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CHAPTER II CONSTITUTION OF VILLAGE COUNCILS

- There shall be a Village Council for each village within the jurisdiction of the District Council to be composed in the manner hereinafter provided in sub-rule (2) of this rule.
 - (2) Each Village Council shall be composed of 2 to 5 members of whom one third shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and the rest elected by the adult members of the Village; provided further that in case the election of members to constitute a Village Council or Councils, cannot be held due to any reason considered unavoidable by the Executive Committee but the circumstances demand the immediate constitution of such Village Council or Councils, the Executive Committee may nominate the members of such Council or Councils, and the members so nominated shall hold office for a period not exceeding one year from the date of the first meeting of the Council or Councils.
 - (3) There shall be a President in each Village Council. The President shall be elected by the members of the Village Council from amongst themselves by a majority of votes.
 - (4) If the office of the President of a Village Council has fallen vacant owing to death or resignation or otherwise, the Executive Committee of the District Council shall take steps to fill up the said vacancy as soon as possible.
 - (5) Every Village Council shall have a life of three years from the date of its first meeting unless sooner dissolved by the Executive Committee.
 - (6) For the purpose of this rule, the District Council shall publish in the Gazette a list of Villages within its jurisdiction.