Enactments from time to time and their enforcement

Part – A
Pre-Independence Period
During the first decade of its rule, the East India Company was fully occupied with the consolidation of the power and took no steps to establish local self government. Therefore, in the beginning the local people under local circumstances tried to make some arrangement to tackle the unhygienic condition of their towns. The Bengal Act X of 1842 enacted to establish Municipal Boards to improve the sanitary condition. The Act was repealed by the Act of 1850 and this was in force for 14 years and only in Gauhati. But, certain defects of the Act of 1850 compelled the British Government to introduce another Act in 1864 A.D. This Act came to be known as District Town Improvement Act.

The main principles laid down by the Resolution were that the cost of police maintained for the benefit of any city or town should be borne by the local people; people should also raise funds for other municipal purpose; transfer of municipal police from imperial to local funds should take place as soon as possible.

The District Improvement Act 1864 A.D., was introduced in Gauhati on 1st May 1865 A.D., and it was extended to Silchar on 29th November, 1865 A.D. Therefore Silchar town was constituted in to a Municipality under the Bengal District Town Improvement Act 1864 A.D. The Municipality had eight European and three native members, besides a Chairman, and a Vice-Chairman. The District Magistrate was the Chairman. While the Executive Engineer, the Superintendent of Police and another Magistrate were among the members. It could levy duty on houses and landed property and utilize the revenue for maintenance of municipal police force and improvement of sanitation.

But in 1868 A.D., the municipality was withdrawn because the District Improvement Act 1864 did not prove satisfactory. So, before the beginning of station committee, Silchar was a chowkidari union under the Act XX of 1865 A.D. The Administrative Report of Government of Assam 1875-76 A.D., mentioned that “The number of Municipal institutions existing in the Province during the year under report was the same as during the preceding year, viz., the municipality of Guwahati, the township of Sylhet and Goalpara and the chowkidari union of Silchar”.

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In 1876 A.D., Bengal Municipal Act was passed to consolidate the various Municipal Boards under Acts. The Bengal Municipal Act 1876 A.D., elective system could be introduced in any municipal area only when the rate payers petitioned for it.

The Bengal Municipal Act of 1876 A.D., laid down that the chief commissioners of Assam should from time to time appoint proper persons in every municipality to be the commissioners for carrying out the purposes of this Act. The Act provided that the total number of commissioners of a first class municipality should be less than seven or more than thirty and a second class municipality not less than four and not more than twenty. This Act also reduced the strength of the official element from one third to one fourth. District Superintendent of Police who was an ex-officio member was replaced by the Sub-divisional Magistrate. The Deputy Commissioner, the District Magistrate and the District Medical officer were the three ex-officio members of the board under this Act. Other members of the board might be nominated or elected i.e. partly elected and partly nominated.

The Bengal Municipal Act 1876 A.D., laid down certain principals regarding the formation of the administrative area of municipal boards –

(i) That three-fourths of the male population of the area must be non-agriculturists.

(ii) The area must have at least 3,000 populations on an average of one thousand per square mile. A first class municipality must contain at least 15,000 inhabitants.

(iii) The Act laid down that the board shall meet at least once in every month. The act authorised the Deputy Commissioner to interfere in the internal affairs of the boards, whenever they did not observe law.

(iv) The Act provided that the Chairman and in his absence the Vice-Chairman should preside over every meeting.

(v) The Act laid down that no person who is not an owner or an occupier of land in the municipality shall be appointed or elected a commissioner in such municipality.
Assam government accepted the Act because it provided for the establishment of stations or unions. Therefore, under this Act the urban areas of Assam were divided into four classes—first and second class municipalities, stations and unions. Under the Bengal Municipal Act 1876, Silchar was constituted into station committee in 1882. The station committee had 15 members and among them 10 elected and 5 official members. And of the 10 elected members, 7 were government officers.

On 28th April, 1883, Deputy Commissioner of Cachar J. Knox Wight wrote to the Chief Commissioner of Assam informing him of a detail plan for extension of local self Government encompassing Silchar town. He made some recommendation which summarise as follows:-

The town of Silchar, a station under the Bengal Municipal Act, 1876 in which there was nothing which authorises election and nothing to prevent the Government from adopting this mode also. In this regard he first wanted to consult the natives and then the station committee about the system and come to the conclusion that experiment might be tried. For the qualification of the voters he fixed payment of 3 annas a month or Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/- a year of municipal rate. Most of the rate payers of Silchar of that period were coolies who were wholly ignorant and uneducated and who cannot be expected to take any interest in elections.

Among the 1,106 rate payers the total number of qualified voters were 324. He was astonished when local people showed their keen interest by applying to increase the municipal rate so that they could acquire the required qualification. In order to clear the misconceptions about election, he held many public meeting which were well attended. He said that native gentleman used to think that defeat in election was dishonour for them and so become laughing-stocks to the public in consequence of the loss of honour which they thought would be entailed by rejection. This feeling was eventually overcome but the candidates had no interest to canvass among the electors. They thought it as meaningless to ask for a vote and as such the public had no one to guide them. Ultimately a date was fixed on which all the voting papers had to be returned. A voting paper in the following forms was given to each of the 324 qualified voters:-
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One of the results of the election was the formation of Rate payers Association and this Association sends suggestion from time to time to the station committee for consideration.

**Rules for Election of Members of the Station Committee**

1. There should be fifteen commissioners composing the station committee.
2. Ten of them should be appointed by the rate payers by election and the remaining five should be appointed by nomination by the Local Government.
3. Not more than one fourth of the commissioners should be salaried officers of government, unless such persons are elected by the ratepayers.
4. The numbers of Commissioners elected from each wards were as follows-

   I. Ambikapur ward 3 members  
   II. Janiganj 3 members  
   III. Tarapur 2 members  
   IV. Malugram 2 members

5. The qualification for voters were -
   A. Ratepayers whose annual municipal assessment is Rs. 2/- to 4/- or upwards.
   B. Government servants and pensioners drawing Rs. 20/- or upwards a month as salary or pension.
   C. Pleader.
   D. Graduates of any University.
E. Persons entered in the list of jurors and assessors.

6. The qualification required for eligibility of Commissioners for the Station Committee –

   a) Those who pay Rs. 4/- or upwards as municipal tax provided they are able to read and write and not less than 21 years of age.

   b) Government servants and pensioners drawing Rs. 40/- and Rs. 20/- or upwards a month as salary or pension respectively.

   c) Pleaders.

   d) Graduates of any University.

   e) Persons entered in the list of jurors and assessors.

   f) Those who desire to stand as candidates should give intimation of their intention to the Chairman of the Station Committee at least a month before the date of election, with particulars of the ward or wards for which candidature is claimed.

   g) A voting paper should be supplied to each voter under the seal and signature of the Chairman containing the names of candidates for each ward. The voter should mention the name of the Commissioner under his signature whom he wishes to appoint as Commissioner for his ward.

   h) The voting paper should be returned by the voters to the Chairman or to any other officer appointed for the purpose by the Station Commissioners on or before a certain day to be named by the Chairman after the distribution of such papers.

   i) The voting papers shall be scrutinised and the votes counted by the Chairman, and the result should be published at not later than ten days after the collection of voting papers.

   j) The Commissioners elected under these rule should come into office on the 1st April.
k) Appointments will be for one year. If in the course of the year a Commissioner cease to hold office, his substitute will be appointed by election, and will hold office until the end of that financial year.

l) In the case of holding occupied by a joint or undivided family, only the principal member of each family should be entitled to vote or to be elected as Commissioner. And in case of dispute the Chairman shall decide who is the principal member of the family.

m) A voter is entitled to vote for as many Commissioners as are fixed to be appointed for his ward.

n) In equality of votes the Chairman should decide as to which candidate is to be preferred.

o) Objections against voter, voting paper and candidates, and also any other question that may arise relating to election, should be decided by the Chairman.

