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<p>18) Constitution of village councils by the Government in Autonomous District for trials of suits, cases and offences.</p>	<p>(1) Subject to the provisions contained in the Constitution of India, the Government may constitute village councils within the Autonomous District to the <u>exclusion of any court</u> within such area, and may appoint, in consultation with the Chairman and failing him the Vice-Chairman of the District Council, suitable persons to be <u>presiding officer of such village council</u> and may also appoint such officer and may be necessary for the <u>Administration of the bye-laws and regulation made by the District Council under the provisions of this act.</u></p> <p>(2) The village Councils shall have power to try civil suits of the following description if the values do not exceed one thousand rupees -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Civil suits for money due on contract; b) Civil suits for recovery of property or for the value thereof c) civil suits for compensation for the wrongfully taking or injuring any property d) civil suits for damage as caused by cattle trespass. <p>(3) The Village Council shall have power to try cases of offences of the following description and to impose fine not exceeding three hundred rupees that is to say -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) cases arising out of any bye-laws, regulation offence or abetment thereof which are not punishable with death, imprisonment six month offences under sections 379 and 380 of Indian Penal Court where the value of the stolen property does not exceed five hundred rupees.
<p>19) Appeal to the District judge against the decision of the Village Council</p>	<p>An appeal shall lie to the District Judge against final decision rendered under sub-section (2) of section 37 and to the Session Judge against final decision rendered under sub-section (3) of section 37.</p>
<p>20) Realisation of fine</p>	<p>If any fine or portion thereof remains unpaid, the same shall be deemed to be dues to the Government can be realised as arrears of land revenue under the provisions of the Andaman & Nicobar Land Revenue and Land Records 1966.</p>
<p>21) Rules regulation composition procedure etc.</p>	<p>The Government may make rules regulating :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compositions of village councils and the number of village council that may be set up defining their territorial limits within the Autonomous District; b) The procedure regarding cognizance by village council; c) The procedure to be followed by the village councils in the trial of suits, cases or offences;