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14. If any question arises as to whether a person has become subject to any disqualification referred to in section 4, section 7 or section 13, it shall be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for decision and his decision thereon shall be final:

Provided that before giving any decision on any such question, the Deputy Commissioner shall obtain the opinion of the Election Commission and shall act according to such opinion.

- 15.(i) On the constitution of a Village Council for the first time under this Regulation or on the expiry of the term of a Village Councillor on its reconstitution, a meeting shall be called on a date fixed by the Assistant Commissioner for the election of the 2nd Captain.

(ii) The Assistant Commissioner shall preside at such meeting but shall not have the right to vote,

(iii) No business other than the election of the 2nd Captain shall be transacted at such meeting.

(iv) In case of equality of votes, the result of the election shall be decided by lots drawn in the presence of the Assistant Commissioner in such manner as he may determine.

16. The executive powers of the Village Council under this Regulation and the responsibility for the due fulfillment of the duties imposed on the Village Council under this Regulation and for carrying out the resolution of the Village Council shall vest in the 1st Captain,

17. (i) The Village Council, unless sooner dissolved under any law for the time being in force, shall continue for five years from the date appointed for its first meeting and no longer.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (i) the members of any Councillor body functioning under village tribal traditions immediately before coming into force of this Regulation shall cease to exist, from the date of election to tribal councils constituted under this regulation.

(iii) An election to constitute a Village Council shall be completed,

- (a) before the expiry of its duration specified in sub-section(i)  
(b) before the expiry of a period of six months from the date of its dissolution:

Provided that where the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Village Council would have continued is less than six months, it shall not be necessary to hold any election under this sub-section for constituting the Village Council for such period,

(iv) A Village Council constituted upon the dissolution of a Village Council before the expiry of its duration shall continue only for the remainder of the period for which the dissolved Village Council would have continued under sub-section(i), had it not been so dissolved,

18. (i) As soon as may be, after the first meeting of the Village Council, every member thereof and the Captain shall take the oath of office before the Assistant Commissioner in the form set out in the First Schedule,