Lord Ripon is popularly known as the father of modern local self-Government in India. For the political training of Indians Ripon suggested the democratization of local Self-Government and issued a resolution in 1882 A.D. The main principles of his resolution were as follows -

1) The District officer should not be the Chairman of the local authorities as far as possible.

2) Ripon also suggested that the administrative area of Municipal Boards should be well defined.

3) The strength of the official members should not exceed one third of the total. The system of election should be compulsory.

4) The District officer should have control over sanctioning certain act of the local authorities and to watch the proceeding of the Municipal Board to point out their defects and render advice.

5) Ripon suggested moderate qualifications for voter and divided the municipal area into wards for election purpose.
(6) The resolution permitted the commissioners to elect their own Chairman.

The Assam Government accepted most of the suggestions of the Ripon’s Resolution. Accordingly the elective system was introduced in most of the municipalities of Assam. Again District officers were requested to induce the ratepayers to ask for the elective system.

According to the suggestion of Ripon the non-interference of district officers in the affairs of Municipality as far as possible in the Silchar Municipality. Chairman Mr. Wight, Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, frequently used to remain absent in the meetings. His successors also followed his example and this system continued till 1912 A.D. 6

Further an important decision was taken by the members of Silchar Municipality in a meeting held on 12th October, to introduce election system in a limited way. 7

**The Municipal Act of 1884**

The Municipal Act 1884 radically changed the composition of the board-

(1) The maximum number of commissioners of a municipal board should in no case exceed thirty. The minimum should not be less than nine.

(2) Persons who attained the age of twenty one years should elect $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total number of members of the board. The remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ should be appointed by the local government immediately after the result of the election.

(3) If the electorate failed to elect the required number of members the government might fill up the vacancies by nomination.

(4) Of the nominated members not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total strength should be officers.

(5) In the meeting of the board the Chairman and in his absence the Vice-Chairman should preside over the meeting. But if he is a
candidate for election to the office of the Chairman or when he was being impeached he should not preside over the meeting.

(6) The Chairman has the power to appoint or dismiss the municipal officers and servants subject to certain conditions.

(7) The Commissioners at a meeting might grant leave of absence to their Chairman or Vice-Chairman for any period not exceeding three months in a year. If a Chairman or Vice-Chairman over stayed his leave period, he should vacate his office automatically.

(8) The Act provided that Chairman or Vice-Chairman should held office for three years.

(9) No person who is not an owner or an occupier of land in municipality should be appointed or elected commissioner in such municipality.

(10) Male persons who should have attained the age of 21 years should be elected as Commissioners.

(11) A person convicted for a criminal offence for a period of six months or declared as an adjudged bankrupt was not entitled to be a member of the boards.

(12) A member of the municipal board may be removed from office in two ways, by government or by the board itself. Dismissed government servants also should be removed.

Thus the significant feature of the Act of 1884 A.D., was that a majority of the members of the board were elected by the qualified ratepayers. Even after the enactment of the Act of 1884 A.D., both the Acts, the Act of 1876 A.D., and the Act of 1884 A.D., were in force. The reason was that Bengal Act III of 1884 A.D., did not provide for stations and unions. But the chief commissioner of Assam did not like to stations and unions. The Act of 1876 A.D., provided for it. So thus Act of 1876 A.D., was allowed to continue. Thus both the Acts were in force till 1923 A.D., when they were repealed by Assam Act of 1923 A.D.
Second class Municipality

The Station Committee had no authority to impose tax on latrines, carriages, animals and for the supply of water. Naturally, its resources were limited and with the growth of population the sanitary condition of the town was very unsatisfactory. In 1872 A.D., the population of Silchar town was 4,925 and it increased to 6,567 in 1881 A.D. In 1891 A.D., the population was 7,523, the density per square mile being more than 4,000 souls. While more than three-fourth of the people were engaged in pursuits other than agriculture. In the meeting held on 9th December, 1891 A.D., a discussion among the members took place to upgrade the station Committee to a Municipality. In the proceedings it was recorded as the population of the station was over 7000 and more than three fourth of whom were employed in pursuits other than agricultural, Silchar may be declared to be a municipality under Sec. 8 and 9 of Act V (B.G.) 1876 A.D. Persuaded by Babu Kamini Kumar Chanda, a nationalist leader and a lawyer, who headed the station Committee, the Deputy Commissioner of Cachar, J. Clark in 1891 A.D., recommended to the government of Assam that the Silchar Municipality be converted into a second class Municipality. Accordingly on 1 April, 1893 A.D., the station was upgraded to the status of a second class municipality. Under the Act of 1876 A.D., Silchar, Dhubri, Goalpara and Barpeta were constituted second class Municipalities and this was retained during the remaining years of British rule.

Bye-laws 1904 of Silchar Municipality

In December 1904 A.D., some additional bye laws were framed for Silchar Municipality. Captain W. M. Kennedy, I. A. Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Cachar in a letter 30th June 1904 A.D., wrote to the secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam by which a detailed account of the bye laws were communicated. Several important decisions regarding the functioning and procedures of Boards activities were elaborated in this note. Following are the salient directions envisaged in the communication -
(1) Selling or exposing for sale any article in the Municipal market except at places provided by the Commissioners for the sale of such article, or occupying any place whether in the said market or on any foot-paths or lane or by-lane for the purpose of carrying any trade or otherwise when such place has not been appointed by the Commissioners for such purpose or otherwise obstructing or causing to be obstructed any public road, lane, by-lane or foot-path by placing or disposing any article.

(2) No person shall deposit on the public road cow dung, stable-litter, leaves, rags, straw or other rubbish resulting from any trade or business without previous arrangement with the Commissioners for the removal thereof on payment of fees prescribed by the Commissioners in this behalf.

(3) No urinal or privy will be allowed within 20 feet from the edge of a road except by order of the Commissioners in meeting. Penalty for infraction of this shall be a fine not exceeding Rs. 10/- and daily fine not exceeding Rs. 4/- for continued infraction.

(4) All persons driving or cycling or riding, as well as bullock or buffalo cart drivers, shall, when passing another vehicle or bicycle, horse or cart coming from the opposite, direction, keep to the left, and when overtaking another vehicle or bicycle or horse or cart keep to the right. The penalty for infringement shall be a fine not exceeding Rs. 5/-.

(5) Drivers of a bullock or buffalo carts leaving their vehicles on the road except in charge of person competent to manage and the animals of such vehicle shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10/-.

(6) No vehicle shall be allowed to be kept standing on any public road longer than absolutely necessary for loading or unloading or so as to cause inconvenience to the public. Penalty for infringement for such bye-law Rs. 5/-.

