

CHAPTER II.

REVENUE OFFICERS : THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

Chief
controlling
authority in
revenue
matters.

5. The Chief controlling authority in all matters connected with the land revenue in his division shall vest in the Commissioner, subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the State Government.

Revenue
Officers in
division.

6. The State Government shall appoint a Commissioner of each division ; and may appoint in a division an Additional Commissioner and so many Assistant Commissioners as may be expedient, to assist the Commissioner :

Provided that, nothing in this section shall preclude the appointment of the same officer as Commissioner for two or more divisions.

Revenue
Officers in
district.

7. (1) The State Government shall appoint a Collector ¹[for each district (including the City of Bombay)] who shall be in charge of the revenue administration thereof ; and a Tahsildar for each *taluka* who shall be the chief officer entrusted with the local revenue administration of a *taluka*.

(2) The State Government may appoint one or more Additional Collectors ²[and in each district (including the City of Bombay)] and so many Assistant Collectors and Deputy Collectors (with such designations such as " First ", " Second ", " Supernumary " etc. Assistants as may be expressed in the order of their appointment), one or more Naib-Tahsildars in a *taluka*, and one or more Additional Tahsildars or Naib-Tahsildars therein and such other persons (having such designations) to assist the revenue officers as it may deem expedient.

(3) Subject to the general orders of the State Government, the Collectors may place any Assistant or Deputy Collector in charge of one or more sub-divisions of a district, or may himself retain charge thereof. Such Assistant or Deputy Collector may also be called a Sub-Divisional Officer.

(4) The Collector may appoint to each district as many persons as he thinks fit to be Circle Officers and Circle Inspectors to be in charge of a Circle, and one or more *Talathis* for a *saza*, and one or more Kotwals or other village servants for each village or group of villages, as he may be fit.

Survey
Officers.

8. For the purposes of Chapters V, VI, VIII, IX and X the State Government may appoint such officers as may from time to time appear necessary. Such officers may be designated " Settlement Commissioner ", " Director of Land Records ", " Deputy Director of Land Records ", " Superintendents of Land Records ", " Settlement Officers ", " District Inspectors of Land Records ", and " Survey Tahsildars ", or otherwise as may deem requisite.

Combination
of Offices.

9. It shall be lawful for the State Government to appoint one and the same person, being otherwise competent according to law, to any two or more of the Offices provided for in this Chapter or to confer upon an Officer of one denomination all or any of the powers or duties of any other Officer or officers within certain local limits or otherwise, as may seem expedient.

Delegation of
powers.

³9A. The State Government may, by order in the *Official Gazette*, direct that the powers of the State Government to make appointments under section 7,

¹ These words were substituted for the words " for the City of Bombay and for each district " by Mah. 47 of 1981, s. 5.

² These words were substituted for the words " for the City of Bombay and for each district " *ibid.*, s. 5(2).

³ Section 9A was inserted by Mah. 30 of 1968, s. 2.