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## THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE

*(Section 11)*

### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (POWERS AND DUTIES) REGULATIONS

#### **Short title.**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Authorities (Powers and Duties) Regulations.

#### **Interpretation.**

2. In these Regulations “Act” means the Public Health Act.

#### *Administration*

#### **General.**

3. It shall be the duty of every Local Authority within their respective district or districts, to observe and enforce all the provisions of the Act and of any regulations made under the Act.

#### **Powers of Local Authorities.**

4. (1) Every Local Authority may and, if directed by the Board, shall from time to time issue Orders in respect of any matter mentioned in the Act or any regulations made under the Act.

(2) All such Orders shall be submitted for the approval of the Board, who may alter the same or delete any of the provisions thereof.

(3) The Board may place at the disposal of a Local Authority such funds as may be required for carrying out their duties under the Act and any regulation made thereunder.

#### **Term of Office.**

5. The members of a Local Authority shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister for a period not exceeding three years and shall forfeit their seats upon failure to attend meetings of the Local Authority for three consecutive months.

*Procedure***Meetings.**

6. A Local Authority shall hold meetings not less than once in every month.

**Place of Meeting.**

7. The place of meeting of a Local Authority shall be a Health Centre in the district or districts for the supervision of which they are responsible or such other place as they may determine from time to time.

**Quorum.**

8. At any meeting of a Local Authority three members shall form a quorum.

**Voting.**

9. All decisions at meetings of a Local Authority shall be by the majority of members present and voting, and the Chairperson shall have an original and a casting vote.

**Chairperson.**

10. In the absence of the Chairperson of a Local Authority such member as may be elected by the members present shall act as chairperson of the meeting.

*Duties***Cleansing of Towns and Villages.**

11. Every Local Authority, within the towns and villages in the sanitary district or districts under their supervision—

(a) shall—

- (i) keep the public streets including side paths, gutters, and surface drains, and all places under the immediate control clean and in a satisfactory sanitary condition and free from bush and dense vegetation and collections of water;
- (ii) keep all sewers, drains, privies, urinals, sinks, siphons, fittings and other sanitary conveniences and their appurtenances and accessories under their immediate charge in a sanitary condition so as not to be a nuisance or injurious or dangerous to health;
- (iii) cause all collections of water and water containers to be kept in accordance with law and regulations;

(b) shall provide and maintain—

- (i) an efficient service of vehicles and scavengers with all necessary supervision and appliances for the collection and removal of refuse, night soil and other waste matter from private premises and public places; or
- (ii) such numbers of properly constructed vehicles or conveniences of such description as is approved by the Board for the collection and carriage of waste and refuse matter; or

- (iii) with the approval of the Board, contract for the removal of the above matter under the same conditions and under such supervision as the Board may deem necessary;
- (c) shall—
  - (i) provide in convenient situations receptacles and places where sweepings and other waste matter may be deposited temporarily or permanently or be buried or burnt;
  - (ii) take such measures as may be prescribed by the Board or by regulation for preventing such matter if not deeply buried or burnt from being a nuisance or insanitary or injurious to life and health;
  - (iii) fix times for emptying of sanitary receptacles and for collection and conveying all such matters as are mentioned in this section so as not to cause a nuisance;
- (d) shall maintain all public latrines, bathrooms, washrooms, and bathing places within their district or districts;
- (e) shall in every case provide efficient supervision so that a nuisance or insanitary condition may not be caused.

**Reports.**

**12.** (1) A Local Authority shall make quarterly reports to the Board on the administration of the Act within their respective district or districts and on any other matter relating to the public health and may make recommendations to the Board when they deem it necessary.

(2) In addition, a Local Authority shall inform the Board by special report of any matter arising in their district or districts relating to the public health.

**Records.**

**13.** Every Local Authority shall keep satisfactory record books of all action taken under the Act and any regulation made thereunder, and these records shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any member or officer of the Board.

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