

182. Save as otherwise provided in any other enactment for the time being in force, all appearances before, applications to, and acts to be done before any revenue officer under this law may be made or done by the parties themselves or by their recognised agents or by legal practitioners.

183. Every order passed under this Law shall be communicated to the parties concerned in open court or in such other manner as may be prescribed.

#### CHAPTER XIV.—APPEAL, REVISION AND REVIEW.

184. (1) Save where otherwise provided in this Law an appeal shall lie from every original order under this Law or the rules made thereunder to such authority as may be appointed in this behalf : provided that if the order has been passed by a revenue officer subordinate to the Dewan the appeal shall lie to the Dewan.

(2) No appeal shall lie after the expiration of 45 days from the date of communication of the order to which objection is made.

185. Every petition for appeal, review or revision shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the order to which objection is made unless the production of such copy is dispensed with.

186 (1) The appellate authority may either admit the appeal, or, after calling for the record and giving the appellant an opportunity to be heard, may summarily dismiss it ; provided that the appellate authority shall not be bound to call for the record where the appeal is timebarred or does not lie.

(2) If the appeal is admitted, a date shall be fixed for hearing and notice thereof shall be served on the respondent.

(3) After hearing the parties if they appear, the appellate authority may confirm, vary or reverse the order appealed against ; or may direct such further investigation to be made or such additional evidence to be taken as he may think necessary ; or might himself take such additional evidence ; or may remand the case for disposal with such directions regarding the procedure or further enquiry as he thinks fit.

187. (1) If an appeal is admitted, the appellate authority may, pending the result of the appeal, direct the execution of the order appealed from to be stayed.

(2) A revenue officer who has passed any order or his successor in office may direct the execution of such order to be stayed at any time before the expiry of the period prescribed for appeal if no appeal has been filed.

(3) If the execution of any order is stayed under sub-section (1) or (2), such security may be taken or conditions imposed as the appellate authority or revenue officer thinks fit.

188. The Durbar, or the Dewan, may, at any time, for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the legality or propriety of any order passed by, or as to the regularity of the proceedings of, any revenue officer subordinate to him, call for and examine the record of any case pending before or disposed of by such officer and may pass such order in reference thereto as he thinks fit ; provided that he shall not vary or reverse any order affecting any question of right between private persons without having given to the parties interested notice to appear and be heard in support of such order.

189. (1) The Durbar, or any revenue officer, may, either on his own motion or on the application of any party interested, review any order passed by himself or by any of his predecessors in office and pass such order in reference thereto as he thinks fit : provided that if the Dewan thinks it necessary to review any order which he has not himself passed, or if an officer subordinate to the Dewan proposes to review any order whether passed by himself or by any predecessor he shall first obtain the sanction of the Durbar or the Dewan as the case may be.

(2) No order shall be varied or reversed unless notice has been given to the parties interested to appear and be heard in support of such order.

(3) No order from which appeal has been made or which is the subject of any revision proceedings shall, so long as such appeal or proceedings are pending, be reviewed.

(4) No order affecting any question of right between private persons shall be reviewed except on the application of a party to the proceeding and no application for review of such order shall be entertained unless it is made within 90 days from the passing of the order.

(5) An order which has been dealt with in appeal or on revision shall not be reviewed by any revenue officer subordinate to the appellate authority or revisional authority.

#### CHAPTER XV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

190. Subject to such conditions and to the payment of such fees as may be prescribed, all revenue records, maps, and land records which have been prepared or are required to be prepared or kept under this Law or any enactment for the time being in force, shall be open to the inspection of the public at reasonable hours, and certified extracts therefrom or certified copies thereof, shall be given to all persons applying for the same.

191. All records in the custody of a tenure-holder relating to matters covered by this Law may be required to be produced or deposited at such place or in such manner as the Durbar may direct, and the tenure-holder shall have no right to the custody of the records from the commencement of this Law.

192. Notwithstanding any custom whereunder a cess or contribution or due has been levied in any village, no cess, contribution or due shall henceforth be leviable unless it is—

(a) a cess, tax, toll or fee leviable under this Law or under any rule, order or enactment not contrary to the provisions of this Law ;

(2) a payment for services or consideration received or to be received.

193. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Law, or in any other enactment for the time being in force, no civil court shall entertain any suit instituted or application made to obtain a decision or order on any matter which the Durbar or any revenue officer is, by this Law, empowered to determine, decide or dispose of ; and in particular and without prejudice to the generality of this provision, no civil court shall exercise any jurisdiction over any of the following matters :—

(a) any claim against the State to hold land free of land revenue, or at less than the fair assessment, or to be assigned in whole or in part the land revenue assessed on any land :

Provided that the jurisdiction of the civil courts shall not be held to be barred in respect of the interpretation of any sanad, grant or contract or recorded order conferring a right to hold land free of land revenue or less than the fair assessment or in respect of the establishment of any customary right not contrary to the provisions of this Law.

(b) any question as to the validity or effect of the notification of a revenue Survey or any question as to the term of a Settlement ;

(c) the amount of land revenue assessed under this law ;

(2) Where under the provisions of this Law, a suit may be instituted against the State to set aside or modify a decision made by the Dewan or a revenue or settlement officer on any matter which such officer is empowered by this Law to determine, decide or dispose of, such suit shall not be proceeded with until the plaintiff proves that prior to the institution of the suit he has presented and obtained decisions upon all appeals or revision allowed under this Law in respect of such decision :

Provided that, where the period of limitation of such suit runs from the date of the order which is sought to be set aside or modified, such date shall be deemed to be the date of the last appellate or revisional order.

194. (1) All rules for which provision is made in this Law shall be made by the Durbar and shall be consistent with this Law.

(2) A rule may be general for the whole of the State or applicable only to such local areas as the Durbar may specify.

(3) In making any rule the Durbar may direct that any breach thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees.