

Forfeiture
and removal
of property
left over
after
summary
eviction.

54. (1) After summary eviction of any person under section 53, any building or other construction erected on the land or foreshore or any crop raised in the land shall, if not removed by such person after such written notice as the Collector may deem reasonable, be liable to forfeiture or to summary removal.

(2) Forfeitures under this section shall be adjudged by the Collector and any property so forfeited shall be disposed of as the Collector may direct ; and the cost of the removal of any property under this section shall be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

***54A.** [This section has ceased to be in force with effect from 1st December, 1978].

Of Relinquishment of Land.

Relinquish-
ment.

55. An occupant may relinquish his land, that is, resign, in favour of the State Government, but subject to any rights, tenures, encumbrances or equities lawfully subsisting in favour of any person other than the Government or the occupant, by giving notice in writing to the Tahsildar not less than thirty days before the date of commencement of the agricultural year, and thereupon, he shall cease to be an occupant from the agricultural year next following such date :

Provided that, no portion of land which is less in extent than a whole survey number or sub-division of a survey number may be relinquished.

* Section 54A was inserted by Mah. 41 of 1973, s. 2. It remained in force upto 30-11-1978.

The said section 54A reads as under :—

Additional
temporary
powers for
termination
of licences,
and removal
of any
building or
other
structure on
any land or
foreshore
which is
forfeited and
of persons
re-entering
or remaining
on the land
or foreshore
after
eviction.

54A. Where,—

(a) any person is evicted from any land or foreshore under section 53;

(b) any building or other structure erected on any land or foreshore is forfeited under section 54;

(c) any person who entered unauthorisedly on the land or foreshore, is allowed to stay thereafter on payment of a licence fee for the land, or structure thereon, or both,—

then, without prejudice to any other proceedings which may be taken against any such person, or in respect of the structure given on licence as aforesaid,—

(1) the Collector or any officer of Government authorised by the Collector may, notwithstanding anything contained in any law, or in any contract or agreement, for the time being in force, at any time by order direct that the licence or permission (if any) granted to any such person shall be deemed to be terminated forthwith ;

(2) the Collector, may, by written notice, which shall not be of less duration than 24 hours, require any person for the time being in occupation of the forfeited structure, to show sufficient cause, on or before such day and hour as shall be specified in such notice, why the forfeited building or other structure shall not be pulled down or removed; and if such person fails to show cause, on or before the specified day and hour, to the satisfaction of the Collector, the Collector may pull down or remove the building or other structure, as the case may be; and

(3) no person (including the person evicted) shall, without the previous permission of the Collector, enter on, or be on or in, or pass over, any such land or foreshore; and if any person enters on or remains on or in or passes over the land or foreshore in contravention of this section, he may be removed therefrom by the Collector or officer authorised; and the Collector or officer authorised may take all such assistance as is necessary for the purpose.”.