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Description of records Head/Sub-head	Retention period	Remarks
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1. Creation of posts		
Continuance of posts.	} 10 years	Subject to particulars of sanctions being noted in Establishment/Sanction register.
Creation of posts.		
Upgrading of posts.		
Conversion of temporary posts into permanent ones.		
Revision of scales of pay.	Permanent*	
2. Delegation of powers		
Rules	Permanent*	
Declaration of officers as Head of Department.	} Permanent*	
Declaration of officers as Controlling and Drawing & Disbursing Officers.		
Budget estimates/revision estimates	3 years	
Expenditure statements :		
(a) In respect of subordinate offices	To be weeded out at the end of the financial year.	
(b) In respect of department itself.	To be weeded out after the appropriation accounts for the year have been finalised.	
Reconciliation :		
(a) In respect of subordinate offices	To be weeded out at the end of the financial year.	
(b) In respect of department itself.	To be weeded out after the appropriation accounts for the year have been finalised.	
Reappropriation.	} 3 years	
Supplementary grants.		
Accounts and audit.		

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Audit objections and audit paras.	3 years after settlement of audit objections	
Estimate Committee		
(a) For departments reported upon on predominantly concerned.	10 years	
(b) For other interested departments. Local audit	3 years	
Public Accounts Committee		
(a) For departments reported upon or predominantly concerned	10 years	Subject to a copy of the report being retained permanently. The State Archives may be consulted before any file is destroyed.
(b) For other interested departments.	3 years	
Other departmental committees	Appropriate retention periods to be determined by administrative departments concerned.	
Appropriation accounts	3 years	
Accounts classification—opening of new heads	Permanent*	
3. Advances		
Rules	Permanent*	
GPF final withdrawal rules	Permanent*	
Grant of all types of advances.	3 years	Subject to :—
		(i) Suitable entries being made in pay bills register ; and
		(ii) In case of motor car/motor-cycle/scooter and house building advances :—
		(a) copies of sanction being placed on personal files, and
		(b) mortgage deeds and other agreements executed being kept separately in safe custody for the period they are valid.
Grant of final withdrawal from GPF	3 years	
4. Payments and recoveries		
Air passage bill	1 year after completion of audit.	
Cancellation charges		
Contingent expenditure		

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Electricity charges-recovery	1 year		
GPF annual statements	1 year		
Grants-in-aid-contributions and donations	} 1 year after completion of audit		
Hospitality fund			
House rent and other allowances			
Last pay certificate			
Pay claims	10 years		
Refunds	} 1 year after completion of audit		
Refreshment bills			
Rent demand statements	1 years		
Service postage stamps	} 1 year after completion of audit		
T.A./Transfer T.A. Claims			
Water charges recoveries	1 year		
Reimbursement of legal expenses	} 1 year after completion of audit		
Reimbursement of tuition fee			
Acceptance of credits/debits			
Adjustment of missing credits/debits	1 year after finalisation		
Arrear claims (including sanction for investigation, where necessary)	1 year after completion of audit		
Postal life insurance	3 years***	Subject to suitable entries being made in the pay bill register and P.L.I. Index register	
Write-off of losses	} 1 year after completion of audit		
Expenditure sanction			
5. Administrative approval and technical sanction			
Rules	Permanent*		
Major works	} 10 years; or 3 years after completion of the work; or one year after completion of audit, whichever is later		
Minor works			
6. Foreign exchange budget			
Rules	Permanent*		

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Estimates/Allocation	} 3 years	The Finance Department or the department responsible for overall policy and co-ordination in the matter, may retain these records for appropriate longer periods prescribed by it.
Periodical reports regarding allocation, release and utilisation		

RECORDS OTHER THAN FILES

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Civil credit notes and stocks register thereof.	1 year after completion of audit	
Register of monthly expenditure	} To be weeded out after the appropriation accounts for the year have been finalised	
Register for watching progress of expenditure.		
Register for reconciliation of accounts		
Register for watching progress of expenditure on local purchase of stationery	} 1 year after completion of audit	
Cash receipts, counterfoils and stock register		
Petty vouchers not furnished to audit		
Cash book	10 years	
Appropriation register	3 years	
Pay bill register	35 years	
Acquittance roll	1 year after completion of audit	
Postal life insurance register	3 years after all the policies entered therein have matured for payment	
Increment register	1 year	
Increment list	1 year after completion of audit.	