

- (ii) No trial so aforesaid shall be invalid by reason merely that all the members were not present at any hearing or that some of the members were not present at all the hearing of such trial.

77 (i) Save, as otherwise provided in this Regulation, the Administrator may make rules to regulate -

(a) the conduct and distribution of business in and proceedings before a Village Judicial Council;

(b) the times and places of sittings of a village judicial council; and

(c) any other matter which in the opinion of the Administration is necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of proceedings before a village judicial councils

CHAPTER - IX

PROCEDURE IN CASES AND SUITS

- 78 (i) Any person who wishes to institute a suit or a case before a Village Judicial Council shall make an application orally or in writing to the Village Judicial Councillor or, in his absence to such other member of the village judicial council as the Village Judicial Councillor may have appointed for the purpose and shall at the same time pay the prescribed fees
- (ii) Where the suit or case is instituted orally, the Village Judicial Councillor or other members shall without delay record the substance of the application in the prescribed register and obtain signature or thumb impression of the applicant thereon.
- 79.(i) Every suit instituted before a Village Judicial council shall include the whole of the claim which the plain tiff if entitled to make in respect of the matter in dispute, but he may relinquish any portion of his claim in order to bring any suit within the jurisdiction of the Village Judicial Council.
- (ii) If a plaintiff omits to sue in respect of or relinquishes of any portion of his claim he shall not afterwards sue in respect of the portion so omitted or relinquished.
80. No suit shall be entertained by a Village Judicial Council after the expiry of one year from the time when the right to sue first accrued.
81. Every case or suit instituted shall be brought before the Village Judicial Council at its next sitting and the complainant or the plaintiff as the case may be shall, at the time of making the application, be informed of the time and place fixed for such sitting and directed to attend at that time and place.
82. The Village Judicial Council after hearing the application- shall cause a written summons in the prescribed form to be served on the accused or defendant as the case may be requiring him to attend and produce his