(7) Two or more carriages or carts while proceeding in one and the same direction shall not be allowed to proceed abreast of each other except when
one vehicle passes another for the purpose of going ahead. Penalty for infringement Rs. 5/-.

(8) When bullock or buffalo carts are employed for carrying bamboos or any other article projecting more than 5 feet beyond the length of the cart there shall be two men in charge of such cart, and whenever such carts meet a carriage or horse which is driven or ridden, respectively, it shall halt in order to allow the horse or the carriage, as the case may be, to pass. Penalty Rs. 5/-.

(9) The owner or person in charge of any animal which is let loose or found at large on public roads, used for riding or driving, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10/-. 

(10) After the words “for drinking purposes” add “or fill up a drain or excavate earth from a drain or make a drain”.

(11) The owner or occupier of any land on which there is drain shall, if so required by the Commissioners in writing, correct the levels or dimensions of such drain in accordance with such requisition within the time allowed therein.

(12) No owner or occupier or farmer of any land, house, bazar, shop or other premises, shall keep the same in other than in a clean and proper state, nor have filth, cowdung, stable-litter, or other noxious matters accumulated therein or thereon. Penalty for infraction of this bye-law shall be fine not exceeding Rs. 10/- and a daily fine not exceeding Rs. 5/- for continued infraction.

(13) No person shall suffer any offensive matter from any manufactory, place of business, house, stable, privy, or cook-house to flow in to any road, drain, tank or any stagnant and waste water. Penalty not exceeding a fine of Rs. 10/-. 

(14) Municipal Commissioners may direct the use of lime, coaltar, carbolic acid or other disinfectant or deodorant in any privy or premises, if at any time it seems to them necessary to do so, for the preservation of public health or for the prevention of infection or spread of disease, provided that
the Municipal Commissioners shall be bound to supply such disinfectant at cost price and that the price shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Commissioners.

(15) The owner or occupier of land, house, shop or other premises shall, if so required in writing by the Commissioners within the time mentioned in such requisition, fill up or cause to be filled up, any noxious hole or excavation on or in such land, house, shop or premises, and remove or cause to be removed any offensive matter or matters from such places as aforesaid within such time.

(16) Any person opening a shop or stall for the sale of any article or exposing such article for sale, plying or attempting to ply any trade in the municipal market in disregard of the arrangement of shops and stalls made by the Commissioners shall also be liable to have such shop or stall closed, or plying or attempting to ply such trade stopped by the Commissioners.

Non Official Chairman

In 1912 A.D., when partition of Bengal was annulled, Assam was constituted a separate province, Cachar and Sylhet as its districts, it was decided to make Municipality more democratic. Therefore, with the election of non official Chairman a new era started in the history of municipality. Sylhet appears to be the first municipal board to have a non official Chairman. In 1913 A.D., Gauhati, Silchar and later on Dibrugarh got the privilege of electing their own Chairman.

At Silchar, election for the board was held in the beginning of 1912 A.D., and first meeting to elect Chairman was held on 23rd May 1913 A.D. Contest for the post of Chairman took place between Kamini Kumar Chanda and Meckoy, Ex-officio member of the Board. Kamini Kumar Chanda was elected Chairman by defeating Meckay. The election of Non-official Chairman was a notable incident because due to this election Silchar Municipality was to a great extent freed from government interference.
Resolution of 1914

In 1914 A.D., in Assam there were two types of municipal institutions one under the Bengal Municipal Act, 1876 A.D., and the other under the Bengal Municipal Act, 1881 A.D., besides the municipal boards there were stations and unions. Due to the existence of two acts the government felt it was inconvenient and incomplete. Therefore, certain suggestions were made through the resolution of 1914 A.D. The suggestions were that each town would have a town Committee and Chairman, Vice-Chairman should be elected. There should not be any hard and fast rule regarding administrative area, population and social condition of the locality were concerned.

In 1922 A.D., another bill was introduced in the legislative council provided for the appointment of a member of committees and the delegation of powers to them. Under this bill, municipal board had full freedom, in regard to the levy of taxes. Powers relating to sanitation, water supply, lighting and drainage were elaborated. This bill became Act in 1923 A.D.

Assam Municipal Act of 1923

During the period from 1874-1923 A.D., Assam Municipal administration was governed by Bengal Acts. It was in 1923 A.D., Assam had its own Act. The Act was in force till 1956 A.D., Even after 1923 A.D., there was no remarkable increase in the number of Municipal boards because Assam is a land of villages. In 1924-25 A.D., the Assam Municipal Act I of 1923 A.D., further democratized the boards.

Firstly, the minimum strength of the board was increased from 9 to 10, though maximum thirty was not altered.
Secondly, the official element was completely eliminated.
Thirdly, the number of nominated members were reduced from one third to one fifth.
Fourthly, the government had the power to appoint Government officers as expert advisers to the Municipal board. These officers had voice but had no vote in the proceedings of the board.

Fifthly, the Government was authorized to nominate all the member of any municipal board which was constituted after 1923 A.D., or which was reconstituted after a long period of super session. It also gave the municipal boards full freedom in regard to the levy of taxes. Powers relating to sanitation, water supply, lighting and drainage were elaborated\textsuperscript{12}.

The Stations and Unions which were constituted under the Municipal Act 1876 A.D., were replaced by town Committees for municipal purposes under the Assam Municipal Act 1923 A.D.

It may be mentioned that all acts concerning local self government were not relevant for our purpose. So, we take into consideration only those acts that have some implications with regard to functioning of Silchar Municipality.

The Assam Municipal Bye Laws of 1923

The bye laws of 1923 A.D., empowers the board to impose penalty for the infringement of the rules. It also stipulated the regulation traffic on roads, footpath, sanitation, disposal of sewages and carcasses, cremation and burials. It also emphasized regulation of the election and recreation of buildings under section 236 of the Act, and empowers the board to inspect and regulate slaughter house, sale of milk, construction of rearing and cattle sheds. Besides, the bye laws stipulated the provisions for inspection and proper regulation of bakeries and sweet meat shops.

Thus, it appears that byelaws of 1923 of Assam Municipality is comprehensive and exhaustive for governing the Silchar municipality board. Another worth noting feature of the these bye laws were that it empowers the board to inspect and regulate the overall functioning of the Municipality area for the greater well being of the Municipality dwellers\textsuperscript{13}. 
The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Act 1931

The Assam Municipality Act 1923 was amended further called the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Act 1931. The Act precisely emphasised on:

1. Tax pattern
2. Election of office bearer of the board and relevant terms and conditions.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (a) This Act may be called the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Act, 1931.
   (b) It should come into force from such date as the Local Government may by notification direct provided that the provision of this Act abolishing or connected with the abolition of the tax on inhabitants should not be extended to any municipality or notified area where that tax is in force on the 1st April, 1931 except on the recommendation of the Board or town committee at a meeting.

2. In the definition of “food” in section 3 of the principal Act, the semi-colon at the end shall be replaced by a comma and the following words added:-
   “and any article which ordinarily enters into or is used in the composition or preparation of human food, and also includes flavouring matters and condiments”;

3. At the end of provision (2) to section 12 of the principal Act, after the word “shall” and before the words “be qualified to vote”, the words “on registration in the prescribed manner” shall be inserted.

