

any deficiency between the balance of the Fund at the date of revaluation and the balance at the date of the first payment from the Fund."

3. Bye-law 196 of the principal Bye-laws is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following paragraph and by re-numbering bye-law 196 as 196 (1) :—

"(2) All contributions made by the officers of the Board to the Fund shall be repayable—

- (a) with interest at the same rate as the Fund obtains from investment, if an officer is dismissed unless such dismissal results from inefficiency, misconduct or fraud and the Board has not treated such dismissal as a 'removal from service' under paragraph (1) and has given pension or gratuity as therein provided;
- (b) without interest on voluntary resignation, or dismissal or resignation as a result of inefficiency or misconduct, or dismissal or resignation as a result of a fraudulent offence or grave misconduct not related to the officer's duties :

Provided that no repayment shall be made where the officer has been dismissed or resigns or ceases to be employed in consequence of a fraudulent offence or grave misconduct related to his duties ; the Board, may, however, at their absolute discretion, authorize repayment of the whole or any part of the contributions, without any interest, even in such cases "

4. Bye-laws 212, 213, and 214 of the principal Bye-laws are hereby repealed.

5. Bye-law 215 of the principal Bye-laws is hereby amended by the deletion therefrom of the definitions of the terms "pensionable office" and "Gratuities and Pensions Fund".

The above bye-laws have been approved by the Acting Administrative Secretary.

(M.P. 1111/51.)

No. 761.

THE IRRIGATION (PRIVATE WATER) ASSOCIATION LAWS, 1949 AND 1954.

In pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Irrigation (Private Water) Association Laws, 1949 and 1954, the following Rules made by the Committee of the Irrigation Association of Meladhia (Surplus water of the village spring) in the District of Paphos, are published in the *Gazette*.

IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION OF MELADHIA (SURPLUS WATER OF THE VILLAGE SPRING). *Rules.*

1. These Rules may be cited as the Irrigation Association of Meladhia (Surplus water of the village spring) Rules, 1957.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the District of Paphos;

"Committee" means the Committee of the Irrigation Association;

"Irrigation Association" means the Irrigation Association of Meladhia (Surplus water of the village spring);

"Law" means the Irrigation (Private Water) Association Laws, 1949 and 1954;

"List" means the list of the names and residences of the proprietors and of the extent of the interest of each proprietor in the water, as finally settled in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Law;

"Works" means the irrigation works of the Irrigation Association.

"Water" means the water commonly known as "the Surplus water of the village Spring".

3. The present Committee shall hold office for a period of three years beginning on the 7th April, 1957. The election of each subsequent Committee shall take place in the manner hereinafter provided every third year in the first week of the month of April, and it shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the expiration of the period of office of the previous Committee.

4.—(1) The Commissioner shall, not less than one month before the holding of the meeting as in rule 3 provided, cause a written notice thereof to be—

(a) published in a newspaper or newspapers ; and

(b) posted in a conspicuous place in the town, village or quarter in which the water is situate.

(2) All expenses connected with the notices shall be paid for from the funds of the Irrigation Association.

5.—(1) The Commissioner shall preside at every meeting so convened 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 enquiry as he may deem requisite and declare whether such person has a right to attend or to 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.

(2) No business shall be transacted at any such meeting and no decision shall be taken thereat, unless more than one-half of the aggregate number of the proprietors are present in person or are represented by a proxy properly appointed by an instrument signed in the presence of and certified by a mukhtar : provided that business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting and decision may be taken thereat irrespective of the number of proprietors who are present in person or are represented by a proxy.

(3) The Commissioner shall call the persons who are present at the meeting and entitled to vote to elect, by an open vote, to be taken as to him may appear convenient, a Committee of not less than three and not more than five persons from among the proprietors. Every candidate for such election shall be properly proposed and seconded at the meeting.

(4) Every proprietor present shall be entitled to give one vote for each candidate and every authorized proxy shall be similarly entitled to give one vote in respect of every proprietor from whom he holds authority.

(5) At the conclusion of the voting the Commissioner shall count the votes and the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes shall be declared to be elected as the Committee and shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of the expiration of the period of office of the previous Committee.

(6) In case a person elected as a member of the Committee declines to act, the person who received the greatest number of votes next to such candidate shall be appointed by the Commissioner to be a member of the Committee in the place of the candidate so declining to act.

(7) In case the number of candidates proposed and elected as members of the Committee is not greater than the number of persons required as members of the Committee and one or more of them declines to act, the Commissioner shall nominate another proprietor or proprietors to be a member or members of the Committee in his or their place.

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

(9) The Commissioner may at his discretion adjourn any such meeting from time to time to a date and place to be declared by him at the meeting or the adjourned meeting and no further notice thereof shall be necessary :

Provided that, unless special notice is given therefor, no subject which was not contained in the notice convening the public meeting shall be discussed or considered at any adjourned meeting.

6.—(1) The Committee shall appoint a treasurer who shall collect the charges assessed upon the proprietors mentioned in the list.

(2) The treasurer shall, on the 30th September, in every year, prepare a statement of all charges still due and unpaid on that date and shall forward such statement to the Commissioner.

(3) The treasurer shall receive a remuneration of 4 per centum of all rates and charges collected by him as in paragraph (1) hereof, and, in addition, he shall be paid such of his out of pocket expenses as may be sanctioned by the Committee.

(4) The treasurer shall be appointed for such period as the Committee may fix but in no case extending over the term of office of the Committee appointing such treasurer.