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15. (1) On the constitution of a Village Council for the first time under this Regulation or on the expiry of the term of a Village Council or on its reconstitution, the Assistant Commissioner shall call a meeting for the election of the Second Captain who shall be elected from amongst the Elected Members of the Village Council.

Election of
Second Captain.

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

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

(4) No business other than the election of the Second 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.

16. The executive powers of the Village Council, the responsibility for the fulfillment of the duties imposed on the Village Council under this Regulation and the responsibility for carrying out the resolutions of the Village Council shall vest in the First Captain.

First Captain to
exercise
executive powers.

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

Duration of Village
Councils.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the members of any Council or body functioning under village tribal traditions immediately before the coming into force of this Regulation shall cease to exist from the date of election to the Village Council under section 11.

(3) An election to constitute a Village Council shall be completed, —

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

(b) before the expiry of a period of six months from the date of its dissolution.

Provided that where the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Village 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 Village Council for such remaining period.

(4) A Village Council constituted upon the dissolution of a Village Council before the expiry of its duration shall continue only for the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Village Council would have continued under sub-section (1), had it not been so dissolved.

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

Oath of office.

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

19. (1) Any member of a Village Council may resign his office by giving notice in writing to that effect to the First Captain and such resignation shall take effect from the date of its receipt by the First Captain.

Resignation from
office.

(2) The Second Captain may resign his office by giving notice in writing to the First Captain, but the resignation shall not take effect unless it is accepted by the Village Council.