4. Section 15 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

5. (1) In sub-section (1) of section 20 of the principal Act, the word “Commissioner” wherever it occurs, should be replaced by the words “Local Government” and the provision at the end shall be omitted.
   (2) In the second provision to section 20 of the principal Act, the words “so removed” should be replaced by the words “removed under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2)”.

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6. The following shall be inserted as section 20A:-
“No member of a Board who has been removed from his office under clause (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of sub-section 20 shall be eligible for election or re-election as a member without the consent of the Local Government”.

7. In section 21 of the principal Act, the words “unable to enter upon or complete his term of office” should be substituted for the words “by appointment or election, as the case may be” for the words “by the appointment or election, as the case may be, of another person”.

8. The following shall be inserted as section 21A:-
“If the persons entitled to elect a member or members to the Board at any election under his Act fail, within the prescribe time, duly to elect the member or the full number of members required, the Local Government may, notwithstanding anything contained in section 10 of section 14, appoint an member or members to make up the deficiency”.

9. In section 24 of the principal Act –
(a) the words “approving of his election” in sub-section (2) shall be omitted and
(b) the following new sub-section shall be inserted as sub-section (4):-
“The approval by the Local Government of any person elected as Chairman of Silchar Municipal Board under sub-section (2) shall be conclusive proof that he was duly elected as such provided that no such approval shall be accorded until a period of six weeks has elapsed from the date of the election”.

10. At the beginning of sub-section (2) of section 29 of the principal Act there shall be inserted the words “Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1)”.

11. The following shall be inserted as section 31A:-
“If any Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board shall be unable to complete his full term of office or shall avail himself of leave granted under section 31, the vacancy caused by his resignation, or removal, or death or absence on leave shall, subject to the provisions of section 24, be filled by
appointment or election, as the case may be, and the person appointed or
elected shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired remainder of the term for
which such Chairman or Vice-Chairman would otherwise have continued
in office or during his absence on leave, as the case may be”.

12. The following shall be substituted for the second paragraph of section 36 of
the principal act:-

“In case of equality of votes, the President if there is one, shall have a
second or casting vote; and in case of equality of votes in the choice of the
President, the decision shall, subject to rule, by the drawing of lots”.

13. In sub-section (1) of section 41 of the principal Act, after the word
“residents” there shall be inserted the words “or voters”.

14. After section 48 of the principal Act, the following section shall be
inserted:-

“48A. The Local Government may, by an order in that behalf, remove any
disqualification or liability mentioned in section 48”.

15. In clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 55 of the principal Act, the words
“by the Board” shall be inserted after the words “or acquired”.

16. In sub-section (1) of section 59 of the principal Act –

(1) The words “Subject to the other provisions of this Act” at the
beginning shall be replaced by the words “Subject to the provisions
of this Act and the rules made there under”.

(2) In clause (a) the word “general” shall be inserted before the word
“tax” and the words “the annual values of” before the word
“holdings”;

(3) clause (b) shall be omitted;

(4) the following shall be substituted for clause (j):-

“a fee, on such conditions and on such scale as may be prescribed by rule
by the Local Government for the municipality, on boats, including steam boats,
and other vessels, mooring within the municipality”;

(5) provision (i) shall be omitted.

17. After sub-section (2) of section 61 of the principal Act, there shall be
inserted in the following new sub-section, namely:-
“(3) The Silchar Board, at its discretion, may compound for any period not exceeding one year with the person liable to pay the tax on any railway premises or any premises used as a factory, dockyard, workshop, coolie depot, school, hospital, market, court-house, jail, reformatory, lunatic asylum, or other similar place, for a certain sum to be paid by such person in lieu of the tax.”

18. (1) In clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 63 of the principal Act, the words “urinals and cess-pools” shall be replaced by the words “urinals or cess-pools”.

(2) In clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 63 of the principal Act, the word “or” after the word “reformatory” shall be omitted, and a comma and the words “school or hospital” shall be inserted after the words “lunatic asylum”.

19. For the heading “Assessment of taxes upon holdings” above section 66 of the principal Act, there shall be substituted the heading –

Taxes upon the annual value of

holdings.

Preparation of valuation

list and assessment

register.

20. Sections 67 and 68 and the provision to section 69 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

21. For the first provision to section 71 of the principal Act, the following provision shall be substituted:-

1) any holding containing any building or buildings vested in His Majesty,

or

2) any holding in respect of which the gross annual rent at which it may be reasonably expected to let cannot in the opinion of the Board, be satisfactory ascertained.

Shall be deemed to be such percentage of the cost of erection of the building or buildings on the holding as may be determined by the Board with the
approval of the Local Government, in addition to a reasonable found rent for the land comprised in the hoarding. Such percentage may be fixed at different rates for differently types of buildings and for different localities”.

22. The following shall be substitutes for section 72 of the principal Act:-
“After the valuation list has been prepared, the Board at a meeting shall determine the percentage on the valuation of holdings at which the tax shall be levied throughout the municipality:
Provided that where the annual value of any holding exceeds Rs. 7,500/- the tax on the excess shall be leviable ay only one-fourth of the percentage fixed under this section’.

23. In section 73 of the principal Act, the words “for the next financial year” shall be omitted and in clause (b) after the words “annual value of the holding” the words “as stated in the valuation list” shall be inserted.

24. The following heading shall be inserted above section 75 of the principal Act:-
“Revision of valuation list and assessment register.”

25. The words “and such revision........ direct” occurring at the end of section 75 of the principal Act shall be omitted and the semi-colon preceding the words replaced by a full stop.

26. The last sentence of section 76 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

27. The following shall be substituted for the second paragraph of section 77 of the principal Act:-
“The substitution shall, subject to the provisions of section 89, take effect from the date of the transfer or succession, as the case may be”.

28. After section 77 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted:-
77A. (1) The Silchar Municipal Board may at any time make a general revision of the valuation list for all the holdings within the municipality, provided that the interval between successive revisions under this sub-section shall not be less than five years,
nor, without the sanction of the Local Government, more than five years.

(2) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may at intervals of not less than twelve months alter any percentage fixed under section 72.

Explanation:- For the purpose of computing the intervals in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) the revision or alteration, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have been made on the date from which the consequential revision or alteration of the assessment register takes effect under section 77D.

77B. Notwithstanding anything contained in section A, if at any time it appears to the Local Government that the valuation in any municipality is insufficient, excessive, or inequitable, the Local Government may by an order in writing require the Board to revise the valuation or to show cause against revision within a specified time; and if the Board fails to comply with the order or if in the opinion of the Local Government the cause shown is inadequate or the revised Valuation also is insufficient, excessive or inequitable, the Local Government may by an order in writing require the Board to appoint an assessor for the municipality within a time and for a period to be specified in the order. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Local Government.

The order shall fix the pay of the assessor and the cost of his establishment and the pay and cost shall be paid monthly by the Board.

The assessor so appointed shall revise the valuation of all tie holdings in the municipality.

77C. Whenever the valuation list is revised or altered wholly or in part or a new percentage is fixed under section 72 the assessment register also shall be revised and all consequential changes made therein.

77D. The first assessment register prepared for any municipality under the Act and any revision thereof or alteration therein made
under any of the foregoing sections shall subject to the provisions of sections 77 and 89, take effect from the beginning of the quarter following the Publication of the notice mentioned in section 87."

