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A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE
AND CONTROL OF WATER SUPPLIES IN VILLAGES FOR
DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Water (Domestic Purposes) Village Supplies Law. Short title.

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

2. In this Law—

Interpreta-
tion.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the district in which the village is situated and includes an Assistant Commissioner;

“the Court” means the District Court of the district in which the village is situated;

“domestic purposes” means any purposes which, according to the ordinary habits of life, are commonly satisfied in a village home but shall not include the use of water for irrigation or for any trade, manufacture or business;

“group of villages” means two or more villages grouped together for the purposes of this Law, by a notice of the Commissioner;

“householder” includes every male inhabitant of the village of not less than eighteen years of age whether assessed for taxation or not and every female inhabitant of a like age who is assessed for any form of taxation;

“immovable property” includes—

- (a) land;
- (b) buildings and other erections, structures or fixtures affixed to any land or to any building or other erection or structure;
- (c) trees, vines, and any other thing whatsoever planted or growing upon any land and any produce thereof before severance;
- (d) springs, wells, bores, water and water rights whether held together with, or independently of, any land;
- (e) privileges, liberties, easements and any other rights and advantages whatsoever appertaining or reputed to appertain to any land or to

(2) The Commissioner shall cause a copy of such list to be posted in a conspicuous place in the village and any person desiring to make any objection to the list shall apply within ten days of its posting to the Commissioner, stating the grounds of his objection.

(3) The Commissioner, after considering the objections, if any, may cause such alterations or additions to be made to the list as he shall deem necessary and thereupon such list shall be considered as a final list of the householders of the village for the purposes of the proposed public meeting; and the Commissioner shall give written notice to every person whose name has been either added or deleted from the list.

Public
meeting of
house-
holders.

9. (1) Upon the completion of the final list of householders as in section 8 provided, the Commissioner shall call a public meeting of such householders by causing a written notice to be posted in a conspicuous place in the village not less than fifteen days before the meeting, stating the day, time, place and object of the meeting and calling upon such householders to attend thereat either in person or by proxy appointed by an instrument certified by the mukhtar.

(2) Subject to subsection (7) of this section, no business shall be transacted at such meeting and no decision shall be taken thereat, unless more than one half of the aggregate number of the householders of the village are present in person or are represented by proxy as hereinbefore provided.

(3) The Commissioner shall preside at such public meeting and, if any question is raised as to the right of a person to attend thereat or to vote, the Commissioner may, there and then, make such inquiry as he may deem requisite and declare whether such person has a right to attend or vote or not and the decision so made shall be final; and an entry shall be made in the minutes of the meeting of any such question and of the decision thereon.

(4) The Commissioner shall lay before the householders the plans, specifications, estimates, report and proposals relating to the intended work.

(5) All questions or resolutions proposed at any public meeting shall be determined by the majority of the persons present and entitled to vote.

(6) The Commissioner shall keep or cause to be kept minutes of the proceedings of any public meeting and shall enter or cause to be entered therein the questions or resolutions proposed thereat and the number of votes given for or against them and shall, at the close of the meeting, sign the minutes and publicly declare the result of votes given.

(7) If, at any public meeting, a quorum is not present, the Commissioner may ascertain the views of the householders by calling on each one of them to state in writing whether he is in favour of the intended work or not and, if as a result of such an inquiry, more than one half of the aggregate number of the householders express themselves in favour of such work the same shall be carried out as if decided upon at a public meeting.

(8) The Commissioner may, at his discretion, adjourn any public meeting to a day and place to be publicly declared by him at the meeting and no further notice thereof shall be necessary:

Provided that no subject which was not contained in the notice convening the public meeting shall be discussed or considered at any adjourned meeting unless due notice of the subject is given as provided in sub-section (1) of this section.

10. (1) The intended work as approved at the public meeting shall constitute a scheme (in this Law referred to as "the scheme") to be carried out under the provisions of this Law.

Scheme to be carried out.

(2) The scheme shall be carried out by the Village Water Commission under the supervision of the Director of Water Development.

PART III.

ACQUISITION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

11. Whenever, in carrying out a scheme under this Law, any immovable property is required in connection therewith, the Village Water Commission may acquire such immovable property by agreement on such terms and conditions as the Commissioner may approve.

Acquisition of immovable property by agreement.

12. (1) If any immovable property required in connection with any scheme cannot be acquired by agreement, the

Compulsory acquisition of land.