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#### 1. Short title.

- These rules may be called the Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956.

#### 2. Definitions.

- In these rules :-(a)"Co-operative Society" means a society formed for the purpose of co-operative farming and registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 (Central Act No. II of 1912) as in force in the State.(b)"family" means a male person and his dependents who live in one house and have a common mess;(c)"Landless family" means a family not owning any Agricultural Land other than the land used or meant to be used as a bara, compost pit or the site of a house:(d)"Nazool land" means -(i)[ The land situated beyond two miles of the Municipal Limits, which has escheated to the State Government and has not already been appropriated by the State Government for any purpose] [Substituted vide Punjab Gazette Part I dated 19-7-85,pages 1550.].(ii)such other land as the State Government may make available for being transferred under these rules;(e)"Unit of nazool land" means :-(i)where land belongs to one kind, three acres of irrigated land or six acres of unirrigated land or nine acres of banjar land;(ii)where land belongs to more than one kind, the acreage calculated in above proportion.

#### 3. Transfer of Nazool land.

(a)In a village where Nazool Land available is less than 10 acres and is being leased to members of Scheduled Castes, it may be allotted to the present lessees individually upto the limit of a unit of Nazool land provided they do not own any land of their own. Those who own some land, they may be allowed such area as would make up the unit of Nazool land as defined in the rules, when added

to their own land, and the rest may be allowed to others.(b)[ In the villages where available Nazool land is 10 acres or more and co-operative societies were formed by the heads of the Scheduled castes families prior to the 16th May, 1964, in accordance with rule 4 and these Societies still exist, the Nazool land may be allotted to the members of the Scheduled Castes individually upto the unit of Nazool land as defined in clause (e) or rule 2, provided that the land owned by an individual member and the land allotted to him under these rules shall not exceed the unit of Nazul land. For the purpose of allotment of Nazul land, to the individual members of the Scheduled Castes who already cultivating such land shall be given preference. In case, there are more than one claimants for the same piece of land, allotment shall be make by the drawing lots.] [Amended vide No. 984-R-I-76/1741, dated the 16th February, 1976.][In the matter of allotment of Nazool land under sub-rules (a) and (b) above, the ex-servicemen Harijans shall be given preference over other Harijans cultivating Nazool Land.] [Substituted by Notification No. 984-R-I-76/1741, dated the 11th February, 1976.](c)Nazool land already under self-cultivation of landless persons, of backward classes may be allotted to them, like members of Scheduled Castes in the manner prescribed at (a) and (b) above.(d)[ In the village where agricultural nazool land has not been allotted and for which no eligible persons are available for allotment under Clauses (a), (b) or (c) above should be sold in restricted auction, according to be the procedure prescribed in Annexure 'A' amongst the Scheduled Castes who are dependent on 10 acres agriculture land and do not own more than 10 acres of land. A member of the Schedule Castes who owns less than 10 acres of land will be allowed to bid only to the extent that the land for which the bid is given, together with the land owned by him does not exceed 10 acres. [Vide Notification published in Punjab Gazetted Part I dated 19.7.85 page 1550.](e)A landless person dependent on agriculture who is a member of the Scheduled Caste and resides in village in which the land offered for sale is situated shall once be permitted to participate in the auction. Provided that if after the proceedings of restricted auction sale as above more land is available for sale in village, a landless dependent on agriculture who is a member of the Scheduled Castes and resides in the other village of the same Patwar Circle shall be permitted in the auction of the land provided further, that if after the auction of the land as here-in-before laid down still more land is available for sale a landless person dependent on agriculture who is a member of the Scheduled Castes and resides in other villages of the same Kanugo Circle shall be permitted to participate in the auction].

