

- (d) the District Judge for the purpose of deciding any issue shall only be bound to require the production of or to receive so much evidence, or oral or documentary, as he may consider necessary.
- (ii) An order for the payment of costs, or an order for the realization of a security bond for costs passed by the District Judge shall be executed in the same manner as if the amount to be recovered was arrears of land revenue.
- 135 189 (i) If the District Judge, after making such inquiry as he thinks necessary, finds in respect of any person whose election is called in question by a petition that his election was valid, the petition shall be dismissed against such person with cost.
- (ii) If the District Judge finds that the election of any person was invalid, he shall either
- (a) declare a casual vacancy to have arisen, or
- (b) declare another candidate to have been duly elected, whichever course appears in the particular circumstances of the case, to be more appropriate, and in either case the District Judge may award costs at his discretion.
- (iii) In the event of District Judge declaring a casual vacancy to have arisen, he shall direct the Election Commission to take proceedings for filling the vacancy.
- 136 190. (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 189¹³⁴ if the District Judge, in the course of hearing an election petition, is of the opinion that the evidence discloses that corrupt practices at the election proceedings in question, have prevailed to such an extent as to render it advisable to set aside the whole of the election proceedings, he shall pass a conditional order to this effect and give notice thereof to every candidate declared elected who has not already been made a party to the case, calling upon such candidate to show cause why such conditional order should not be made final.
- (ii) Thereupon every such candidate may appear and show cause, and may recall for the purpose of putting question to him, any witness who had appeared in the case.
- 137 191. The District Judge may declare any candidate found to have committed any corrupt practice to be ineligible for being a member of Village General Body or for contesting an election under this Regulation or for being appointed or retained in any office or place in the Government or any local authority or for being registered as a member of any Village General Body for such period not exceeding five years as the District Judge may determine.
- 138 192. (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulation, the validity of any law relating to delimitation of constituencies or allotment of seats to such constituencies made or purporting to be made under this Regulation shall not be called in question in any court.