

Documents on the Economic History of British Rule in India 1858-1947

Funding Agency: Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), New Delhi

General Editor: Amiya Kumar Bagchi
Associate Editor: Arun Kumar Bandopadhyay

The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has appointed Amiya Kumar Bagchi as General Editor of the project of compiling the basic documents on the economic history of India under British rule. Arun Bandyopadhyay and Nurul Hasan (Professor of History, Calcutta University) are the Associate Editors for the project.

It is a huge project because among other things, economic history is taken in the widest possible meaning of the term, covering data and developments judged significant for the economic, social, legal and ecological history of the country.

Under the joint direction of the General and Associate Editors and the work of a team of research assistants of the project, the documents for Eastern India covering the period 1860s-1870s have been collected in a volume that was published by Manohar and released at IDSK on 31 March 2009. A second volume containing documents related to Eastern India during the 1880s and 1890s has been published by Manohar in 2011. The third volume, containing documents relating to Madras Presidency under British Rule during the 1860s and 1870s is expected to be sent to the ICHR soon.

Bhubanes Misra had compiled four volumes of railway documents pertaining to the period and these had been published by the ICHR. Under the revived project, Dr. Misra was appointed as Editor in charge of the further volumes of railway documents, working under the guidance of the General Editor. The fourth volume of the railway construction in India during 1858-1947 was published in October 2009.