

Permission for  
new well, etc.

**16.** (1) No new well, tank, pond, cistern or fountain shall be dug or constructed without the previous permission in writing of the Commissioner.

(2) If any such work is begun or completed without such permission, the Commissioner may either—

(a) by written notice require the owner or other person who has done such work to fill up or demolish such work in such manner as the Commissioner shall prescribe, or

(b) grant written permission or retain such work, but such permission shall not exempt such owner from proceedings for contravening the provisions of sub-rule (1).

Precautions in case  
of dangerous tanks,  
wells, holes, etc.

**17.** (1) If the Commissioner is of opinion that any tank, pond, well, hole, stream, dam, bank or other place is, for want of sufficient repair, protection or enclosure, dangerous to passersby, or to persons living in the neighbourhood, he may by written notice require the owner to fill in, remove, repair, protect or enclose the same so as to prevent any danger therefrom.

(2) If in the opinion of the Commissioner immediate action is necessary he may himself, before giving such notice or before the period of notice expires, take such temporary measures as he thinks fit to prevent danger and the cost of doing so shall be paid by the owner.

Power to order  
cleansing of  
insanitary private  
water course,  
spring, tank,  
well, etc, used for  
drinking.

**18.** (1) The Commissioner may by written notice require the owner of, or person having control over, any private watercourse, spring, tank, well or other place the water of which is used for drinking, bathing or washing clothes to keep the same in good repair, to cleanse it in such manner as the Commissioner may direct and to protect it from pollution caused by surface drainage or other matter in such manner as may be provided in the notice.

(2) If the water of any private tank, well, or other place which is used for drinking, bathing or washing clothes, as the case may be is proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner to be unfit for that purpose, the Commissioner may by notice require the owner or person having control thereof to—

(a) refrain from using or permitting use of such water, or

(b) close or fill up such place or enclose it with a substantial wall or fence.

Duty of  
Commissioner in  
respect of public  
well or receptacle  
of stagnant water.

**19.** If it appears to the Commissioner that any public well or receptacle of stagnant water is likely to be injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood, he shall cause the same to be cleansed, drained, or filled up.

Dangerous  
quarrying may  
be stopped.

**20.** If, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the working of any quarry, or the removal of stone, earth or other material from any place, is dangerous to Persons residing in or having lawful access to the neighbourhood thereof or creates or is likely to create a nuisance, the Commissioner may, with the approval of the Standing Committee, by written notice require the owner of the said quarry or place to discontinue working the same or to discontinue removing stone, earth or other material from such place, or to take such order with such quarry or place as he shall deem necessary for the purpose of preventing danger or of abating the nuisance arising or likely to arise therefrom.

Removal and  
trimming of trees,  
shrubs and hedges.

**21.** (1) If, in the opinion of the Commissioner—

(a) any hedge is at any time insufficiently cut or trimmed, or overgrown with prickly-pear or other rank vegetation.

(b) any tree or shrub has fallen or is likely to fall to the danger of public safety or overhangs or obstructs any street or street light to the inconvenience or danger of passengers therein.

(c) any tree situated within any premises has fallen or if any such tree or any branch or fruit thereof is likely to fall and is in any way dangerous to any person occupying, resorting to or passing by such premises or to any structure or place in the neighbourhood thereof; or