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- State of preservation of record in various repositories of Pakistan
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Editor’s Note

The National Documentation Wing of the Cabinet Division is Pakistan’s largest repository of primary source material on the British rule in the subcontinent, the Pakistan Movement and other important landmarks of our pre-partition history. Apart from the record of the pre-partition period, we are striving to make available for research, the post-partition record as well. In this regard, the exercise of declassification of the closed Cabinet record is of prime importance. A Declassification Committee has been set up for the purpose which meets once a week for declassification of Cabinet records pertaining to various Ministries/Divisions. The record, thus declassified is being widely utilized by local as well as foreign researchers for their doctoral and post-doctoral research pursuits. The declassified Cabinet record is an important primary source material which enables the historians to draw objective conclusions and clarify misconceptions with regard to various events of Pakistan’s post-partition history.

Another important area, in which we have made steady headway, is publication, *inter alia*, of documentary compilations based on selections from the records of special historical significance. In this regard, a number of works have been brought out so far which have won national and international acclaim. A project has been initiated recently for publication of ‘Shamsul Hasan documentation series’. This series would be based on selections from the Shamsul Hasan Collection which contains the original office record of the All India Muslim League (AIML) salvaged painstakingly by late Syed Shamsul Hasan, Assistant Secretary of the AIML. The Cabinet Division has thus acquired the unique honour of fulfilling the Quaid’s wish who had desired publication of these papers so that the Muslims could know how the battle for Pakistan was fought and won. The first volume of the ‘Shamsul Hasan documentation series’ is entitled ‘The Punjab Story, 1940-1947’ which is expected to see the light of day very soon.
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THE SHAMSUL HASAN COLLECTION: A DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Syed Shamsul Hasan joined the office of All India Muslim League as a junior clerk around 1914 and subsequently rose to the position of its Assistant Secretary. He remained associated with the All India Muslim League throughout his life until this organization was wound up in Karachi in December 1947. Selfless devotion and commitment of Syed Shamsul Hasan to the cause of the All India Muslim League was exemplary. After partition, Syed Shamsul Hasan shifted to Karachi. However, on instructions from the Quaid, he had to travel back to Delhi to fetch the office record of the All India Muslim League to Pakistan. He had to face many hardships in the process, but managed to carry the papers over to Pakistan. These papers are now known as the Shamsul Hasan Collection.

The Shamsul Hasan Collection comprises 72 volumes of the original office record of the All India Muslim League, containing mostly the correspondence of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah from 1940 to 1947. However, there also is a considerable pre-1940 material dealing with the Quaid-i-Azam and the All India Muslim League. No meaningful research on the formative phase of Pakistan Movement is possible without consultation of this vital source. The Shamsul Hasan Collection is now available at the National Documentation Centre for consultation. A descriptive list of the Collection is reproduced below for the benefit of researchers.

Descriptive List of the Shamsul Hasan Collection

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Mount Pleasant Road,
Malabar Hill,
Bombay.

24th November 1935.

Dear Mr. Shamsul Hasan,

Yes, 30th December will suit me, and if you think that it will suit all other members and there will be a good gathering please issue the notices without delay. I will let you know the date of my arrival.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Shamsul Hasan, Esq.,
Assistant Secretary,
All India Moslem League,
Ballimaran Street,
Delhi.

History Should be Rewritten 'on the Basis of Research'
[Report of a seminar on the Shamsul Hasan documentation series]

History should be rewritten after proper investigation and research, said Dr. Waheed Ahmad [Research Advisor, National Documentation Wing, Cabinet Division] while speaking at a seminar on the Punjab Story 1940-1947 organised by the Islamabad Social Sciences Forum on 22 August, 2008. [The Punjab Story 1940-47 is the first volume of the Shamsul Hasan documentation series being published by the National Documentation Wing, Cabinet Division. The work has been edited by Dr. Waheed Ahmad.]

He said that he will not primarily focus on the Punjab and would introduce the Shamsul Hasan Collection, which is linked to the general issues of Pakistani historiography.

The collection 'Plain Mr. Jinnah' published in 1976 was a history stacked in gunny bags about which Jinnah had instructed "not to destroy them, but do not publish them for 20 years so that the Mussalmans must know the difficulties faced in organising them and the details of how the battle for Pakistan was fought and won," he said.

He said that though the anti-Muslim League Punjab Governor, Glancy did not reserve as many seats to the Muslims as per population but in the constituencies reserved for the Muslims, the Congress was routed and the Unionist Party was not able to form government in the Punjab without the support of Congress and even that collapsed due to opposition of the Muslim population.

In the question hour, a participant said that if the Quaid's sickness had been known to Congress and the Britishers, the policy of the rulers had been different. He said that being son of a merchant, he amassed money though gave away part of it in the end. Dr. Ahmad said that Jinnah's sickness was reported in the press. He said that the Quaid had a large mansion in the area where British Premier lived, which he later sold out.

He also had property in Lahore, Mussouri and Karachi. He said that he was a good investor. The participant said that he had invested in stock exchange also. Another participant said that the real disease of the Quaid (tuberculosis) was kept secret and his minor ailments found way in the press.

In reply to a question, he said that the Quaid wanted to have Calcutta in Pakistan where Suherwardy and other East Pakistani leaders were living. He said that Jinnah okayed a plan of the Bengali Muslims to seek modifications in the Partition Plan after June 3, 1947, but it did not materialise. He said that Shaukat Hayat's family got fortunes because of their grandfather's links with the British rulers.

(Rasheed Khalid)

Courtesy:
The News, Islamabad, 23 August 2008
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