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- (a) layout and make new roads; and
 - (b) construct new bridges and culverts
29. The Administrator may entrust to the Village Council, the execution, maintenance or repair of any work or the management of any institution on behalf of the Government or any local authority;

Provided that the funds necessary for the execution, maintenance or repair of the work or the management of the Institution shall be placed at the disposal of the Village Council by the Government or such local authority.

- 30.(i) Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, the Administrator may, with the consent of a Village Council, by notification in the Official Gazette entrust to the Village Council the functions and duties of collecting the land revenue and other dues recoverable as arrears of land revenue.

(ii) Where any functions or duties are entrusted to a Village Council under subsection (i), the Administrator shall pay to such Village Council collection charges at such rates as he may determine.

- 31.(i) Subject to the rules made under this Regulation, a Village Council may organize a Village volunteer force consisting of able bodied males residing in the village who are between the ages of 21 and 40 and who are willing to join the force and place such force under the command of a suitable person.

(ii) The services of the village volunteer force may be utilised for general watch and ward purpose and in cases of emergency like fire, floods, out-break of epidemic or any other natural calamity.

(iii) No member of the force shall be held liable for damages on account of any act done by him in the bonafide discharge of his duties as a member of such force.

32. (a) Every contract or agreement entered into by a Village Council shall be in writing and shall be signed by the Ist Captain and, by two other members of the Village Council and sealed with the common seal of the Village General Body.

(b) The village councils shall be consulted before making the acquisition of land in the villages for development projects and before re-settling or re-habilitating persons affected by such projects in the Villages: the actual planning and implementation of the projects in such areas shall be considered at the State level.

(c) The Planning and management of minor water bodies in villages shall be entrusted to Village Councils and so also their recommendations shall be mandatory prior to grant of prospecting license or mining lease for minor minerals in those areas including grant of concessions for their exploitation by auction.