

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1), the Village Council may also make provision for carrying out, within the area of the village, any other work or measure which is likely to promote the health, safety, education, comfort, convenience or social and economic well being of the residents of the village.

Control of Village Council on certain properties.

28. (1) The Village Council may, in respect of all roads, streets, bridges, culverts and other properties placed under its direction, management and control by the Administrator under sub-section (1) of section 35, do all things necessary for the maintenance and repair thereof, and in particular, may —

(a) widen, open, enlarge or otherwise improve any such road, bridge or culvert and plant and preserve trees on the sides of such roads;

(b) deepen or otherwise improve any water course and other property mentioned in clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 35; and

(c) cut any hedge or branch of any tree projecting on any such public road or street.

(2) The Village Council shall also have control of all roads, streets, waterways, bridges and culverts which are situated within its jurisdiction, not being a private property or the property, for the time being, under the control of the Government and may do all things necessary for the improvement, maintenance and repair thereof and in particular, may —

(a) lay out and make new roads; and

(b) construct new bridges and culverts.

Transfer of work or institution to Village Council.

29. The Administrator may entrust to the Village Council the execution, maintenance or repair of any work or the management of any institution on behalf of the Government or any local authority :

Provided that the necessary funds for such purpose shall be placed at the disposal of the Village Council by the Government or such local authority.

Collection of land revenue.

30. (1) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the Administrator may, with the consent of a Village Council, the functions and duties of collecting the land revenue and other dues recoverable as arrears of land revenue.

(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 organize a Village Volunteer Force consisting of able bodied males residing in the village who are between the ages of 21 and 40 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 bonafide 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.