

THE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS ACT.

[INDIA ACT V, 1917.]

(28th February, 1917.)

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Power to certain authorities to make rules for disposal of documents.

3. (1) The authorities hereinafter specified may, from time to time, make rules for the disposal, by destruction or otherwise, of such documents as are, in the opinion of the authority making the rules, not of sufficient public value to justify their preservation.

(2) The authorities shall be-

- (a) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of the High Court or of the Courts of civil or criminal jurisdiction subordinate thereto,- the High Court;
- (b) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of revenue Courts and officers,-the Financial Commissioner; and
- (c) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of any other public officer,-the President of the Union or any officer specially authorized in that behalf by the President of the Union.

(3) Rules made under this section otherwise than by the President of the Union shall be subject to the previous approval of the President of the Union.

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Saving of certain documents.

5. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorize the destruction of any document which, under the provisions of any law for the time being in force, is to be kept and maintained.