

# Description and Rationale

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## Title

Digitization of Madras Legislative Assembly Debates

## Project Description\*

The project aims to digitize debates of Madras Legislative assembly from pre-independent era (from 1933) to post-independent period (up to 1969).

## Reasons for Consideration\*

The Madras Legislative Assembly was formed by the British government, which was the lower house of the then Madras Presidency. Post independence, after the formation of Republic of India in 1950, the Madras Presidency became the Madras State. Subsequently, the state was renamed as Tamilnadu in 1969 and the Assembly came to be called as Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly. RMRL currently holds the published volumes of Madras Legislative Assembly Debates from 1933 to 1969.

These volumes would be a primary source material for studying the rationale behind the bills passed and amended and the debates that went on in passing them during the middle part of twentieth century, a period which is politically significant for India. As the material span for more than 40 years including both pre independence to post independence period, this would be an important scholarly material to gain insights about the social history of the period. This period faced a lot of political changes and still a lot of researches are undergoing in understanding the socio political history of the period. Considering the scholarly value and a need to preserve the content of the material for posterity the material would be taken up for digitization. Also, these materials have not been available in digital format elsewhere which rises the need for preservation.

## Authors

N/A

## Publishers

Government of Madras Presidency, Government of Madras State

## Proposal Contributors

Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai, India

## Details and Sources

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### Resource Types\*

- Government documents

### Regions\*

- South Asia

### Countries of Origin\*

India

### Major Languages

English

### Source Format\*

- Paper

### Target Format

Digital

### Identifiers

OCLC 11982947

### Links

N/A

### Source and Holdings

<b>Location</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Holdings/Range</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Roja Muthiah Research Library, Chennai, Tamilnadu, India	Physical volumes	From 1933 to 1969. Almost continuous run except a few missing years, 1934-37, 1940- 45, 1962-64.	All are bounded volumes. Due to aging some of the volumes are in fragile condition.

### Source and Holdings Notes

As all the material to be digitized are with Roja Muthiah Research Library, there is no need to source material from outside.

## Physical Details

RMRL's holding has 135 volumes of Madras Legislative Assembly Debates. Each volume has an average page count of 600. Thus the total number of pages to be digitized come to approximately 81,000.

## Existing Reformatted Materials

## Intellectual Property Considerations

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