

CHAPTER IX.

BOUNDARY AND BOUNDARY MARKS.

Fixation and demarcation of boundaries.

132. Boundaries of all villages in the State and of all survey numbers in villages therein shall be fixed and demarcated by boundary marks :

Provided that, in the villages in the districts of Nagpur, Chanda, Wardha and Bhandara and Melghat Taluka of the Amravati District, the boundaries of survey numbers shall be fixed and demarcated by boundary marks with effect from such date as the State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, direct.

Determination of village boundaries.

133. The boundaries of villages shall be fixed, and all disputes relating thereto shall be determined by survey officers, or by such other officers as may be appointed by the State Government for the purpose, after holding a formal inquiry at which the village officers and all persons interested have an opportunity of appearing and producing evidence.

Determination of field boundaries.

134. If at the time of a survey, the boundary of a field or holding be undisputed, and its correctness be affirmed by the village officers then present, it may be laid down as pointed out by the holder or person in occupation and, if disputed, or if the said holder or person in occupation be not present, it shall be fixed by the survey officer according to the land records and according to occupation as ascertained from the village officers and the holders of adjoining lands, or on such other evidence or information as the survey officer may be able to procure.

Disputes regarding boundaries between villages, survey numbers and sub-divisions.

135. If any dispute arises concerning the boundary of a village or a field or a holding which has not been surveyed, or if at any time after the completion of a survey a dispute arises concerning the boundary of any village or survey number or sub-division of a survey number, it shall be decided by the Collector after holding a formal inquiry at which the village officers and all persons interested shall have an opportunity of appearing and producing evidence.

Demarcation of boundaries of survey number or sub-division.

136. (1) The Collector may, on the application of a party interested, demarcate the boundaries of a survey number or of a sub-division and construct boundary marks thereon.

(2) The State Government may make rules for regulating the procedure of the Collector in demarcating the boundaries of a survey number or of a sub-division, prescribing the nature of the boundary marks to be used, and authorising the levy of fees from the holders of land in a demarcated survey number or sub-division.

(3) Survey numbers and sub-divisions demarcated under the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be survey numbers for purposes of sections 132, 135, 139 and 140.