**3A. [ Mortgaged Nazool lands. - In the case of Nazool lands mortgaged with possession the Mortgagors rights be transferred to the co-operative Society of Scheduled Castes, where the land is 10 acres or more and to the individual members of Scheduled Castes where it is less than 10 acres, in the manner prescribed in rule 3(a) and (b) and the mortgagee should pay the entire mortgage amount which would be deemed as equal to the sale prices of the land in cases where mortgage money exceeds the price to be charged by Government under rules. Where the mortgage amount is less than the price to be charged according to the rules, the difference between the two amounts should be paid to the Government and the mortgage money to the Mortgagees.] [Amended vide No. 2675-R-I-80/33937, dated 23rd September,**

**1980.]**

**3B. [ Auction of trees. - The trees standing on the Nazool lands transferred under these rules should be sold by public auction by the Tehsildar concerned in consultation with the allottees concerned and the sale proceeds should be credited to the accounts of the allottees towards the payments of price of land to the Government. The trees standing on Nazool lands not yet allotted to any one, should be sold by public auction by the Tehsildar concerned and the sale proceeds should be credited into the Government Treasury under the appropriate head of Account.] [Inserted vide Notification No. 890-R III-72/3621, dated 9.3.72 published in Government Gazetted Part I. dated 17.3.72.]**

#### **4. Heads of families to form co-operative societies.**

(1)The heads of Scheduled Caste landless families in a village may form themselves into a co-operative society:Provided that the land owning head of a Scheduled caste family may also become a member on surrendering his land to the co-operative society on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between him and the co-operative society.(2)Where any dispute arises as to who is the head of the Scheduled caste family, it shall be decided by the Collector of the District.(3)Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Collector under sub-rule (2) may, within fifteen days of the decision appeal to the Commissioner, whose decision shall be final.

#### **5. Transfer of Nazool land to Co-operative Societies**

. - (1) As soon as a Co-operative Society has been formed in a village, the Nazool land in that village shall be transferred to it:Provided that if units of Nazool land in the village exceed the number a members of the Co-operative Society only as many units of Nazool lands as there are members shall be transferred to the co-operative society:Provided further that when the excess is not more than two units of Nazool land, the entire Nazool land in the village shall be transferred to the co-operative society of the village.(2)The Nazool land which remains in excess under sub-rule (1) shall be transferred to the co-operative society or societies, of the nearest village or villages in which units of Nazool land are less than the number of members.

#### **6. Reversion in the event of dissolution.**

- If at any time, before the payment of the last instalment of price a co-operative society to which Nazool land has been transferred is dissolved, the Nazool land shall revert to the State Government on payment by the State Government of the amount already realised by it towards the price.

## **7. Bar of alienation.**

- [No Co-operative Society or the individual member of the Scheduled Castes, as the case may be, small, except with the express permission in writing of the State Government, alienate, whether permanently or temporarily, the nazool land transferred to it/ him for a period of ten years from the date they had Cooperative Society or the individual member of Scheduled Castes gets all rights title and interest in the said Nazul land. Thereafter its alienation shall be strictly restricted to the members of the Scheduled Castes only.] [Substituted vide No. 226-R-III-70/8405, dated the 28th October, 1970.][Provided that in granting permission the State Government shall have regard to the general interest of the Co-operative Society or individual member to the case may be.(1)(i)A co-operative Society or a member of Scheduled Caste to when such land has been transferred under these rules may temporarily alienate such land in favour of the Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance station and Scheduled Castes banks for securing a loan far a view to improving this land provided the extent of them so alienated shall not exceed the proportion of the land for which price has been paid to the Government.] [Amended vide No. 6223-R-III-71/8652, dated the 20th December, 1971.](2)Where the State Government permits a co-operative society to permanently alienate the nazool land transferred to the society, the provisions of rule 4 shall not apply in respect of such land.

## **8. [ Determination of Price. [[Amended 'Price. - The price to be paid by a Co-operative Society for the nazool land to be transferred to it, shall be :-**

(a)Where such land is assessed to land revenue, ninety times the land revenue (including rates and cesses) payable for such land; or(b)Where such land is not assessed to land revenue, ninety times the land revenue (including rates and cess) payable for the lowest class of land in the village; or(c)two hundred rupees per acre;whichever is less:Provided that where ninety times the land revenue of the quality of nazool land in a village exceeds two hundred rupees per acre, the price of other qualities of nazool land in that village inferior to the best quality shall be reduced in the same proportion, below two hundred rupees, as the land revenue of such inferior land bears to the land revenue assessed on the best quality.' vide No. 7409-R-II-69/14455, dated the 30th June, 1970.]]- The price to be paid by a Co-operative Society or an individual allottee for the nazool land to be transferred to to him shall be one third of the market price of the land as may be determined by the Collector of the district.]

