

- (h) prevention of the erosion of the soil;
- (i) forest reserves ;
- (j) Government purposes, including Government buildings, roads or works ;
- (k) preservation of objects of archaeological or historical interest;
- (l) the requirements of local authorities ;
- (m) the development of towns ;
- (n) alienation to middle-class Ceylonese ;
- (o) alienation to any persons whomsoever irrespective of the class or race to which they belong;
- (p) any other purpose that may be prescribed.

Scheme and diagram to be prepared by Government Agent.

9. When Crown land has been mapped out in accordance with the provisions of section 8, the Government Agent shall cause to be prepared-

- (a) a scheme specifying the mapped-out areas and the purposes for which the lands in such areas have been respectively reserved ;
- (b) a diagram depicting the mapped-out areas specified in the scheme.

Local Land Advisory Committees.

10.

(1) The Minister^[1] may, by Notification published in the Gazette, establish a Local Land Advisory Committee for any administrative district of Ceylon or for any smaller area the limits of which shall be specified in the Notification by which the Local Land Advisory Committee for that area is established.

(2) It shall be the duty of a Local Land Advisory Committee to examine every scheme and diagram prepared under section 9 which affects land in the district or area for which that committee is established and to make recommendations thereon to the Government Agent.

(3) Every Local Land Advisory Committee shall consist of five members all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.¹ No person who is permanently or temporarily employed in the service of Government shall be a member of a Local Land Advisory Committee.

(4) The Government Agent having jurisdiction over the district or area for which any Local Land Advisory Committee has been established under subsection (1) shall convene the meetings of that committee and shall preside at such meetings.

(5) Three members of a Local Land Advisory Committee shall form a quorum thereof and any matter or question before a committee shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting at the meeting at which such matter or question is discussed. In the event of an equality of votes, the Government Agent shall have a casting vote ; but he shall not have an original vote on any matter or question before the committee.

(6) The decisions of the Local Land Advisory Committee shall be recorded by the Government Agent or under his direction.

(7) Regulations may be made prescribing the manner in which the meetings of a Local Land Advisory Committee shall be convened and the procedure to be followed at meetings of such a committee ; but each Local Land Advisory Committee shall determine its own procedure in any matter for which no provision is made by such regulations or in this Ordinance,

Notice that scheme and diagram are open to inspection.

11.

(1) When the scheme and diagram referred to in section 9 have been prepared, the Government Agent shall exhibit in a conspicuous position in the kachcheri a notice to the effect that the scheme and diagram are open to inspection. The notice shall be dated as of the date on which it is exhibited,

(2) Any person interested shall be entitled to inspect the scheme and diagram at the kachcheri during office hours for a period of thirty days reckoned from the date of the notice exhibited under subsection (1) and shall be entitled to make representations to the Government Agent on that scheme or diagram.

(3) The Government Agent shall not be bound to consider any representations which have not been received in writing at the kachcheri within a period of thirty days reckoned from the date of the notice exhibited under subsection (1).

Scheme and diagram to be laid before Local Land Advisory Committee.

12.

(1) Every scheme and every diagram prepared under section 9 shall be laid by the Government Agent before the Local Land Advisory Committee at a meeting of that committee which shall be convened by him for the purpose :

Provided that at any meeting convened under sub- section (1) for the purpose of examining any scheme and diagram, it shall be lawful for the Government Agent to lay before the Local Land Advisory Committee any other scheme and diagram provided that notice in writing was given to the members of that committee not less than seven clear days before the date of the meeting of the proposal to add the examination of such other scheme and diagram to the