29. Sections 78 to 82 inclusive of the principal Act shall be omitted.

30. In sub-section (3) of section 84 of the principal Act, the reference to clause (b) of subsection (1) of section 59 shall be omitted.

31. Section 85 of the principal Act shall be omitted.

32. In section 86 and in sub-section (2) of section 88 of the principal Act, the word and figures “section 85” shall be replaced by the word and figures “section 77B”.

33. In sub-section (1) of section 87 of the principal Act, the words and figures “or in section 78” shall be omitted.

34. In the provision, to sub-section (2) of section 89 of the principal Act, after the word “ward” where it occurs for the second time, there shall be inserted the words “or the section of voters”.

35. In sub-section (1) of section 98 of the principal Act, the words “on inhabitants or” after the words “the tax” shall be omitted, and the words “any tax” shall be substituted for the words “the tax”.

36. In section 265 of the principal Act, the words “shall fix” shall be replaced by the words “may fix”.

37. (1) In clause (i) of sub-section (2) of section 296 of the principal Act, after the words “into wards” there shall be inserted the words “or of the municipal voters into sections” and after the words “such wards”, the words “or sections”.

(2) In clause (i) of sub-section, (2) after the word “and” and before the word “fix” the following shall be inserted:

“subject to the provisions of sections 10 and 14 of this Act”; and

(3) in clause (x) of sub-section (2) -
(i) omit the "comma" after the words "sub-sections (1) (h)" and insert the word "and" therefore; and

(ii) omit the words "and (j)"

38. Clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 301 of the principal Act, shall be omitted.

39. In clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 330 of the principal Act, the words "and may instead of a tax on holdings situated within the notified area payable by the owner, impose, subject to any rules made in this behalf, a upon inhabitants occupying holdings within the notified area according to their circumstances. And property within the notified area", shall be omitted.

40. (I) Below clause, (a) of subsection (1) of section 330 of the principal Act, there shall be inserted the following explanation:-

"Explanation:-The words 'any tax' in the above clause shall be deemed to include all fees, tolls, cesses, rates and duties."

(1) In clause (c) of the same sub-section, after the word "and" following the semi-colon, there shall be inserted the words "in addition to or in lieu of, the exercise of any of the foregoing powers, may".13.
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<td>&quot; Sib Charan Sarkar (a)</td>
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<td>&quot; Iswar Chandra Enda</td>
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<td>&quot; Han Charan Das (a)</td>
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<td>* Mathura Nath De</td>
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<td>* Nritya Gopal Chatturji</td>
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Offg. Deputy – Commissioner
Notes and references:-

2. Assam Administrative Report, 1875, P-76.
7. Proceedings of the Station Committee, 12th October 1882, Silchar, P-3.
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Enactments from time to time and their enforcement

Part – B
Post-Independence Period
In the post Independent India, Assam Municipality Act 1956 A.D., came into being on 2nd October, 1957 A.D., published on the Assam gazette. The act is still in force. Silchar Municipality along with the rest of the districts of Assam is still following the rules and regulation of the act of 1956 A.D. The act comprises twelve chapters highlighting every aspect of municipality like constitution of municipalities, municipal finance and taxation, power of municipal board, regarding maintenance of sanitation public health, disease control, water supply, and drainage system. Besides it covers the rules and bye laws as well as legal provisions, appeals prosecutions and suits. The final chapter XII covers constitution of Town Committee and the power to impose taxation and regulation expenditure proceeds there of.

The 1st chapter, preliminary comprises various definitions of the physical property controlled by the board, inhabitants, occupier i.e. persons in actual occupation or liable to pay rent etc. to the owner, private road etc.

The Assam Municipal Act, 1956 A.D., extends to the whole of Assam including Silchar Municipality provided that the State Government may be Notification direct that the Act shall apply to any particular area with such exceptions or modifications as may be specified.

It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, be notification, direct.

On and from the date on which this Act comes in – to force, the Assam Municipal Act, 1923, shall be Act I of 1923 repealed:

Provided that –

(a) The said repeal shall not affect the validity or invalidity of anything already done under the said enactment;

(b) All municipalities constituted, limits defined, regulations and divisions made, licenses and notices issued, taxes, tolls, rates and fees imposed or assessed, budgets passed assessments made, plans approved, permissions or sanctions, granted under the Assam Municipal Act, 1923, shall so far Act I of 1923. as they are in force at the commencement of this Act, be deemed to have been respectively constituted, defined, issued, imposed, assessed, passed, made, approved or granted under this Act, and shall (unless previously altered, modified,
cancelled, suspended, surrendered or withdrawn, as the case may be, under this
Act) remain in force for the period, if any, for which they were so constituted,
defined, issued, imposed, assessed, passed, made, approved or granted.

A. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(1) “Board” means a Municipal Board.

(2) “Building” means a house, hut, shed or other roofed structure, for
whatsoever purpose and of whatsoever material constructed, and
every part thereof, but shall not include a tent, or other merely
temporary shelter including any kind of temporary shed erected on
ceremonial or festive occasions;

(3) “Carriage” means any wheeled vehicle with springs or other
appliances acting as springs, of a kind ordinarily used for conveyance
of human beings and includes jin-rickshaws, cycle-rickshaws,
bicycles and tricycles but does not include perambulators and in
particular does not include any motor vehicle as defined in the Assam
Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1936 A.D.;

(4) “Cart” means any cart, hackney, or wheeled vehicle with or without
springs, which is not a carriage.

(5) “The Commissioners” mean the persons for the time beings appointed
or elected to conduct the affairs of any municipality under this Act;

(6) “Compost-manure” means the produce prepared from offensive
matter, rubbish and sewage by subjecting them to the process of
compost making in the manner prescribed by rules;

(7) “Conservancy” means the removal and disposal of sewage, offensive
matter rubbish;

(8) “Cubical extent” when used with reference to the measurement of a
building means the space contained within the external surfaces of its
walls and roof and the upper surface of the floor of its lowest or only
storey;

(9) A supply of water for domestic purposes shall not be deemed to
include a supply:-
(a) for animals or for washing carriages where such animals or carriages are kept for sale or hire,
(b) for any trade, manufacture or business other than those concerned with the manufacture or supply of articles of food and drink for human beings,
(c) for fountains,
(d) for watering gardens, roads or paths,
(e) for any ornamental or mechanical purpose,
(f) for building purposes;
(10) "Drain" includes a sewer, a house-drain, a drain of any other description, a tunnel, a culvert, a ditch, a channel and any other device for carrying off sullage, sewage, offensive matter, polluted water, rain water or sub-soil water;
(11) "Financial year" means the year commencing on the first day of April, or on such other date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint;
(12) "Food" notwithstanding anything contained in the prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 A.D., includes every article used for food or drink by man other than drugs or water, and any article which ordinarily enters into or is used in the composition or preparation of human food, and also includes confectionary, flavouring and colouring matter and spices and condiments;
(13) "Half-year" means a half-year commencing on the first day of April or the first day of October, or on such other dates as the State Government may be notification appoint;
(14) "Holding" means land held under one title or agreement and surrounded by one set of boundaries;
Provided that where two or more adjoining holding from part and parcel of the site of premise of a dwelling-house, manufactory, warehouse, or place of trade or business, such holding shall be deemed to be one holding for the purposes of this Act;
Explanation:- Holding separated by a road or other means of communication shall be deemed to be adjoining within the meaning of this proviso.