## **9. [ Installments. [Amended vide No. 7409-R-II-69/14455, dated the 30th June, 1970.]**

- The price of the nazool land transferred under these rules shall be payable in twenty equal six monthly installments. The first installment shall be payable alongwith the land revenue falling due in respect of the nazool land next after its transfer, and thereafter each subsequent installment shall be likewise payable with the land revenue.]

**9A. [ (i) The arrears of installments due under these rules shall be recoverable as arrears of land revenue.] [Added vide Notification No. JS/57/1835 dated 8.5.57 published in Punjab Gazetted Part I pages 863 dated 24.5.1997.]**

(ii)[ In case a Cooperative Society or an individual allottees makes default in making payment of two or more installments at any stage, the Collector of the district after giving the allottees a reasonable opportunity of being heard may charge interest at the rate of 9½ percent per annum for the period of default, or cancel the allotment whereupon the land shall be reverted to the State Government.] [Amended vide Notification No. 5359-R-I-79/34286. dated the 22nd August, 1979.][Provided that the Collector may, instead of canceling the allotment, charge interest at the enhanced rate of 9½ percent per annum for the period of default.] [Amended vide No. 984-R-I-76/4741, dated the 16th February, 1976.](iii)[ The Co-operative Society/ individual member concerned may file an appeal to the Commissioner against the Collector's order within sixty days of the date of that order, and the Commissioner's order passed in appeal shall be final.] [Amended vide Punjab Govt. Notification No. JS/57/1835, dated the 8th May 1957.]

## **10. Application for transfer.**

(1)A Co-operative Society/[individual member] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part I dated 17.3.72 pages 268.] eligible under these rules for obtaining nazool land shall apply, in form 'A' appended to these rules, to the Collector of the District in which the nazool land to be transferred is situate.(2)On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the Collector may make or cause to be made such enquiries as he may deem fit for the purpose of verifying the claim of the Co-operative Society/[individual member.] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part 1 dated 17.3.72 pages 268.](3)If the Collector is satisfied as to the genuineness of the claim of the Co-operative Society/[individual member] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part 1 dated 17.3.72 pages 268.] he shall record an order to that effect and thereafter he shall take further steps for transferring the land in favour of the society in accordance with these rules.(4)An order of transfer shall be issued by the Collector in favour of the Co-operative Society/[individual member.] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part 1 dated 17.3.72 pages 268.]

## **11. Certificate of transfer.**

(1)As soon as the first instalment of price has been paid by the Co-operative Society/[individual member in whose favour the transfer has been made under these rules, the Collector shall grant to the society under his signature and seal a certificate of transfer in form 'B' appended to these rules.] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part 1 dated 17.3.72 P. 268.](1A)[ In respect of land which is sold in

restricted auction vide rule 3(d) and sale has been confirmed by the authority competent to sanction sale, the District Collector shall put the person declared to be purchaser into possession of the property sold after payment of first instalment of the bid amount. The sale certificate conferring the proprietary rights in this case shall be issued on completion of the payment of all instalments and any other dues in respect of this land by the Collector under his signatures and seal in the form 'B-1' appended to these rules.] [Punjab Gazette Part Ist dated 19.7.85 pages 1550.](2)A copy of the certificate of transfer duly signed by the Collector shall be retained on the file.

## **12. Record.**

- A duplicate record of all receipts of money and the detail of the co-operative society/[individual member] from whom price is to be recovered as also of the instalments when they fall due shall be kept both in the Tehsil concerned and the Collector's office.

## **13. Registers.**

- A register of the Co-operative society/[individual member] [The words 'individual member' added by vide Notification No. 890-R-III 72/3621 dated 9.3.72 published in Punjab Gazetted Part I dated 17.3.72 pages 268.] to which land is transferred under these rules and such other registers shall be maintained by such officers at such place or places and in such form as the Financial Commissioner may direct.

## **14. [ Appeal/ Revision. [Amended vide No. 8395-R-III-69/1371, dated 27th February, 1970.]**

- Save as otherwise provided in these Rules, an appeal shall be from an original order of Collector as follows, namely :-(a)to the Commissioner when the order is made by a Collector;(b)to the Financial Commissioner, Revenue, when the order is made by a Commissioner; provided that;(i)When an original order is confirmed on first on appeal, a further appeal shall not lie;(ii)When any such order is modified or reversed on appeal by the Commissioner, Revenue, on further appeal, if any, to him shall be final.

