

- (2) When the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner makes an order under sub-section (1) he shall forthwith send to the Village Council affected thereby a copy of the order together with a statement of the reasons for making it.
- (3) The Assistant Commissioner shall forthwith submit to the Deputy Commissioner, a report of the circumstances in which the order was made under this section and the Deputy Commissioner may, after giving notice to the Village Council and making such enquiry as he deems fit, rescind, modify or confirm the order.
- **48.** (1) Every member of a Village Council shall be personally liable for the loss, waste or misapplication of any money or other property of the Village General Body to which he has been a party or which has been caused or facilitated by his misconduct or willful neglect of his duty as a member, amounting to fraud.

Liability of members for loss, waste or misapplication.

(2) If after giving the member concerned a reasonable opportunity for showing cause to the contrary, the Assistant Commissioner is satisfied that the loss, waste or misapplication of any money or other property of the Village General Body is a direct consequence of misconduct or willful neglect on his part, he shall, by order in writing, direct such member to pay to the Village Council before a fixed date, the amount required to reimburse it for such loss, waste or misapplication:

Provided that no such order shall be made for bonafide or technical irregularities or mistake of a member.

- (3) If the amount is not so paid, the Assistant Commissioner shall cause it to be recovered in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (4) An order of the Assistant Commissioner shall be subject to an appeal to the Deputy Commissioner if made within thirty days of the date of the order.