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Government of India
Ministry of Defence
New Delhi, the 3rd August, 1965.
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To

The Secretary to all State Governments,
Union Territories in the Revenue Department.

Subject:- Churches in the Second Schedule to the Indian
Church Act, 1927, Vis-a-vis Indian Church
Trustees.

Sir, 8

I am directed to say that consequent on the Government of India's general policy regarding the winding up of ecclesiastical affairs with effect from 1st April 1948, Anglican Churches in the Second Schedule to the Indian Church Act, 1927 were removed there from with effect from 1st April 1948, by a Notification issued on 27th March 1948 in the Gazette of India. The legal effect of such removal was that these churches vested in the Indian Church Trustees under Rule 15 of the Indian Church (India) Statutory Rules, 1940. This vesting is not in ownership. We have been advised that there is nothing in the Indian Church Act or in these rules which divest the Central Government of their ownership of church sites and church buildings. The effect of the vesting is that the Indian Church Trustees have the beneficial rights of 'possession, control and use' in respect of the sites as well as buildings of these churches.

2. The Indian Church Act, 1927, was repealed in December, 1960, by section 2 of the British Statutes (Application to India) Repeal Act, 1960. The effect of this repeal is under examination. However, the intention of the Central Government is to ensure that the rights of 'possession, control and use' which vested in the Indian Church Trustees in respect of the churches in the second schedule are not in any way intererred with or affected.

3. A list of the churches in the second schedule is enclosed. It will appear from this list that the churches in Part I of the Schedule had versted in the Crown as Crown property before Independence. After Independence, they vested in the Central Government and this vesting in ownership continues. The State Government is requested to examine whether in their revenue records these churches have been shown as the property of the Central Government. In case the Central Government is not shown as the owner, the State Government may kindly advise what steps should be taken to have the revenue records suitably revised.

4. I am to request that action taken may kindly be intimated to this Ministry at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K RAMANUJAM)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENT REPEALED.

Short title.	Extent of repeal.
The Government of India Act.	Part X, so far as it relates to the Church of England; that is to say, sections one hundred and fifteen, one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and nineteen, one hundred and twenty, and one hundred and twenty-one.

Sections 1, 5 and 6.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

LIST OF MAINTAINED CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1941-42.

PART I.

CHURCHES VESTED IN THE CROWN.

A. Military Churches.

Station.	Dedication.	Station.	Dedication.
DIocese OF CALCUTTA.		DIocese OF MADRAS—contd.	
Balalore	St. John the Baptist.	Calicut	St. Mary.
Barrackpore	St. Bartholomew.	Madras	St. Mary.
Calcutta	St. Peter.	Malapuram	Christ Church.
Dinapore	St. Luke.	Secunderabad	St. John.
Muzaffarpur	Christ Church.	St. Thomas' Mount.	St. Thomas.
		Trinulgherry	All Saints.
		Wellington	St. George.
DIocese OF MADRAS.		DIocese OF BOMBAY.	
Bangalore	St. Mark.	Ahmedabad	St. George.
Bangalore	Holy Trinity.	Ahmadnagar	Christ Church.
Bolaram	Holy Trinity.		

