

(2) The election shall be conducted under the direct superintendence of the Assistant Commissioner concerned.

(3) The meeting shall be presided over by the Chief Captain of the Island Council who shall not have the right to vote.

(4) No business other than the election of the Vice-Chief Captain shall be transacted at such meeting.

(5) In case of equality of votes, the result of the election shall be decided by draw of lots by the Assistant Commissioner in such manner as he may determine.

Executive powers of Island Council.

59. The executive powers of the Island Council, the responsibility for the fulfilment of the duties imposed on the Island Council under this Regulation and the responsibility for carrying out the resolutions of the Island Council shall vest in the Chief Captain.

Duration of Island Council.

60. (1) The Island Council, unless sooner dissolved under any law for the time being in force, shall continue in office for five years from the date appointed at its first meeting and no longer.

(2) An election to constitute an Island Council shall be completed —

(a) before the expiry of its duration specified in sub-section (1);

(b) a period of six months from the date of its dissolution:

Provided that where the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Island Council would have continued is less than six months, it shall not be necessary to hold any election under this sub-section for constituting the Island Council.

(3) An Island Council constituted upon the dissolution of an Island Council before the expiry of its duration shall continue only for the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Island Council would have continued under sub-section (1) had it not been so dissolved.

Oath of Office.

61. (1) As soon as may be after the first meeting of the Island Council, every member thereof shall take oath of office before the Assistant Commissioner in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(2) No member of the Island Council who has not taken such oath shall vote or take part in the proceedings of any meeting nor shall be included as a member of any committee constituted by the Island Council.

Resignation from office.

62. The Chief Captain may resign his office by giving notice in writing to that effect to the Deputy Commissioner, but the resignation shall not take effect until it is accepted by him.

Motion of no confidence against Chief Captain.

63. (1) A motion of no confidence against the Chief Captain may be moved by any member of an Island Council after giving fifteen days notice.

(2) A special meeting of the Island Council shall be convened within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the motion has been moved, to deliberate on and decide the no confidence motion.

(3) If the motion of no confidence is carried by a majority of the total membership of the Island Council, the Island Council shall recommend to all the Village General Bodies of that Island, the removal of the Chief Captain from his office.

(4) On receipt of recommendation under sub-section (3) a special meeting of all the Village General Bodies shall be convened with a quorum of not less than one fifth of the total number of members of the Village General Bodies and the recommendations shall be approved by the two-third majority of members present and voting.

(5) Upon the approval of the recommendation under sub-section (4), the Chief Captain shall cease to hold office from the date on which the recommendation is approved.