Provided also that where land has been let out to occupants in separate parcels paying rents separately, each such parcel shall be treated as a distinct holding in spite of such parcels of land being held under one title;

(15) Any plot of land having clear boundaries and lying entirely vacant, if fit for building purposes or if yielding any income, shall when not appurtenant to any buildings and not used for any agricultural purposes, be regarded as a 'holding';

(16) "House" means any hut, shop, warehouse, work-shop, a masonry or framed building;

(17) "House-gully" means a passage or strip of land constructed, set apart, or utilized, for the purpose of serving as a drain or affording access to a latrine, urinal, cess-pool or other receptacle for filthy or polluted matter by municipal servants or by persons employed in the cleansing thereof in the removal of such matter therefrom, and includes the air-space above such passage or land;

(18) "Hut" means any building, which is constructed principally of wood, mud, leaves, grass or thatch and includes any temporary structure of whatever size, or any small building of whatever material made;

(19) "Infectious or contagious disease" means cholera, plague, smallpox, kala-azar, tuberculosis, diphtheria and typhoid or enteric fever or such other dangerous disease as the State Government may notify in this behalf;

(20) "Inhabitant" used with reference to a local area means any person ordinarily residing or carrying on business or owning or occupying immovable property therein;

(21) "Joint family" means a family of which the members live together, have a common mess and are descendents from a common ancestor and shall include wives or husbands, as the case may be, of its members but shall exclude married daughters and their children;
(22) "Land" includes (besides land) benefits arising out of land, houses and things attached to the earth, or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth and also land covered by water;

(23) "Local authority" includes Local Boards, Municipal Boards, Town Committees and Panchayats;

(24) "Lodging house" means a house in which visitors or other persons are lodged for hire for a night or more and where there is community of eating or sleeping accommodation;

(25) "Magistrate" includes the District Magistrate, the Sub-divisional Magistrate and any Magistrate to whom either such Magistrate, has made over any duties under this Act;

(26) "Market" means any place where persons assemble for the sale of articles intended for food or drink or of livestock or other merchandise;

(27) "Municipal Board" means the body of persons for the time being elected or appointed to conduct the affairs of any municipality of this Act;

(28) "Municipal Market" means a market belonging to or maintained by the Board;

(29) "Municipality" means any local area declared by or under this Act to be a Municipality;

(30) "Nuisance" includes any Act, omission, place or thing which causes or is likely to cause injury, danger, annoyance or offence to the sense of sight, smelling or hearing or which is, or may be dangerous to life or injurious to health or property;

(31) "Occupier" means the person for the time being in actual occupation of, or paying, or liable to pay to the owner, the rent or any portion of the rent of the land or building in respect of which the world is used, and includes a person occupying a holding or part of a holding rent-free, and an owner living in his own house;
“Offensive matter” means a dirt, dung, kitchen and stable refuse, putrid or putrefying substances, and fifth of any kind not included in the term “sewage”;

“Owner” includes –

(a) the person for the time being receiving the rent of any land or building or of any part of any land or building whether on his own account or as agent or trustee for any person or society or for any religious or charitable purpose, or as a receiver, or who would so receive such rent if the land, building or part thereof were let to a tenant, and

(b) the person for the time being in charge of the animal or vehicle, in connection with which the world is used;

“Platform” as used in Section 165 means any structure which is placed on, or covers, or projects over, any public road or any open drain, sewer or aqueduct;

“Prescribed means prescribed by rules under this Act;

“Public road” means any street, road square, court, alley, passage or pathway over which the public have a right of way, whether a through fare or not, and includes –

(a) the roadway over any public bridge or causeway;

(b) the footway attached to any such road, public bridge or causeway, and;

(c) the drains attached to any such road, public bridge or causeway and the land, whether covered or not, by any pavement, verandah or other structure, which lies on either side of the roadway up to the boundaries of the adjacent property whether that property is private property or property of the state;

“Private road” means any street, road, square, court, alley or passage which is not a public road and includes a pathway made by owner of premises on his own land to secure access to or the convenient use of such premises;
(38) "Rates" as used in Section 14 means:-
   (a) the tax upon the annual value of holdings,
   (b) license fees,
   (c) the water-tax on the annual value of holdings,
   (d) the lighting-tax on the annual value of holdings,
   (e) the drainage tax,
   (f) the latrine-tax on the annual value of holdings; and
   (g) the tax on private markets;

(39) The expression "re-erect", when used with reference to a building, include –
   (a) the reconstruction of a building, after more than one-half of
       its cubical extent has been taken down or burnt down or has
       fallen down,
   (b) the conversation of one or more huts or temporary structures
       into a masonry framed building,
   (c) the conversation into a place for human habitation of any
       building not originally constructed for such habitation; and
   (d) the extension of a building;

(40) "Rubbish" means broken brick, mortar, broken glass, or refuse of
     any kind whatsoever not included in the term “offensive matter”

(41) "Salaried servant of Government" means a wholetime
     servant of the Government who receive his salary direct from any
     Government and includes a manager of an estate under the Court of
     wards and an officer whose services have been lent by any
     Government to a local authority but does not include a retired
     servant of Government in a receipt of pension;

(41) "Sewage" means night-soil and other contents of latrines, urinals,
     cess-pools and drains, and includes polluted water from sinks, bath-
     rooms, stables, cattle-sheds and other like places and also
     discharges from manufactories of all kinds;
(42) "Water works" includes all tanks, streams, cisterns, springs, pumps, wells, reservoirs, aqueducts, sluices, mains, pipes, hydrants, stand-pipes, conduits, and all engines, machinery, lands, buildings and things for supplying or used for supplying water;

This act covers constitution of Silchar Municipality and its jurisdiction. The constitution of Silchar Municipal Board explicitly highlights that there shall be established for Municipality a body of commissioners as the Municipality Board having authority over the Municipality. The number of commissioners should be determined as per the notifications of state Government from time to time. The state Government, may appoint Government servants as expert adviser to the board without right to vote. And the election of commissioners should be conducted in accordance with the rules prescribed under this act. The board has the power to divide Municipalities wards and to fix the number of commissioners of each ward as well as determine qualification of voters. Besides it provides the criteria related to eligibility for election, procedures and powers of the judge holding enquiry scrutiny of voters and declaration of result in favour of the candidate having been casted greatest number of valid votes. Moreover an appointed Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Commissioner of Municipality may resign by notifying in writing his intention to do so to the district Magistrate and Commissioner of Division. Further an elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman may be removed from his office by a resolution of the board in favour of which not less than 2/3 of the whole number of commissioner shall have given their votes at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. The board at the meeting specially convened for the purpose by a resolution may take regulation consistent with the Act related to regulating the grant of leave, allowances and the service rule.

Constitution of Silchar Municipalities

A. (1) The State Government may, by notification, in the official Gazette and by such other means as it may determine, declare its intention –
(i) to constitute any town together with or exclusive of any railway station, village, building or land contiguous to any such town, a municipality under this Act;

(ii) to include within municipality any local area contiguous to the same;

(iii) to exclude from municipality any local area comprised therein; or

(iv) to withdraw the whole area comprised in any municipality from the operation of this Act;

Provided that municipality under this Act shall not include any military cantonment or part of a military cantonment. This provision is also followed by Silchar Municipality Board.