### **14A. Limitation for Appeal Revision.**

- Save as otherwise provided in these rules, Preferred of limitation for an appeal/ revision under the foregoing rule 14 shall be run from the date of the order appealed against Land shall be as follows that is to say :-(a)when the appeal lies to the Commissioner(b)when the appeal/ revision lies to the Finance 131 Commissioner, Revenue - Ninety days]

## **15. [ Nazul houses or house sites. - Nazul houses or sites shall be evaluated by Deputy Commissioner on the basis of average market value in the locality and proposals submitted to Government for their disposal keeping in view**

**the location of the house or the site, and the requirements of the various persons or institutions who could utilize the property.] [Added by Notification No. JS/57/1835 dated 8.5.57 published in Punjab Gazetted Part I pages 863 dated 24.5.57.]**

Form 'A' Application under rule 10 of the Nazool Lands (transfer) Rules, 1956) To, The Collector  
..... Application for transfer of Nazool land Sir, A Co-operative Society/ of the  
following notified heads of the Scheduled Castes families of village ..... Tehsil..... District..... for the  
purpose of co-operative farming, has been formed and got registered under the Co-operative  
Societies Act, 1912 :-

1. .... s/o ..... 11.....s/o .....

2. .... s/o ..... 12.....s/o .....

3. .... s/o ..... 13.....s/o .....

4. .... s/o ..... 14.....s/o .....

5. .... s/o ..... 15.....s/o .....

6. .... s/o ..... 16.....s/o .....

7. .... s/o ..... 17.....s/o .....

8. .... s/o ..... 18.....s/o .....

9. .... s/o ..... 19.....s/o .....

10. .... s/o ..... 20.....s/o .....

As Nazool Land measuring..... bighas/kanals situated in village to transferred to the society, it is  
requested that the same may be transferred to the society for co-operative farming. The society  
under takes to abide by the provisions of Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956. Your  
faithfully, (Signature of the President/Secretary for the Co-operative Society, of  
village..... Place Dated Form 'B' Certificate of transfer of Nazool Land of Co-operative  
Societies, under rule 11 of Nazool Land (Transfer) Rules, 1956. Whereas an order of transfer dated  
..... in respect of Nazool land measuring ..... bighas/acres comprising fields Nos..... situated in  
village..... Tehsil..... District ..... was made by the Collector of district..... in favour of the  
Co-operative Society of village..... in that district; And whereas the said Co-operative society  
has paid to the State Government all the instalments of price in respect of the said nazool land, that

is to say, the whole of the price amounting of Rs..... ; Now, Therefore, in pursuance of rule 11 of the Nazool Land (Transfer) Rules 1956, it is hereby certified that the State Government has transferred absolutely to the said Co-operative Society all rights, title and interest in the said Nazool Land in lieu of a payment of Rs...../ which sum has been paid by the said Co- operative Society vide Treasure Receipts No..... dated.....This certificate is given under my hand and seal this .....day of .....19.....[Form B-1] [Punjab Gazette Part I dated 19.7.85 pages 1550.]Certificate of transfer of Nazool land to the auction purchaser under Rule 11(A) of the Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956.Whereas Nazool land measuring ----- and comprising field Nos.----- situated in village ----- Tehsil ----- District ----- was agreed to be sold by the Government of Punjab in ----- favour of the auction purchaser Sh. .... on the terms and conditions contained in agreement dated----- executed between the Government and the auction purchaser.

**2. And whereas the said Sh.----- auction purchaser has paid whole amount of bid in respect of said Nazool land and other Government dues in respect of this land, that is to say the whole of the price amounting to Rs.-----**

(3)Now, therefore, in pursuance of Rule 11 of the Nazool Lands (Transfer) Rules, 1956, it is hereby certified that the Government has transferred absolutely to the bidder Sh.----- rights, title and interest in the nazool land in lieu of payment of Rs.----- which has been paid by the said bidder, - vide Treasury receipts(s) Nos.(s)----- dated-----.(4)This certificate is given under my hand and seal this .....day of ----- 19.....Collector District,for and on behalf of the Governor of Punjab,Annexure 'A'

