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1. **Chennai Salt Archive Handlist 1931-1998(approximately):**

The Chennai Salt Archive Handlist spans approximately from the year 1931 to 1998 and encompasses 158 references. However, the list does not only contain references for Chennai but also for Tuticorin, various regions in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Cuddalore, Nagercoil, Chidambaram, and Nagapattinam. In terms of Chennai, the primary references pertain to land acquisition, transferring from one department to another (e.g., from the Salt Department to Indian Oil Corporation, COAL, the slum improvement project, allocation of house sites to Adi Dravidars), lease and tender details, rain and flood information, as well as annual reports from the Salt Department, which include statistics. I have highlighted a few significant references in bold.

* 1. **Selected References for Further Study:**

1. Bundle No.2
   * 17012/1/W1/93/Pt.file/Neidavasal: Heavy Rains/Floods – November/December’93 – Damages to uninsured Salt works- Sanction of exgrtia – Neidavasal factory – Cuddalore Circle
   * 47(27)GI/67: Cyclone relief- Naupada circle - Balacheruvu factory -11/69 rain damages – Majaor and Minor less exgratia agreement
2. Bundle 5
   * W.13014/1/W2/95: Works – Labour Welfare works – Est. No. 11/95-96 – Conducting of sports met for Salt laboeurers and their family – Jaggannaiput factory
   * W.13012/13/W2/93: Dev.works -Improvemens to the protective bund on the North Westrn corner of Sarahad-I- Kanupathy Salt factory- Penuguduru circle
3. Bundle 6
   * 971/W4/68/Vol.IV: Disposal of surplus/Derelict buildings – Madras Region correspondence
4. Bundle 9
   * 21(17)Gi/70: Compilation of intentory of fixed assets belonging to central govt
   * 21(4)GL/69: Assets – Polavaram salt factory lease of land covered under S. No. 202 for purpose other than for salt manufacturers
5. Bundle 10
   * 1272/GL/68/Vol.I: land – lease – Kayalpatnam salty fy-reneal of lease of 31.75 acres of land covered under s no.8 131 beyond 28.7.68 for a further period of 5 years in F/o stt govt-
   * **589/gl/61/Vol IV: Ennore S No.19/1- transfer of land to panchayat union Kathivakka for construction of school land transfer of land to sal-employee House bldgs.**
6. Bundle 14
   * **42(27)GL/69: Cyclone loan alignment of (11/69) Damages /M/s A.V.S.R. & Pros (P) ltd Balacheruru salt factory**
7. Bundle 15
   * **12015(5)P3/94: Lease of two cents of land in S. No. 586 for digging bore well by L. No. 7/Extn I- Pakkala salt factory**
   * **21(29) GL/70 vol-I: Assets lands – Tondiarpet disposal of lands & building proposals**
8. Bundle 24
   * **741/W1/63: Ennore Sea Ban – Functioning of -reg**
9. Bundle 25
   * **Rain/Flood damages applicants of covelong salt factory June 1996**
10. Bundle 30
    * Construction labor rest shed in holding of L. No. 23 morekulum factory
11. Bundle 32
    * **323/w/(4)/65: Fgeneral port trust board representation by salt dept correspondence**
    * **21(3)w/al/82: Lands transfer of salt to govt of TN for slum improvement**
12. Bundle 38
    * **Acquisition of lands by coal India ltd near Ennore port**
13. Bundle 41
    * **21/18/W1/GL/82: Transfer of 5.886 acres of salt department land for provision of house site to Adi Dravidars**
14. Bundle 42
    * 6/36**: Ennore factory – closure of payment of compensation to ex-monopoly licences sanctions**
    * **7/36: Ennore factory – charges recoverable from licences under the modified excise system – orders of the Central Board of Revenue**
15. Bundle 46
    * 12014 (3) P/96: asgnt of land for salt manufacture- Durgarajapatnam- Madras Circle-96.80 acres- M/s. Wellbrines Chemicals P Ltd
    * 40(2)P/96: Leae/licence- Renewal beyond 23.12.95- L.No.43- Cheyyur Salt factory
16. Bundle 92
    * C.No.11014/22/P/92 2: Assignment-Cheyyur Fy Madras Circle 5.50 acs tender of Smt.R.Lakshmi Acceptance of rate- quoted rs 77,227/- lease commences from 31.07.92
    * Assignment – Cheyyar Factory – Madras Tender of V.C. Bala Subramaniam Accer 2.36 scres
17. Bundle 93
    * C.No.37/68/P/69: Rules and Regulations and incidental area to salt manufacture-madras circle
18. Bundle 94
    * C.No.40/31/P/69: Lease and Licence- Marakanam & Adiramanpattnam factory. Revision due to inheritance
19. Bundle No.96
