The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has appointed Amiya Kumar Bagchi as General Editor of the project of compiling the basic documents on the economic history of India under British rule. Arun Bandyopadhyay and Nurul Hasan (Professor of History, Calcutta University) are the Associate Editors for the project. It is a huge project because among other things, economic history is taken in the widest possible meaning of the term, covering data and developments judged significant for the economic, social, legal and ecological history of the country.

Under the joint direction of the General and Associate Editors and the work of a team of research assistants of the project, the documents for Eastern India covering the period 1860s-1870s have been collected in a volume that was published by Manohar and released at IDSJK on 31 March 2009. A second volume containing documents related to Eastern India during the 1880s and 1890s has been published by Manohar in 2011. The third volume, containing documents relating to Madras Presidency under British Rule during the 1860s and 1870s has been sent to ICHR in March 2011.

Under the direction of Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi as General Editor of ‘Documents on the Economic History of British Rule in India 1858-1947’, Dr. Bhubanes Misra was appointed as Editor in charge of the final volumes of railway documents. The fourth volume of the railway construction in India during 1858-1947 was published in October 2009. A fifth volume containing documents relating to Indian participation in railway affairs has been sent to ICHR in February 2012.