**1. Procedure for sale of land through open auction. - When inferior evacuee land, evacuee agricultural land, nazool and Provincial Government land are to be disposed of through open auction according to the conditions laid down in policy, the approval of competent authority in each case as laid down in the Punjab Financial Rules, Vol. I, may please be obtained before the sale is confirmed.**

**2. When it is decided to sell any place of land through open auction, then the following directions should be followed:-**

Fixation Of Reserve Price(i)Every auction of the land under these instructions shall be subject to a reserve price fixed in respect of the land. In case of sale of inferior evacuee land. Nazool (escheated) land situated within the Municipal limits and upto two miles beyond these limits and evacuee agricultural land situated within 5 miles of the Indo-Pak Border, a reserve price shall be fixed at the current market price to be determined after taking into account the average price of land of similar kind in the village or locality concerned during the last one year as per registered sale deeds, the location of the land and other relevant factors. Where adequate No. of transactions of land of the



kind being sold had not taken place in the village/locality concerned during the last one year the average price of transactions may for the previous year or for the neighbouring village/locality may be taken into consideration, as may be considered to be appropriate in a particular case. When the reserve price works out to Rs. 10 lacs or below it may be approved by the District Collector; or when it exceeds Rs. 10 lacs but is upto Rs. 50 lacs by the Divisional Commissioner and when it exceeds Rs. 50 lacs the Financial Commissioner, Revenue.(ii)In case of sale of agricultural nazool (escheated) land in rural areas which cannot be allotted and for which no eligible persons are available for its allotment under the Nazul Land (Transfer) Rules 1956 and which have therefore to be sold in restricted auction as laid in paragraph 7 of the Department Memo under reference, the reserve price shall be 75 per cent of the current market price to be determining in accordance with the procedure laid down in sub-paragraph (i) above.(iii)Vide publicity shall be given to the notice of intended sale through open auction at least 15 days before the proposed sale in the area not only by proclamation through beat of drum through the local Revenue officials but also through notice in two or three leading newspapers of the area. One copy of the notice shall be fixed at a conspicuous public place near the land to be auctioned.(iv)The proclamation and notice of sale, shall be issued in all the villages comprising the Kanungo circle or the city/town in which the land is situated. Every such notice shall state the date, time and place of proposed auction, the description of land to be sold, the terms and conditions of the sale and any other particulars which the Sub-Divisional Officer considers material. The details of such lands shall be provided to the persons interested to give the bid, on demand.(v)No sale shall take place until after the expiry of a period of 15 days from the date of publication of the notice.(vi)The auction shall be supervised by an officer not lower than the rank of Addl. Deputy Commissioner or the S.D.O. (C) as may be decided by the District Controller, who before starting the auction of land, shall ensure that all the formalities of proper advertisement, fixation of reserve price of the land to be auctioned. etc., have been completed.(vii)The officer who is supervising the auction, may withhold sale of any land if he finds that the auction held is not in the best interest of Government and also in the event of any dispute arising between bidders, after recording the reasons, in writing, which may not be made public.(viii)The Additional Deputy Commissioner or Sub-Divisional Officer (C), as the case may be, if the situation so demands, for reasons to be recorded in writing may adjourn the sale to a specific date and an announcement about the next date of sale shall be made at the time of adjournment of the sale provided that where the sale is adjourned for a period exceeding 15 days, a fresh notice shall be given.(ix)The person declared to be the highest bidder shall deposit with the officer conducting the sale on the spot, at the fall of hammer 25 per cent of the total amount of the final bid, if the auction is open to all, and 5 per cent of the bid if agricultural nazool (escheated) land in rural areas is sold in restricted auction to the Scheduled Castes, or the evacuee agricultural land situated within 5 miles of the Indo-Pak Border is sold in an auction restricted to the Scheduled Castes (Castes Rai Sikhs) Ex-Servicemen, small land owners and sitting tenants. In the case of default of such deposit, the bid will be treated to have been cancelled and the land to be sold again. The bids received after the fall of hammer should not be considered.(x)The officer, supervising the auction shall record the receipt of the deposit mentioned in (ix) above, on the auction bid statement and also give a receipt to the person tendering the amount. The amount may be paid either by cash or by bank draft or partly by cash and partly by bank draft on any Scheduled bank.(xi)Where the highest bidder, whose bid is provisionally accepted, resiled from the bid before its final approval or rejection is communicated to him, the amount deposited by him under clause (ix) above shall be forfeited.(xii)No bid shall be approved

