

Provided that, a Deputy Director of Land Records shall exercise such powers and discharge such duties and functions, as are exercised or discharged by the Director of Land Records under this Code or under any law for the time being in force in such cases or classes of cases, as the State Government or Director of Land Records may direct.

(2) The Circle Officer and the Circle Inspector in charge of a circle shall exercise such powers over the Talathi in his circle and perform such duties and functions as may from time to time be prescribed.

(3) The Talathi shall be responsible for the collection of land revenue and all amounts recoverable as arrears of land revenue, and for the maintenance of the record of rights and shall perform all such duties and functions as are hereinafter provided by this Code or any law for the time being in force or by order of the State Government.

(4) Subject to the general orders of the State Government and the Commissioner, the Collector shall determine from time to time what registers, accounts and other records shall be kept by a *Talathi*.

(5) It shall also be the duty of a *Talathi* to prepare, whenever called upon by any superior revenue or police officer of the taluka or district to do so all writings connected with the concerns of a village which are required either for the use of the Central or State Government or the public, such as notices, reports of inquests, and depositions and examinations in criminal matters.

(6) All other revenue officers shall discharge such duties and functions as the State Government may direct.

**15.** The State Government may confer on any person possessing the prescribed qualifications, the powers conferred by this Code on an Assistant or Deputy Collector or Tahsildar.

Conferral by State Government of powers of revenue officers on other persons.

**16.** The State Government shall from time to time by notification in the *Official Gazette* prescribe what revenue officers shall use a seal; and what size and description of seal shall be used by each of such officers.

Seals.

*Provisions for recovery of money, papers or other Government property.*

**17.** (1) The Collector or the Superintendent of Land Records or any other officer deputed by the Collector or the Superintendent for this purpose, shall, in all cases in which he may have a claim on any revenue officer or on any person formerly employed as such in his department or district for public money or papers or other property of the State Government, by writing under signature and his official seal, if he uses one, require the money, or the particular papers or property detained to be delivered either immediately to the person bearing the said writing, or to such person on such date and at such place as the writing may specify.

Demands for money, papers, etc. to be made known in writing to person concerned. etc.

(2) If the officer or other person aforesaid does not discharge the money, or deliver up the papers or property as directed, the Collector, Superintendent or