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(d) While endowing Village Councils with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government, a State Legislature shall ensure that the Village Councils are endowed specifically with: -

- (i) The power to enforce prohibition or to regulate or restrict the sale and consumption of any intoxicant;
- (ii) The ownership of minor forest produce;
- (iii) The power to prevent alienation of land in the villages and to take appropriate action to restore any unlawfully alienated land of Scheduled Tribes;
- (iv) The power to manage village markets by whatever name called;
- (v) The power to exercise control over money lending to the Scheduled Tribes;
- (vi) The power to exercise control over institutions and functionaries in all social sectors;
- (vii) The power to control over local plans and resources for such plans.