

CHAPTER XII.

PROCEDURE OF REVENUE OFFICERS.

224. In all official act and proceedings revenue officer shall, in the absence of any express provision of law or any rule made thereunder to the contrary, be subject as to the place, time and manner of performing his duties to the direction and control of the officer to whom he is subordinate.

Subordination
of revenue
officers.

225. Whenever it appears to the State Government that an order under this section is expedient for the ends of justice, it may direct that any particular case be transferred from one revenue officer to another revenue officer of an equal or superior rank in same district or any other district.

Power to
transfer
cases.

226. (1) A Commissioner, a Collector, a Sub-Divisional Officer or a Tahsildar may make over any case or class of cases, arising under the provisions of this Code or any other enactment for the time being in force, for decision from his own file to any revenue officer subordinate to him competent to decide such case or class of cases or may withdraw any case or class of cases from any such revenue officer and may deal with such case or class of cases himself or refer the same for disposal to any other revenue officer competent to decide such case or class of cases.

Power to
transfer cases
to and from
subordinates.

(2) A Commissioner, a Collector, a sub-Divisional Officer, or a Tahsildar may make over for inquiry and report any case or class of cases arising under the provisions of this Code or any other enactment for the time being in force from his own file to any revenue officer subordinate to him.

227. (1) Every revenue or survey officer not below the rank of an *Aval Karkun* or a District Inspector of Land Records in their respective departments shall have power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to be examined as a party or to give evidence as a witness, or to produce documents for the purposes of any inquiry which such officer is legally empowered to make. A summons to produce documents may be for the production of certain specified documents for or the production of all documents of a certain description in the possession of the person summoned.

Power to
summon
persons to
give evidence
and produce
documents.

V of 1908. (2) Subject to the provisions of sections 132 and 133 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, all persons so summoned shall be bound to attend, either in person or by an authorised agent, as such officer may direct.

(3) All persons summoned as aforesaid shall be bound to state the truth upon any subject respecting which they are examined or make statements and to produce such documents and other things as may be required.

228. (1) Every summons shall be in writing in duplicate, and shall state the purpose for which it is issued and shall be signed by the officer issuing it, and if he has a seal shall also bear his seal.

Summons to
be in writing,
signed and
sealed ;
service of
summons.

(2) The summons shall be served by tendering or delivering a copy of it to the person summoned or, if he cannot be found, by affixing a copy of it to some conspicuous part of his usual residence.