

(4) He shall hold an enquiry in the manner prescribed by rules made under this Code for the purpose of this section ;

(5) He shall submit to the Collector in the prescribed manner a report (hereinafter called " the settlement report ") containing his proposals for the settlement.

97. (1) On submission of a settlement report, the Collector shall cause such report to be published in the prescribed manner.

Settlement report to be printed and published.

(2) There shall also be published in each village a notice in Marathi stating for each class of land in the village the existing standard rate and the extent of any increase or decrease proposed therein by the Settlement Officer. The notice shall also state that any person may submit to the Collector his objections in writing to the proposals contained in the settlement report within three months from the date of such notice.

98. After taking into consideration such objections as may have been received by him, the Collector shall forward to the State Government, through such officers as the State Government may direct, the settlement report with his remarks thereon.

Submission to Government of settlement report with statement of objections, etc., and Collector's opinion thereon.

99. Any person aggrieved by the report published by the Collector under section 97 may, within two months from the date of notice under sub-section (2) of section 97, apply to the State Government ¹[for reference to the Maharashtra Revenue Tribunal]. On such person depositing such amount of costs as may be prescribed, the State Government shall direct the report to be sent to ²[the Revenue Tribunal] for inquiry. ³[The Revenue Tribunal] after making an inquiry in the manner prescribed shall submit its own opinion on the objections raised and on such other matters as may be referred to it by the State Government. The State Government may make rules for the refund of the whole or any portion of the cost in such cases as it deems fit.

Reference to ⁴[Revenue Tribunal].

100. (1) The settlement report, together with the objections, if any, received thereon and the opinion of ⁵[the Revenue Tribunal] on a reference, if any, made to it under section 99 shall be considered by the State Government, which may pass such order thereon as it may deem fit :

Orders on Settlement Report.

Provided that, no increase in the standard rate proposed in the settlement report shall be made by the State Government, unless a fresh notice as provided in section 97 has been published in each village affected by such rates and objections received, if any, have been considered by the State Government. The provisions of this section shall, so far as may be, apply to orders passed regarding such increase.

(2) The settlement report, together with objections, if any, received thereon and the opinion of ⁶[the Revenue Tribunal] on a reference, if any, made to it under section 99 and the orders passed by the State Government under sub-section (1) shall be laid on the Table of each House of the State Legislature.

¹ These words were substituted for the words "for reference to the concerned Divisional Commissioner" by Mah. 23 of 2007, s. 2 (a).

² These words were substituted for the words "the Divisional Commissioner", *ibid.*, s. 2(b).

³ These words were substituted for the words "the Divisional Commissioner", *ibid.*, s. 2(c).

⁴ These words were substituted for the words "the Divisional Commissioner", *ibid.*, s. 2(d).

⁵ These words were substituted for the words "the Divisional Commissioner", *ibid.*, s. 3(a).

⁶ These words were substituted for the words "the Divisional Commissioner", *ibid.*, s. 3(b).