

of the certificate referred to in section 147, to cancel the sale; and upon the registration of such endorsement, such holding shall revert in the owner as though such sale had never been made.

(2) No stamp duty shall be payable on an endorsement made under this section, but the registration and other charges shall be payable by the owner in whom the unprotected holding is reverted.

Resale by Crown. **150.**

(1) Where the Crown purchases an unprotected holding sold under section 145, and such sale has not been cancelled under section 149, it shall be competent for the Government Agent at any time, when re-alienating the land, to transfer to the purchaser, by endorsement on a certified copy of the certificate referred to in section 147, the title which would have been acquired by such purchaser if he had purchased such holding at the original sale, and upon the registration of such endorsement such title shall vest in the purchaser accordingly.

(2) Every such endorsement shall be liable to the same duty and charges as a certificate to a purchaser at the original sale and such duty and charges shall be payable by the purchaser.

Rights of mortgagee. **151.**

(1) If an unprotected holding to be sold under section 145 is subject to a mortgage, it shall be lawful for the mortgagee, on payment to the Government Agent of the total amount due to the Crown including the costs of seizure, to add the amount so paid to his mortgage debt and the amount so added shall be secured in the same manner, and shall be subject to the same interest and be recoverable on the same conditions as the mortgage debt.

(2) The amount paid by the mortgagee under subsection (1) shall be certified by the Government Agent by an endorsement on the mortgage bond and such certificate may be registered by the mortgagee. No stamp duty shall be payable on the certificate so endorsed.

Recovery of money due to local authorities. **152.**

(1) If the owner of a protected holding fails to pay any sum due to a local authority in respect of such holding, such local authority may report the defaulter to the Government Agent, who may thereupon take action under this Chapter to recover the sum due from the defaulter as though such sum were due to the Crown and not to such local authority.

(2) Save as is herein expressly provided, a local authority shall not take proceedings for the recovery of any sum due to such local authority from the owner of a protected holding in respect of such holding.

Delivery to local authority of money received by Government Agent. **153.** The Government Agent shall deliver to a local authority any sum recovered by him in satisfaction of the debt due to such local authority and of the interest thereon, if any, and shall pay the costs of seizure, if recovered, into the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon.

All moneys due to Crown: must be recovered by procedure under this Chapter. **154.** No money, rate, tax, duty or fee due to the Crown under any other written law in respect of or on account of a protected holding, shall be recovered except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

CHAPTER XI REGULATIONS

Minister authorized to make regulations. **155.** The Minister¹ may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to the principles and provisions of this Ordinance.

Matters which may be provided for by regulations. **156.** In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by section 155, regulations may be made for, and with respect to, all or any of the following matters : -

- (a) the forms, fees, documents, and matters stated in or required by this Ordinance to be prescribed ;
- (b) the mapping-out of Crown land ;
- (c) the alienation under this Ordinance of Crown land over 5,000 feet in elevation ;
- (d) the maintenance of reserves for the preservation of the sources and courses of streams and for the prevention of erosion of the soil;
- (e) the manner of paying or recovering fees, costs or other charges ;
- (f) the collection by the Government Agent of moneys due to local authorities ;
- (g) the classification of persons for the purpose of alienating Crown land under