

(4) The Commissioner shall at once take possession on behalf of the Corporation of the portion of the land within the said line theretofore occupied by the said building, and such land shall thenceforward be deemed a part of the public street and shall vest as such in the Corporation.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to apply to buildings vesting in the ¹[Government].

Acquisition of open land or of land occupied by platforms, etc. within regular line of street.

213. If any land not vesting in the Corporation, whether open or enclosed, lies within the regular line of a public street and is not occupied by a building, or if a platform, varandah, step, compound wall, hedge or fence or some other structure external to a building, abutting on a public street or a portion of a platform, varandah, step, compound wall, hedge or fence or other such structure, is within the regular line of such street, Commissioner may, after giving to the owner of the land or building not less than seven clear days, written notice of his intention to do so, take possession on behalf of the Corporation of the said land with its enclosing wall, hedge or fence, if any, or of the said platform, varandah, step or other such structure as aforesaid, or of the portion of the said platform, verandha, step or other such structure as aforesaid, which is within the regular line of the street and, if necessary clear the same and the land so acquired, shall thenceforward be deemed a part of the public street:

Provided that when the land or building is vested in the ¹[Government] possession shall not be taken as aforesaid, without the previous sanction of the Government concerned and, when the land or building is vested in any Corporation constituted by any law for the time being in force, possession shall not be taken as aforesaid, without the previous sanction of the ²[State] Government.

Acquisition of the remaining part of building and land after their portions within a regular line of the street are acquired.

214. (1) If a building or land is partly within the regular line of a public street and if the Commissioner is satisfied that the land remaining after the excision of the portion within the said line will not be suitable or fit for any beneficial use, he may, at the request of the owner, acquire such land in addition to the land within the said line and such surplus land shall be deemed to be a part of the public street vesting in the Corporation.

(2) Such surplus land may thereafter be utilised for the purpose of setting forward of buildings under section 215.

Setting forward of buildings to the line of the street.

215. (1) If any building which abuts on a public street is in rear of the regular line of such street, the Commissioner, may whenever it is proposed—

(a) to rebuild such building, or

(b) to alter or repair such building in any manner that will involve the removal or re-eraction of such building, or of the portion, thereof which abuts on the said street to an extent exceeding one-half of such building or portion thereof above the ground level, such half to be measured in cubic feet,

in any order which he issues concerning the rebuilding, alteration or repair of such building, permit or, with the approval of the Standing Committee, require such building to be set forward to the regular line of the street.

(2) For the purpose of this section, a wall separating any premises from a public street shall be deemed to be a building; and it shall be deemed to be a sufficient compliance with a permission or requisition to set forward a building to the regular line of a street if a wall of such materials and dimensions as are approved by the Commissioner, is erected along the said line.

1. This word was substituted for the word "Crown" by the Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950.

2. This word was substituted for the word "Provincial", *ibid.*