

inquiry, if any, as he thinks necessary, is satisfied that the Government road is not required for the use of the public, make a declaration which shall be published in the *Official Gazette* that all rights of the public, in or over such Government road are extinguished, and all such rights shall thereupon be extinguished, and such Government road shall, subject to any existing private rights, be at the disposal of the Government with effect from the date of such declaration. The Collector shall also determine the amount of compensation, if any, which should, in his opinion, be given in any case in respect of any substantial loss or damage likely to be caused by the proposed extinction of the rights of the public as aforesaid. The provisions of sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, shall, so far as may be, apply to the proceedings held by the Collector for the determination of the amount of compensation under this sub-section :

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Provided that, no compensation shall be awarded for the extinction or diminution of the rights of public highway over such Government road.

(5) The decision of the Collector under sub-section (4) as respects the extinguishment of the rights of the public on or over Government road and the amount of compensation and the persons to whom such compensation, if any, is payable shall, subject to the decision of the Commissioner in appeal, be final ; and payments of compensation shall be made by the Collector to such persons accordingly :

Provided that, if payment is not made within six months from the date of the final order, the Collector shall pay the amount awarded with interest thereon at the rate of six percent per annum from the date of the final order.

Lands may be assigned for special purposes, and when assigned, shall not be otherwise used without sanction of Collector.

**22.** Subject to the general orders of the State Government, it shall be lawful for a survey officer during the course of survey operations under this Code, and at any other time for the Collector, to set apart unoccupied lands (not in the lawful occupations of any person), in villages or parts thereof for forest or fuel reserve, for free pasturage of village cattle or for grass or fodder reserve, for burial or cremation ground, for *gaathan*, for camping ground, for threshing floor, for bazaar, for skinning ground, for public purposes such as roads, lanes, parks, drains or for any other public purpose ; and the lands assigned shall not be otherwise used without the sanction of the Collector and in the disposal of lands under section 20 due regard shall be had to all such special assignments.

Regulation of use of pasturage.

**23.** The right of grazing on free pasturage lands shall extend only to the cattle of the village or villages to which such lands belong or have been assigned, and shall be regulated according to rules made by the State Government in this behalf. The Collector's decision in any case of dispute as to the right of grazing aforesaid shall, subject to one appeal only according to the provisions of this Code, be conclusive.

Recovering value of natural products unauthorisedly removed from certain lands.

**24.** Any person who unauthorisedly removes from any land which is set apart for a special purpose or from any land which is the property of Government, any natural product (not being trees) shall be liable to the Government for the value thereof, and in addition, to a fine not exceeding five times the value, of the natural product so removed. Such value and fine shall be recoverable from him as an arrear of land revenue.