until after the expiry of 15 days of the auction.(xiii)As soon as the sale is confirmed or rejected by the competent authority mentioned in para 2 above, an intimation of the approval of the bid or its rejection shall be given to the highest bidder. The highest bidder whose bid it accepted (hereinafter referred to as the auction purchaser) shall deposit the balance amount of the bid money within 15 days from the receipt of the notice to him to this effect if the land is sold to him in an auction open to all. However, in case of agricultural nazool (escheated) land in rural area sold to the Scheduled Castes in restricted auction, the price shall be payable in 20 equal six monthly instalments in accordance with the provisions of rules 9 and 9(A) of the Nazool land Transfer Rules, 1956, including the one already paid at the fall of the hammer. Similarly in the case of evacuee agricultural land situated within 5 miles of the Indo-Pak Border, the price shall be payable in 20 equal six monthly instalments including the one already paid at the fall of the hammer. The possession of the land purchased by an auction purchaser shall be handed over to him after the whole of the bid amount has been deposited by him in the Government Treasury if the land is sold to him in an open auction. In the case of agricultural nazool (escheated) land in rural areas and evacuee agricultural land situated within 5 miles of the Indo-Pak Border, sold in restricted auction, it shall be handed over on confirmation of sale and after payment of first instalment.(xiv)If the auction purchaser in case of land, other than the agricultural nazul (escheated) land in rural areas and evacuee agricultural land situated within 5 miles of the Indo-Pak Border sold in restricted auction does not deposit the balance of the purchase money within 15 days of receipt of intimation regarding confirmation of the sale the Deputy Commissioner, shall be competent to cancel the sale and forfeit the amount already paid after giving due notice to the defaulting person.(xv)The auction purchaser in case of agricultural nazool (escheated) land in rural areas or evacuee agricultural land situated within five miles of the Indo-Pak Border sold in restricted auction shall pay normal interest at the rate of 10 per cent on the instalments due. If he does not deposit the six monthly instalment on the due date, he shall be liable to pay a further amount of penal interest at the rate of 3½ per cent for the defaulted period and upon the defaulted amount up to the date he clears the arrears of such instalments over and above ordinary rate of interest, if such auction purchaser fails to make the payment of such outstanding instalments, alongwith interest and the penal interest before the payment of seventh instalment becomes due, the Deputy Commissioner shall be competent to cancel the sale and forfeit the amount already paid after giving due notice to the defaulting person.(xvi)In case the highest bid is less than the reserve price, the property must be withdrawn from the sale and if the officer incharge of the auction considers the reserve price excessive taking into account the market price, he should refer the matter to the District Collector or through him to the authority which fixed the reserve price as the case may be, who may then fix a lower reserve price, if considered necessary.(xvii)The auction in the District should be spread over a suitable period and care should be taken that as far as possible auction in rural areas takes place when harvesting or sowing seasons are over. The agricultural land should be sold in a reasonable number of plots.(xviii)The lands and buildings given on temporary lease should be put in auction after the expiry of the current terms of the leases, if these are liable to auction under the above instructions.

### **3. Procedure for Appeal and Review. - (i) Where any person is aggrieved by an order of the District Collector, he may prefer an appeal to the Commissioner of the Division within 30 days of such orders. The orders of**

**the Commissioner shall be final and binding and subject to the order in appeal.**

(ii) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Commissioner of the Division, except an order passed on appeal against the order of the Collector, may prefer an appeal to the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) within 30 days of the date of such order whose decision thereon shall be final. (iii) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) except an order passed on appeal may prefer an appeal to the State Government within 30 days of such order whose decision thereon shall be final. (iv) The Commissioner, Financial Commissioner, Revenue or the State Government may entertain an appeal after the expiry of 30 days if he/it is satisfied that the applicant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time. (v) The provisions of section 15 of the Land Revenue Act, 1887 will apply in regard to review of orders by the Collector, Commissioner, Revenue or the State Government

**4. Power to call to examine and reserve proceedings of revenue officer. - The Financial Commissioner, Revenue, the Commissioner, or District Collector may call for the record of any case and pass such order as he may think fit. No order which adversely affects a person should however be passed whether on appeal, review or revision without giving him an opportunity of being heard.**

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