

(f) "standard rate" means, with reference to any particular class of land, the value (not exceeding one-twenty-fifth) of the average yield of crops per acre for that class of land of sixteen annas classification.

*Explanation.*—In areas mentioned in clause (a) in which the factor scale prevails, 'land of sixteen annas classification' means land possessing the number of soil units in the factor scale corresponding to the sixteen annas classification as prescribed by the State Government ;

(g) "term of a settlement" means the period for which the State Government has declared that a settlement shall remain in force ;

(h) "zone" means a local area comprising a taluka or a group of talukas or portions thereof, of one or more districts, which in the opinion of the State Government or an officer authorised by it, in this behalf, is contiguous and homeogeneous in respect of—

- (i) physical configuration,
- (ii) climate and rainfall,
- (iii) principal crops grown in the local area, and
- (iv) soil characteristics.

**91.** (1) Before directing a settlement or fresh settlement of any land under section 92, the State Government shall cause a forecast of the probable results of the settlement to be prepared in accordance with such instructions as may be issued for the purpose. Forecast as to settlement.

(2) A notice of the intention of the State Government to make the settlement together with proposals based on the said forecast for the determination or revision of land revenue and the term for which the settlement is to be made shall be published for objections in such manner as the State Government may determine.

(3) Such forecast and proposals shall be despatched to every member of each of the two houses of the State Legislature not less than twenty-one days before the commencement of a session thereof.

(4) Any member of the State Legislature desiring to make any modification in the proposals shall give notice of motion not later than the opening day of the session and the State Government shall arrange for discussion of such motion in each House.

(5) The State Government shall accept any resolution concerning the said forecast and proposals in which both the Houses concur and shall take into consideration any objections which may be received from the persons concerned, before directing the settlement.

**92.** Subject to the provisions of section 91, the State Government may at any time direct a settlement of land revenue of any land (hereinafter referred to as an "original settlement"), or a fresh settlement thereof (hereinafter referred to as "revision settlement"), whether or not a revenue survey thereof has been made under section 79 : Power of State Government to direct original or revision settlement of land revenue of any lands.

Provided that, no enhancement of assessment shall take effect before the expiration of the settlement for the time being in force.