

No. 12 OF 1931.

*Repealed by Law 14/1934.*

A LAW TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO VILLAGE ROADS. A.D. 1931.

RONALD STORRS.]

[May 16, 1931.]

12 of 1931.

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Village Roads (Amendment) Law, 1931, and shall be read as one with the Village Roads Law, 1900, (hereinafter referred to as the principal Law), and the Village Roads (Amendment) Law, 1928, and the principal Law and the said Law and this Law may together be cited as the Village Roads Laws, 1900 to 1931. Short title.

2. The principal Law is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment of the principal Law.

(a) Section 2, the following definition shall be substituted for the definition of “Able-bodied Inhabitant” :—

“‘Inhabitant’ means every male inhabitant between the ages of eighteen and sixty who :—

(a) is assessed for the payment of verghi kimat tax ;

(b) is not disabled by any mental or bodily infirmity from manual labour, whether he is assessed for the payment of verghi kimat tax or not,

but shall not include the Mayor or the Mukhtar of a village or a minister of religion of any denomination or any schoolmaster or any Government official who is liable to transfer.”

(b) The following words, marginal notes and sections shall be substituted for the words “Requisition of labour for works” and for sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the marginal notes thereto respectively :—

“CONTRIBUTION FOR VILLAGE ROADS.

Annual contribution by inhabitants.

3. There shall be paid annually by every inhabitant whose name is in the list, on such date as the Commissioner may from time to time appoint, a contribution not exceeding six shillings as the Commissioner may from time to time direct (hereinafter referred to as the contribution) for the performance of works authorized to be undertaken under the provisions of this Law :

Provided that any person liable to pay the contribution may, at his option, commute the payment of the whole or any part thereof by working in any one year at such time as the Commissioner may appoint upon any work authorized to be undertaken under the provisions of this Law within a distance of not more than four miles from the village to which the list refers, at a rate for every day during which he performs such work of not less than one shilling nor more than two shillings as the Commissioner having regard to the current rate of wages shall fix.

Payment of contribution.

4. The contribution shall, in the case of a non-municipal village, be paid to the Mukhtar thereof and in the case of a municipal village to the Municipal Corporation thereof.

Power to Governor to group villages.

5. The Governor may by Order prescribe that two or more adjacent villages shall be united into a group for the purposes of this Law.

Allowances for carts and animals supplied.

6. Where an inhabitant of the village at the request of the Village Authority, is willing to provide and provides any cart or beast of burden for the purposes of this Law, he shall be credited with respect to the contribution payable by him with a corresponding amount according to the following scale:—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>cp.</i>
One cart (without animal)	-	4½ per day
One cart with one animal	2	0 „
One cart with two animals	3	0 „
One ox, or one mule or one horse or one donkey	..	1 0 „

The Village Authority may, at its option, in the like manner give credit for an amount not exceeding the daily rate fixed by the Commissioner under the provisions of section 3 of this Law in respect of the driver of a cart or beast of burden.”

(c) Section 8, the following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (d):—

“(d) The names of all inhabitants of the village (in this Law referred to as the list).”