

(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.

49. (1) If in the opinion of the Administrator, a Village Council —

Dissolution of Village Council.

- (a) exceeds or abuses its powers; or
- (b) is incompetent to perform or makes willful and persistent default in performance of the duties imposed on it by or under this Regulation or any other law for the time being in force; or
- (c) fails to levy the taxes leviable under this Regulation; or
- (d) persistently disobeys the order of the Assistant Commissioner made under sub-section (2) of section 47, the Administrator may, by order published in the Official Gazette dissolve the Village Council.

(2) No order under sub-section (1) shall be passed without giving to the Village Council a reasonable opportunity to render an explanation.

(3) If a Village Council is dissolved under sub-section (1) the following consequences shall ensue, namely :—

- (a) all the members of the Village Council shall from the date specified in the order, cease to be members;
- (b) all powers and duties of the Village Council shall during the period of dissolution of the Village Council, be exercised and performed by such person or persons as may be appointed by the Administrator in this behalf.

50. If any dispute arises between two or more Village Councils, it shall be referred to the Deputy Commissioner whose decision in the matter shall be final.

Disputes between Village Council.

51. The Administrator may call for and examine the record of the proceedings of any officer or Village Council for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of any order passed and may revise or modify the order as he may deem fit.

Administrator may call for proceedings.

CHAPTER-VII **ISLAND COUNCIL**

52. The Administrator shall by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute for each Island, a Council to be known by such name as may be specified in the said notification.

Constitution of Island Council.

53. (1) Every Island Council shall consist of such number of seats as the Administrator may, by notification, determine.

Composition of Island Council.

(2) The Chief Captain of each Island Council shall be elected through direct election by the registered voters of all Village General Bodies of the concerned Island Council.

(3) All the First Captains of village council in an Island shall elect from amongst themselves the Vice Chief Captain of the Island Council.

(4) The Island Council shall consist of the Chief Captain, Vice-Chief Captain and the First Captains of the village of the concerned Island.

(5) The provisions of sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 11 shall, as far as may be, apply to the Island Council as they apply to a Village Council subject to the modification that for the "First Captain", the term "Chief Captain" shall be substituted.