

(5) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Assistant Commissioner under sub-section (4) may within thirty days of the date of the order prefer an appeal to the Deputy Commissioner whose decision on such appeal shall be final.

44. (1) Every Village Council shall submit to the Assistant Commissioner a report on the administration of the Village Council during the previous financial year, within three months of the close of the previous financial year. Administration report.

(2) The report shall be prepared by the First Captain and after it is approved by the Village Council, shall be forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner with a copy of the resolution of the Village Council thereon.

## CHAPTER VI

### CONTROL OF VILLAGE COUNCIL

45. The Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner shall have power to call for — Power to call for proceedings, etc.

(i) any extract from the proceedings of the Village Council or any book, record, correspondence or documents in the possession of or under the control of a Village Council; and

(ii) any return, plan, estimate statement, account or report for the purpose of inspection or examination.

46. If, at any time, it appears to the Assistant Commissioner that a Village Council has made wilful and persistent default in the performance of any duty imposed on it by this Regulation, he may, by order in writing, fix a period for the performance of that duty: Default in performance of the duty by Village Council.

Provided that where the duty is not performed within the period so fixed, the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may appoint any person to perform it, and direct that the expenses for the performance of such duty shall be paid by the defaulting Village Council within such period as the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may think fit.

47. (1) If, in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner, the execution of any order or resolution of a Village Council or the doing of anything which is about to be done or is being done by or on behalf of a Village Council is causing or is likely to cause injury or annoyance to the public or to lead to a breach of the peace or is unlawful, he may, by order in writing, suspend the execution or prohibit the doing thereof. Suspension of execution of order on resolution of Village Council.

(2) When the 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 inquiry 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 wilful 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 wilful 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: