

**Bio-data****N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar (1882-1953)**

N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar; distinguished administrator; born in Tanjore district, Madras Presidency and educated at the Wesley School, Presidency College and Law College, Madras; Assistant Professor at Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, 1904; joined the Madras Civil Service in 1905 and served as Deputy Collector, 1905-19, and Collector and District Magistrate, 1920; Registrar-General of Panchayats and Inspector of Local Board, in 1921-1928; member, Indian Legislative Assembly, 1927; Collector and District Magistrate, Anantapur, 1928-31; Inspector of Municipal Concils and Local Boards, 1931-32; President, Indian Officers' Association, Madras, 1935-37; appointed Dewan of Kashmir in 1937; member, Council of State, 1943-47; Minister without Portfolio in the first Union Cabinet as a link between the Central Government and the East Punjab Cabinet, 26 September 1947-21 September 1948; Minister for Railways and Transport 22 September 1948 -13 May 1952, Minister for States, 12 December 1950-13 May 1952, and Minister for Defence, 13 May 1952 – 9 February 1953, Government of India, died on 10 February 1953.

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**I. Correspondence**

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		<u>Abell, G.E.B</u>		
1.	From	7 August 1947	1	Autograph
		<u>Baldev Singh</u>		
2.	To	21 December 1947	1	Copy
		<u>Bombay Govt. Publicity Director of</u>		
3.	From	30 April 1951	1+2	Copy to the Editor, <i>The Statesman</i> forwarded to Nehru by Jivraj Mehta dt.2 May 1951
		<u>James, (Sir) Frederic</u>		
4.	From	5 January 1950	2	Autograph

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		<u>Mountbatten, (Lord)</u>		
5.	To	3 August 1947	2	Autograph addressed to Lord Mountbatten
		<u>Nehru, Jawaharlal</u>		Also see Subject File S.No.32
6.	From	27 October 1948	1+5	Holograph enclosing copy of a letter to Vallabhbhai Patel dt. 27 October 1948
7.	To	11 March 1949	5	Copy
8.	From	31 October 1949	1+3	Copy a letter forwarded by P.M. to Dy. Prime Minister dt. 24 October 1949
9.	From	19 January 1950	1	Autograph
10.	From	20 March 1950	1	Holograph
11.	To	20 March 1950	3	Holograph
12.	From	22 March 1950	1+4	Autograph enclosing a letter from Mridula Sarabhai addressed to Gopaldaswami dt.22 March 1950

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13.	From	14 April 1950	2	Copy addressed to Liaquat Ali Khan copy forwarded to Gopaldaswami Ayyangar
14.	From	12 December 1950	1+1+2	Autograph enclosing a note and a copy of a letter sent to Vallabhbhai Patel
15.	From	20 December 1950	1+2	Autograph enclosing a letter of Father D'Souza dt. 14 December
16.	From	19 April 1950	1+2	Copy enclosing copy of a letter from Maharana of Udaipur and 'Battle Honours of Mewar Infantry'
17.	From	13 February 1952	1+1	Autograph enclosing copy of a letter from Habibullah
18.	To	15 February 1952	3	Copy
19.	To	16 November 1952	1	Copy
20.	From	17 November 1952	2	Autographed note

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Nicholls, G.H

21. From 18 August 1947 1 Autograph

Oberoi, New Delhi Ltd.  
Branch Manager of

22. From 10 November 1951 1+1 Autograph addressed to B.S. Kohli (his P.A.) along with a note

Patel, Vallabhbhai

23. From 27 December 1949 1 Autograph

24. From 4 November 1950 1 Autograph

Purshotamdas Thakurdas

25. From 16 September 1949 1 Autograph

Rajagopalachari, C.

26. From 4 February 1951 1 Autograph

27. From 10 September 1951 2 Holograph

28. From 3 December 1951 4 Holograph

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Rao, Ramakrishna

29.	From	13 May 1952	3	Autograph
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Srinivasan, C.R.

31.	From	24 September 1952	1	Autograph addressed to Jawaharlal Nehru
32.	To	30 September 1952	1	Copy a letter written by Jawaharlal Nehru

Vellodi, M.K

33.	From	22 March 1950	3	Autograph
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2.	Letters of appreciation received from Sri Prakasa and Karni Singh	1949 - 52	2	
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18.	Correspondence between Philip Nobel Becker and Gopaldaswami regarding the massacre in Punjab	3 March 1948	5	
19.	A note on the 'Cabinet System' and 'Structure of Departments' includes a list of the Cabinet and non-cabinet members of the British Government	August 1948	72	
20.	Papers and correspondence with Nehru relating to leakage of the Cabinet meetings and the ways to plug such leakages	1948-49	5	

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21.	Papers and correspondence with V.Patel and the Finance Minister, Govt. of Pakistan relating to the Controversial speech of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the Congress Subjects Committee at Jaipur on East Bengal Exodus having regard to agreement at the Inter-Dominion press consultative committee meetings	1948-49	28	
22.	Notes and discussions of the Inter-Dominion Conference relating to the exchange of prisoners and entry of persons into India from Pakistan	1948-49	14	
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39.	Correspondence relating to K. Santhanam's statement in Parliament concerning Shillong-Jowar-Haflong-Silchar Road, correspondence with G.N. Bardoloi, etc.	March-December 1950	11	
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58.	Papers and correspondence regarding the result of election in Madhya Bharat and formation of Congress Ministries	8-12 February 1952	12	
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2.	Speeches by Gopaldaswami and Dharamsey M.Khatau on 'The Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd,'	26 March 1951	16	
3.	Rail Policy speech at the unveiling ceremony of the bust of Chittaranjan Das at Chittaranjan, West Bengal	25 November 1951	6	
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