

Section IX

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The Library-cum-Documentation Centre of the ICHR has over the years developed into a fairly large and well-informed reference library. It has a collection of approximately 68,500 books/journals and regularly subscribes to approximately 100 foreign and Indian journals/periodicals.

The Library purchased about 700 books published in recent times largely on Indian history and allied disciplines, including reference books and books relating to the history of Asia and neighbouring countries.

The Library has been extending reading, reference and consultation services to scholars. About 2500 visits were made by scholars during the period under report to the Library from various universities/institutions pursuing studies on various aspects of historical research.

The Library also provides reprographic services to the scholars/ students visiting the library to help them in their research pursuits. During the period under report, approximately 35000 exposures were made available to scholars and researchers at a nominal rate of 50 paise per page.

The Library-cum-Documentation Centre is member of the DELNET (Delhi Library Networking). And by virtue of having secured membership of JSTOR, the Library has access to unaffordable journals as well as rare and old numbers of historical journals.

The reading room of the ICHR Library is kept open from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm on all days, with the exception of Sundays and gazetted holidays. Scholars are welcome to offer suggestions for the improvement of the Library. The work relating to renovation of ICHR Library-cum-Documentation Centre is in full swing and is nearing completion.