Station.	Dedication.	Station.	Dedication.
DIOCESE OF BOMBAY—contd.		DIOCESE OF LAHORE—contd.	
Balgaum	St. Mary.	Sanswar	Holy Trinity.
Bombay	St. John the Evangelist.	Sialkot	Holy Trinity.
Deesa	Christ Church.	Solon	
Ghorpuri		DIOCESE OF LUCKNOW.	
Kirkee	All Saints.	Agra	St. George.
Poona	Mary.	Agra	St. Matthew.
Purandhar	Holy Trinity.	Allahabad	St. David.
Satara	St. Thomas.	Almora	St. Mark.
DIOCESE OF LAHORE.		Bareilly	St. Stephen.
Abbottabad	St. Luke.	Bareilly	Christ Church.
Ambala	St. Paul.	Benares	St. Mary.
Bakloh	St. Oswald.	Cawnpore	All Souls.
Bannu	St. George.	Cawnpore	St. John.
Campbellpore	All Saints.	Chakrata	St. Hugh.
Cherat	St. Saviour.	Chaubatia	St. Michael.
Dagehai	St. Saviour.	Fyzabad	St. Andrew.
Dalhousie	St. John.	Jhansi	St. Martin.
Delhi New Cantonments.	St. Martin.	Landour	St. Paul.
Dera Ismail Khan.	St. Thomas.	Landowne	St. Mary.
Ferozepore	St. Andrew.	Lucknow	All Saints.
Hyderabad (Sind).	St. Thomas.	Meerut	St. John.
Jhelum	St. John.	Muttra	Christ Church.
Jullundur	St. Luke.	Ranikhet	St. Peter.
Jutogh	St. Michael.	Roorkee	St. John.
Karachi	Holy Trinity.	Shahjahanpur	St. Mary.
Kasauli	Christ Church.	Sitapur	All Souls.
Kohat	St. Augustine.	DIOCESE OF NAGPUR.	
Lahore	St. Mary Magdalene.	Jubbulpore	St. Michael and All Angels.
Manora	St. Paul.	Kamptee	Christ Church.
Mardan	St. Alban.	Mhow	Christ Church.
Multan	St. Mary.	Nasirabad	St. Paul.
Nowshera	Christ Church.	Nowgong	St. Peter.
Peshawar	St. John.	Pachmarhi	Christ Church.
Quetta	St. Mary of Bethany.	Saugor	St. Peter.
Rawalpindi	Christ Church.	DIOCESE OF RANGOON.	
Rawalpindi	St. Mary.	Port Blair	Christ Church.
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B. Civil Churches.

Station.	Dedication.	Station.	Dedication.
DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA.		DIOCESE OF MADRAS—contd.	
Arrah	The Holy Saviour.	Coimbatore	All Souls.
Bankipore	Christ Church.	Coonoor	All Saints.
Bhagalpore	Christ Church.	Dowlaish-waram.	Church of the Good Shepherd.
Calcutta	St. John.	Gudalur	St. John.
Calcutta	St. Stephen.	Kotagiri	Christ Church.
Chinsurah	—	Kumbakonam	Christ Church.
Cuttaok	The Epiphany	Lovedale	Church of the Ascension.
Dacca	St. Thomas.	Madras	St. Matthias.
Darjeeling	St. Andrew.	Madras	St. Mark.
Dum Dum	St. Stephen.	Mangalore	St. Paul.
Dunka	St. Andrew.	Morcara	St. Mark.
Gaya	St. David.	Mysore	St. Bartholomew.
Howrah	St. Thomas.	Negapatam	St. Peter.
Howrah	St. Peter.	Nellore	Christ Church.
Jalpaiguri	St. Michael and All Angels.	Ootacamund	St. Stephen.
Jessore	Christ Church.	Palamcottah	Christ Church.
Khagole	Christ Church.	Poonamallee	St. Mary Magdalene.
Khurda Road	St. John.	Rajahmundry	Holy Trinity.
Kurseong	Christ Church.	Salem	Christ Church.
Mymensingh	Christ Church.	Tranquebar	Zion Church.
Puri	St. Thomas.	Trichinopoly	St. John.
Purnea	Emmanuel.	Vellore	St. John.
Serampore	St. Olave.	Vizagapatam	St. John.
Suri	All Saints.	Waltair	St. Paul.
DIOCESE OF CHOTA NAGPUR.		DIOCESE OF TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN.	
Hazaribagh	St. Stephen.	Cochin (Cochin State)	St. Francis.
DIOCESE OF ASSAM.		Quilon (Travancore State)	St. Thomas.
Comilla	Christ Church.	DIOCESE OF TINNEVELLY.	
Dibrugarh	St. Paul.	Madura	St. George.
Gauhati	Christ Church.	Tuticorin	—
Shillong	All Saints.	DIOCESE OF DORNAKAL.	
DIOCESE OF MADRAS.		Masulipatam	St. Mary.
Bangalore	St. John.		
Bellary	Holy Trinity.		
Borhampore	St. Stephen.		
Bimlipatam	St. Peter.		
Cannanore	St. John.		
Chittoor	St. Luke.		
Cocanada	St. Thomas.		