    * 37(4) P/89: Lease-covelong salt factory -7.95 acres in block no.23- resettlement of lands by invitation of tender of M/s Sea-Chems, Madras-45
20. Bundle No.99
    * Recovery of dues from the licensees of salt-factories
21. Bundle No. 100
    * Lease. Renewable beyond 01-07-1994. L.No.25Cheyyur Salt factory
22. Bundle No.102
    * Suits- Pundi salt factory
23. Bundle No. 104
    * 44/5/P3/80: Ennore back waters -opening of sea bar for facilitating boat transport of salt- reg
24. Bundle No. 114
    * 42/25/P/78: Salt- Marakanam salt factory – Obstruction to the flow of sea brine to factory by S/Shri P. Ganesan and another -Representation from the licensees
    * 40/73/P/87: Lease/License – Attiput North Factory South – L. NO.66 -Renewal of Lease from 1.1.88
    * 40/81/P/87: Lease/Licence – Attiput North Factory South – L. NO.12 -Renewal of Lease from 1.1.88
    * 12032/662/P/98: Lease/Licence: L.No.35 -Covelong factory renewal of lease beyond 30.9.98
25. Bundle No. 115
    * 81-85: Attiput North factory revision due to inheritance
      + Transfer to E.V. Balu
      + Transfer to Ponnan
26. Bundle No. 118
    * 213/P1/68: Assignment L.No.12 – Covelong factory S. No. 1402 held by covelong manufacturing co-operative society reassignment
27. Bundle No.121
    * 40/679/P/78: Lease – Vallur Salt factory renewal of beyond 1978
28. Bundle No. 122
    * 42/8/P3/88: Lease/Licence- Attiput south factory-lease of lands. The construction of a shed for installation of electric motor
    * Assignment of lands. Cheyyur salt factory request from Saroja and Devadass for construction of labs
    * 40/98/P/87: Lease/License- Attiput North. L. No. 54 renewal of lease from 88
    * Lease/License- Attiput North. L. No. 34 renewal of lease from 88
    * Lease/License- Attiput North. L. No. 38 renewal of lease from 88
    * Lease/License- Attiput North. L. No. 46 renewal of lease from 88
    * 12014/15/TR/93: Assignment of land -Attiput North Salt factory 25.15 acres in favor of Saraswathi
    * 37/71/P/VOL.II: Assignment—Attiput North salt factory- settlement of land by call of tenders
29. Bundle No.125
    * Covelong factory renewal of lease from 78
30. Bundle No. 127
    * C.No 40(28)/P/80/P1: L.No.13 Chunampet salt factory
    * C.No. 12022(2)P3/75: Non Manufacture of salt 1994-1996 season Attiput North Salt factory
31. Bundle No. 131
    * C.No.16/GL/64/Vol.I: S.A No. 2268/81 Lands Covelong Salt Factory encroachment
    * C.No.44(10)project/69: Ceylon Repatriates- Rehabilitation of Salt industry-project reports
    * C.No.53(12)W/69/Vol-II/Vol-I: Water -sinking of borewells for fresh water- Ennore
32. Bundle No.143
    * Report of salt department for 1969-70
    * National goal for control programme – scheme for grant of disbursement of subsidy for idoised salt
    * TamilNadu Salt corporation meeting board of directors correspondence
33. Bundle No.144
    * Salt-washery/refinery -correspondence
    * Statistics- Monthly statement showing all India statistics of production of salt and export of salt
    * Report of salt department for 1970-71 (but no information which state!)
    * Report of salt department for 1971-72
    * Report of salt department for 1968-69
    * Report of salt department for 1969-70
    * Report of salt department for 1967-68
34. Bundle No. 146
    * Report of salt department statistics (1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1971)
35. Bundle No.147
    * **Technological aspects to improve the quality of salt**
    * Salt industries include in priority
36. Bundle No.148
    * Holding of 44th TNRAB for salt correspondence
37. Bundle No. 149
    * Area worked statement 1994
38. Bundle No.150
    * **FD Dis 357/80/part: Declaring salt industry as seasonal industry/proposal to charge electricity for Salt Manufacture on par with agriculture in order to boost up salt production and hold price line**
39. Bundle No.151
    * Safety aspects of iodised salt correspondence
40. Bundle No.158
    * **21/8/W/GI/80: Lands- Madras Region – Information in respect of lands owned by the salt department- certain information requested by the SC**
    * **G.20011(3)W1/91: Works- Budget grant for 1991-92- Distribution of Madras region**
    * 21(7) W/GI/90: Lands- Berthing of Boat-Salt office premises of Buchingham canal muth Ennore -permission requested by Asst. Collector of Central Excise, customs Division