any expenditure on the part of the Govt. in the shape of T.A. etc.,

t may be postponed to better t s . I. present financial stringency disappears.

6 The report may perhaps be ~~regarded~~ Recorded and the convenor may be informed as above.

7 ~~The~~ A draft order is submitted . The file may be circulated to H.M. (E.& L.).

In his minute on p 79 of G.O.Ms. 3303 Edn dated 24th Decr 1948 HM (Fin) directed that the position should be reviewed at the end of the year apparently with reference to the usefulness of the Committee appointed in that G.O. – Z

This is the first report submitted by the Committee after its constitution. The Report on pages 3(a) to 5 cf does not seem to show any striking achievement. The setting up of the Committee was ordered at the instance of the Govt. of India & the Committee's work is to rescue valuable records from private custody and to see that they are preserved. For this purpose, there seems to be no doubt that a Committee of non officials of this type is necessary. The period which has elapsed after the Committee was constituted seems to be short – Its working may be watched for another year – Z/1

The draft order below is for approval – HM (E&L) & HM (Fin) may see – ⑯

8.8.50

HM E&L

What is the ~~cost to~~ Govt on this Ctee? I presume the members have been touring and expenditure is mainly on T.A.

2. Can we not restrict the period of survey to, say, 2 yrs and direct that the survey be completed within this period. Otherwise the Ctee is likely to prolong its labours endlessly.

9.8.50

The Cost to the Govt. is on account of –

(1) honorarium to the Convenor, Sri C.S. Srinivasachari, (Principal, Pachaiyappas College, ~~Conj~~ Kanchipuram) which is Rs 1200 per annum – Z/64 of.

(2) a Contingent expenditure of Rs 1000 a year, and

(3) T.A. & daily allowance for the members (– It is a first class Committee) – Z/64 of.

There is a provision of Rs 5600 in the Detailed Estimates of Expr. for – p 304 of Budget –

after

for the Current Year –

2. Of the 16 members on the Committee only four are ~~Offi~~ Govt. Officials, namely,
(i) the Professor of Indian History, Presidency College,
(ii) the Curator, Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras,
(iii) the Curator, M.R.O.
(iv) the Supt., Archaeological Survey of India (Central Govt. Servant) –
The remaining members are either representatives of unofficial or semi-official[x] bodies –

[x] – e.g. Universities & H.R.E.B.

2. As regards point 2 raised by the Secy, there is yet no knowing what remains to be done and how long the Committee will take to complete it – We will have to ask for a specific report from the Convenor & the Curator, M.R.O on this point and then fix a period for the completion of the work. Govt. have also to make a report to the G. of I when the Committee thinks that the task set to it has been accomplished or will be over within a specified period, as the Committee has been appointed in response to the G. of I's wishes – pl c/ in (2)

8.8.50

– HM Edn
HM (Fin)

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SECRETARY
14 AUG 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The report at pages 3(a) to 5 c.f., of the Regional Committee for the Survey of Historical Record constituted at the instance of the Govt. of India does not reveal much progress made in the direction of discovery of records of historical value in the custody of private persons. However we cannot expect very startling results, particularly as the nature of the work involves a great deal of initiative and patience and it may not be easy to unearth these ancient records which may be in the custody of persons in remote parts of the country. Admittedly, publicity through the Press and Radio will to a certain extent assist the work of the Committee. It is perhaps too early to say how much longer the Committee should continue its research, and we may perhaps review the position again after a year. The present report may therefore be recorded and the draft regarding broadcast talks may be approved.

10.8.50

H.M.(E.& L.)
H.M.(Fin.)

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