

72. A Village Judicial Council may, if it is satisfied after enquiry that a case brought before it, is false, frivolous or vexatious, order the complainant to pay the accused such compensation not exceeding rupees fifty as it thinks fit.

73.(i) Whenever the Village Judicial Councillor has reason to apprehend that any person within the jurisdiction of a village judicial council is likely to commit a breach of the peace or disturb public tranquility; he may, by order in writing, require such person to show cause why he should not be ordered to execute a bond with or without sureties for an amount not exceeding rupees one hundred for keeping the peace for a period not exceeding fifteen days. The Village Judicial Councillor shall, after issue of such notice, refer the matter to the Village Judicial Council.

(ii) If the Village Judicial Council is satisfied that it is necessary for keeping the peace that the person in respect of whom the notice has been issued should execute a bond with or without sureties, the Village Judicial Council shall make an order accordingly:

Provided that when the person in respect of whom the enquiry is made, is a minor, the bond shall be executed by his sureties.

(iii) If the Village Judicial Council is satisfied that it is not necessary for keeping the peace that such person should execute a bond the Village Judicial Council shall make an order accordingly and shall discharge him.

(iv) Nothing contained in this section shall affect the powers of a Magistrate to take security for keeping the peace under section 107 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

74.(i) If any person intentionally offers any insult to a Village Judicial Councillor any member thereof, while it is sitting in any stage of a judicial proceeding in its or his view or presence or refuses to take oath duly administered or sign a statement made by the said person when legally required to do so, the Village Judicial Council may at any time before rising on the same take cognizance of the offence and sentence the offender to a fine not exceeding ten rupees.

(ii) The fine imposed shall be deemed to be a fine imposed in a case.

75.(i) No member of a Village Judicial Council who is a party to or has any interest in, any suit or case shall sit on the Village Judicial Council while it is trying such suit or case.

(ii) Any dispute as to whether a member is party to, or interested in, a suit or case shall, on a written application by a party to such suit or case, be referred to the Assistant Commissioner for decision, the decision of the Assistant Commissioner thereon shall be final.

76.(i) If any member of Village Judicial Council is absent from any hearing, the remaining members may, notwithstanding, anything contained in this Regulation, try the suit or case, provided that at least three members are present