(2) Every notification published under sub-section (1) shall define the limits of the local area to which it relates.

(3) A copy, both in English and the Vernacular of the district, of every notification issued under sub-section (1) shall be posted up in a conspicuous place in the office of the Municipal Board, or, in the case of a notification under clause (a) of that sub-section, in the office of the District Magistrate and in such other public place, as the Board or the District Magistrate, as the case may be, may direct; and a public proclamation shall be made by beat of drum throughout the municipality or local area concerned that such copy has been so posted up, and is open to inspection in such office.

B. (1) Any inhabitant of any part of a local area defined in a notification published under section 4 or any rate-payer of the municipality, may, if he objects to anything therein contained, submit his objection in writing through the Deputy Commissioner to the State Government within forty-two days from the date of the publication, and the State Government shall take his objection into consideration.

(2) When sixty days from the date of the publication of the notification have expired, and after considering any objection which may submitted, the State Government may by notification –

(a) constitute the local area of any specified part thereof to be a municipality under this Act, or
(b) include the local area or any part of thereof in the municipality or exclude it there from, or

(c) withdraw the whole area comprised in the municipality from the operation of this Act, as the case may be.

C. When a local area is included in the municipality by a notification published under section 5, sub-section (2), all the provisions of this Act and all rules and bye-laws made, orders, directions and notices issued and powers conferred there under and in force throughout the municipality at the time when the local area is so included, shall apply thereto unless the State Government, by notification, otherwise direct.

D. (1) When a local area is excluded from the municipality by a notification published under section 5, sub-section (2) –

(a) this Act and all rules and bye-laws made, orders, directions and notices issued, and powers conferred there under shall cease to apply thereto;

(b) the State Government shall, after consulting the Board, frame a scheme determining what portion of the balance of the municipal fund and other property vested in the Board shall vest in the State Government and in what manner the liabilities of the Board shall be apportioned between the Board and the State Government; and, on the publication of such scheme in the gazette, such property and liabilities shall best and be apportioned accordingly.

(2) When the whole area comprised in the municipality is withdrawn from the operation of this Act by a notification published under section 5, sub-section (2), this Act and all rules and bye-laws made, orders, directions and notices issued, and powers conferred there under shall cease to apply thereto; and the balance of the municipal fund and all other property at the time of the issue of the notification vested in the Board shall vest in the State Government and the liabilities of the Board shall be transferred to the State Government.

E. (1) Should the circumstances of the municipality be such that any of the provisions of this Act are unsuited thereto, the State Government may, be
notification, either of their own motion after consultation with the Board or on convened for the purpose except the municipality or any part of it from the operation of those provisions; and thereupon the said provisions shall not apply to the municipality until applied thereto by notification after consultation with the Board.

(2) While such exception as aforesaid remains in force, the State Government may make rules for the guidance of the Board and public officers in respect of the matters accepted from the operation of the said provisions.

F. Municipal Board already existing and municipality newly constituted under this Act and municipality whose local limits are altered, shall cause to be erected and set up and thereafter maintain substantial boundary marks defining the limits or the altered limits of the area subject to its authority, as set out in any notification published under this Act.

Constitution of Municipal Board of Silchar

A. There shall be established for Silchar municipality a body of Commissioners designated as the Municipal Board having authority over the Municipality. Such a Board shall be a body corporate by the name of the Municipal Board of ..................................................., having perpetual succession and a common seal, and by that name shall sue and be sued.

B. (1) The number Commissioners of Silchar Municipal Board shall be such as the State Government may by notification determine in this behalf:

Provided that the number of Commissioners shall in no case be more than thirty or less than ten.

(2) The State Government may appoint Government servants as expect advisers who shall have the right to attend and speak at all meetings of the Board but not the right to vote. Such expert advisers shall not be deemed to be Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.

(3) Of the total number of Commissioners as determined under sub-section (1), not more than two may be appointed by the State Government to represent Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other socially and educationally backward
classes, and the reminder shall be elected. The State Government may, at any time, direct that all the Commissioners of the Municipal Board shall be elected.

(4) The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes specified under Articles 341 and 342 of the constitution of India and the socially and educationally Backward Classes as notified from the time by the State Government shall be deemed to be the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the socially and educationally Backward Classes respectively within the meaning of this Act.

C. The election Commissioners shall be conducted in accordance with rules prescribed under this Act.

D. The State Government may, in case of new municipalities of its own motion, and in case of municipalities already in existence at the time the notification is made after consideration of the views of the Board at a meeting, by notification, divide a municipality into wards for the purpose of the election of Commissioners and determine the number of Commissioners to be elected from each such ward.

E. Every person of the full age of twenty-one years, being a citizen of India, who has been for a period of not less than twelve months immediately before the 1st of January of the year for which the municipal electoral roll is being prepared, hereinafter referred to as "the prescribed date" resident within the limits of the municipality and occupies a holding assessed to tax under Section 68 of the Act or an inhabitant thereof, and who –

(i) has, during the twelve months immediately preceding the prescribed date, paid in respect of any rates an aggregate amount of not less than one rupee, or

(ii) is a member of joint family or which any member is a voter under item (i), or

(iii) being a graduate of any University, or having passed the Intermediate or Matriculation Examinations of the Gauhati, or any other University, or the corresponding standard of the same or any other University, or Middle English or Middle Vernacular or an equivalent examination or senior or junior Madrassa examination under the old or reformed scheme, or
the Sanskrit Title Examination of the Calcutta / Assam Sanskrit Association, or having read up to class VII of a High School or being a registered medical practitioner under the Assam Medical Act, 1916 A.D., or being an Advocate or holding a certificate authorising a person to practice as a Pleader or as a Mukhter or as a revenue agent, occupies a holding or part of a holding or part of a holding, in respect of which there has been paid, during the twelve months aforesaid in respect of any rates an aggregate amount of not than one rupee, or

(iv) is a manager or person in charge of a company, firm, society or business owing, or occupying any land or building within the limits of the municipality if the company, firm, society or business possesses the qualifications set forth in clause (i);

Shall on registration in the prescribed manner be qualified to vote at the election of the Commissioners of such municipality.

Explanation:- ‘Tax’ for the Purpose of this Section shall not include service charges.

F. No person shall be eligible for election as Commissioners of Silchar Municipal Board if such person –

(i) is not entitled to vote at the election of Commissioners of the Silchar Municipal Board, or

(ii) has been adjudged by a competent Court to be of unsound mind, or

(iii) is an uncertificated bankrupt or an undischarged insolvent, or

(iv) has during the four years immediately preceding the date of the election been convicted by a Criminal Court of an offence involving a sentence of transportation or imprisonment for an offence involving moral turpitude, or of an offence under Chapter IXA of the Indian Penal Code, or
served any portion of a sentence on such conviction, or has been ordered by a Criminal Court to furnish security for good behaviour under the Code of Criminal Procedure unless such conviction or order has been set aside, or such offences pardoned by component authority, or

(v) has been declared by notification to be disqualified for employment in the public service, or

(vi) has during the four years immediately preceding the date of election been debarred from practising as a legal practitioner by order of any competent authority, or

(vii) is a salaried servant of Government or as an employee of the Local Authority, or

(viii) is an arrear for more than three months on the date of submission of nomination paper of any dues to the municipality including the dues in respect of the holding of which he is a resident or occupant.

