

(2) Where any functions or duties are entrusted to a Village Council under sub-section (1), the Administrator shall pay to such Village Council collection charges at such rates as he may determine.

Village
Volunteer
Force.

31. (1) Subject to the rules made under this Regulation, a Village Council may organise a Village Volunteer Force consisting of able-bodied males residing in the village who are between the ages of twenty-one and forty years and who are willing to join the force and place such force under the command of a suitable person.

(2) The services of the Village Volunteer Force may be utilised for general watch and ward purpose and in case of emergency including fire, floods, out-break of epidemic or any other natural calamity.

(3) No member of the Force shall be held liable for damages on account of any act done by him in the *bona fide* discharge of his duties as a member of such Force.

Execution of
contracts.

32. Every contract or agreement entered into by a Village Council shall be in writing and shall be signed by the First Captain, Secretary and one other member of the Village Council, and sealed with the common seal of the Village Council.

CHAPTER V

FINANCE, PROPERTY AND ACCOUNTS

Village Council
Fund.

33. (1) There shall be a Village Council Fund for each Village General Body and the same shall be utilised for carrying out the duties and obligations imposed upon the Village General Body or the Village Council under this Regulation.

(2) The following shall be credited to and form part of the Village Council Fund, namely:—

- (a) the proceeds of any tax or fee imposed under section 36;
- (b) the contributions made by the Government or any local authority or person;
- (c) all sums ordered by any authority or court to be credited to the Village Council Fund;
- (d) the income from securities in which the Village Council Fund has invested;
- (e) the share in the collection of land revenue or other dues of the Government;
- (f) all sums received by way of loans or gifts;
- (g) the income derived from fisheries under the management of the Village Council;
- (h) the income from or proceeds of any property of the Village General Body;
- (i) the sale proceeds of all dust, dirt, dung or refuse collected by the employees of the Village Council;
- (j) sums assigned to the Village Council Fund by any general or special order of the Government; and
- (k) all sums received in aid of or for expenditure on any institution or service maintained or financed from the Village Council Fund or managed by the Village Council.

(3) The amount in the Village Council Fund shall be applied subject to the provisions and for the purpose of this Regulation and shall be kept in such custody as may be prescribed.

Grants.

34. The Administrator may, subject to such conditions as he may deem fit, make grants to the Village Council for general purposes or for the improvement of the village and the welfare of the residents therein.