

shall be disposed of at such time and in such manner as the Commissioner may direct and until such disposal, shall be made available for sale to the public.

Provided that the fees realized under rule 25 and under this rule shall be deposited in the fund of the Village Council concerned.

CHAPTER - VI ELECTIONS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

27. Superintendence, direction and control of elections:
- (1) The conduct of elections to the Village Council under these rules shall be under the general superintendence, direction and control of the Commission.
 - (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-rule (1), the Commission may, if it considers expedient, by Order, direct that such of the powers, duties and functions of any authority connected with the work of conduct of elections under these rules, as may be specified by it in the order shall be exercised or discharged subject to such restriction and conditions, by such officer or person as may be specified in the order.

CHAPTER - VII QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

28. A person shall not be qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in a Village Council or the Island Council, as the case may be, unless-
- (a) he/she is a member of a tuhet in the Village General Body of the constituency concerned; and
 - (b) In the case of a seat reserved for women she is a woman for the relevant constituency.

CHAPTER - VIII NOTIFICATION OF GENERAL ELECTIONS

29. General Election: A general election shall be held in accordance with the provision of this Chapter for the purpose of constituting a new Village Council and on the expiration of its duration or on its dissolution.
30. Notification for general election: The Administrator shall, by one or more notifications published in the Official Gazette on such date or dates as may be recommended by the Commission, call upon all the concerned constituencies to elect members in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation and of the rules and orders made thereunder:

Provided that where a general election is held otherwise than on the dissolution of the existing Tribal Councils, no such notification shall be issued at any time earlier than six months prior to the date on which the duration of the Tribal Councils would expire under the provisions of section 17, or section 60 as the case may be.

CHAPTER - IX ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

31. Returning Officer: - (1) For each Constituency, the Commission shall, in consultation with the Administrator, designate or nominate a returning officer who shall be an officer of the Administration or of a local authority:

Provided that nothing in these rules shall prevent the Commission from designation or nominating the same person to be the returning officer for more than one constituency.