G. If the validity of an election of a Commissioner is brought in question by an unsuccessful candidate or person qualified to vote at the election to which such question refers, such person may, at any time within twenty-one days after the date of the declaration of the result of the election, file a petition in the prescribed manner before the District Judge of the district within which the election has been or should have been held and in the case of the Shillong Municipality to the District Judge, Lower Assam Districts, and shall at the same time deposit one hundred rupee in Court as security for the costs likely to be incurred.

Provided that the Deputy Commissioner or the Sub-divisional Officer, as the case may be, may be authorised by the State Government to receive election petitions on behalf of the District Judge for transmission to him:

Provided further that the validity of such election shall not be questioned in any such petition –

(a) on the ground that the name of any person qualified to vote has been omitted from the electoral roll; or
(b) on the ground that the name of any person not qualified to vote has been inserted in the electoral roll; or

(c) on the ground of acceptance or refusal of nomination of candidates provided further that an appeal in the manner prescribed shall lie to the District Judge against such acceptance or refusal of nomination.

H. (1) Where a petition has been filed under section 16 the District Judge, or any judicial officer subordinate to him and not below the rank of a Subordinate Judge ex-officio (hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the Judge) to whom the District Judge may transfer the petition, may after holding such inquiry as he deems necessary, in accordance with the prescribed procedure and subject to the provisions of section 18 and 19, pass an order confirming or amending, the declared result of the election or setting the election aside.

(2) For the purpose of the said inquiry the Judge may summon and enforce the attendance of witness and compel them to produce documents or articles in their possessions and to give evidence as if were a Civil Court, and may also direct by whom the whole or any part of the costs of such inquiry shall be paid and such costs shall be recoverable as if they had been awarded in a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 A.D.

(3) The Judge may, at any stage of the proceedings require the petitioner to deposit in Court a further sum as the costs incurred or likely to be incurred by any respondent, to give security, or further security, for the payment of the same, and if, within the time fixed by him, or within such further in time as he may allow, such costs are not deposited or such security is not furnished, as the case may be, may dismiss the petition.

(4) An appeal shall lie to the District Judge from any decision or order of a subordinate Judge, and a decision or order of the District Judge, either when he has himself made the inquiry or an appeal, shall be final.

I. (1) If the Judge after holding an enquiry is satisfied that –

(a) the election of a returned candidate has been procured or induced, or the result of the election has been materially affected, by a corrupt practice, or
(b) the election has not been a free election by reason of the general employment of bribery of undue influence as defined in Chapter IXA of the Indian Penal Code, or by reason of any from of general intimidation, including any from of social boycott, or

(c) the result of the election has been materially affected by any non-compliance with the provisions of this Act or the rules made there under or by any mistake in the use of any form prescribed for an election or by an error, irregularity or informality on the part of any officer charged with or carrying out any duty under this Act or rules or made there under, be shall declare the election of such candidate to be void and if the election is set aside for any cause which is the result of acts of a candidate or his agents may declare that candidate to be disqualified for the purpose of such fresh election as may be held under section 22.

(2) If, after any such inquiry, the Judge is of opinion that a returned candidate has been guilty by an agent (other than his election agent) or any other person of any corrupt practice which does not amount to any form of bribery other than treating as hereinafter explained or to the procuring or abetment of personation, and if the Judge is also of opinion that the candidate has satisfied him that –

(a) no corrupt practice was committed as such election by the candidate or his election agent and the corrupt practices which were found by the Judge to have been committed were of a trivial, unimportant and limited character and were committed contrary to the orders and without the sanction or connivance of such candidate or his election agent, and

(b) in all other respects the election was free from any corrupt practice on the part of such candidate or any of his agents, then the Judge may find that the election of such candidate is not void.
**Explanation:** - For the purposes of his sub-section “treating” means the incurring in whole or in part by any person of the expense of giving or providing any food, drink, entertainment or provision to any person with the object, directly or indirectly, of including to him or any other person to vote or refrain from voting or as a reward for having voted refrained from voting.

J. If, in any case to which section 18 does not apply, the validity of an election is in dispute between two or more candidates, the judge shall, after scrutiny and computation of the votes recorded in favour of each such candidate, declare the candidate who is found to have the greatest number of valid votes in his favour to have been duly elected:

Provided that for the purpose of such computation no vote shall be reckoned as valid if the Judge finds that any corrupt practice was committed by any person, known or unknown, in giving or obtaining it.

K. If the Judge sets aside an election under section 18, he may, if he thinks fit, declare any person by whom a corrupt practice has in his opinion been committed to be disqualified from being a candidate for election in that or any other municipality for a period not exceeding five years, from the date of decision, and the Judge’s decision shall be final.

L. Where a candidate, who has been elected to be a Commissioner, is declared by the Judge not to have been duly elected, acts done by him in execution of the office before the time when the decision is communicated to the Board shall not be invalidated by reason of that declaration.

M. If an election is set aside by the Judge, a date shall forthwith be fixed and the necessary steps taken for holding a fresh election for filling up the vacancy as though it had been a casual vacancy.

N. No election of a commissioner shall be called in question in any Court except under the procedure provided by this Act, and no order passed in any proceeding under section 16 to 20 (both inclusive), shall be called in question in any Court and no Court shall grant an injunction –

(i) to postpone an election, or

(ii) to prohibit a person, declared to have been duly elected under this Act, from taking part in the proceedings of the
Municipal Board which he has been elected a commissioner, or

(iii) to prohibit the Commissioners formally elected or appointed to the Municipal Board from entering upon their duties.

O. Notwithstanding anything forgoing section of this chapter, the State Government, while constituting Municipality after the passing of this Act, may appoint all the Commissioners of Silchar Municipality until the general election is held.

P. (1) Every person who is elected or appointed to be a Commissioner of the Board, shall before taking his seat make at a meeting of the Board an oath or affirmation of his allegiance to the union of India in the following form, namely:-

I, A. B., having been elected/appointed a Commissioner of this Board do swear in the name of God (or solemnly affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established, and will faithfully discharge the duty upon which I am about to enter.

(2) Any person having been elected or appointed a Commissioner fails to make, within three months from the date of the first meeting of the Board the oath or affirmation laid down in sub-section (1), shall cease to hold his office and his seat shall be deemed to have become vacant.

Q. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all the elected and appointed Commissioners shall hold office for four years commencing from the date of the first meeting of the newly constituted Silchar Municipal Board after general election at which a quorums is present. Election shall be held every four years but before the expiry of the fourth year and not earlier than three months prior to such expiry.

(2) The Commissioners of Division shall cause the results of the general election to be published in the Gazette and the date of the Gazette containing the publication shall be deemed to be the date of completion of the general election.

(3) The term of four years referred to in the sub-section (1) shall be held to include any period which may elapse between the expiry of the said four years and
the date of the first meeting of the newly constituted Board at which a quorum is present.

(4) The State Government may, by notification, for sufficient cause to be stated therein, direct, from time to time, that the term of office of the Commissioners be extended by such period not exceeding one year at a time, as may be specified in the notification, provided that the total period of such extension shall not exceed two years.

R. (1) An appointed Chairman of Silchar Municipality may resign by notifying in writing his intension to do so to the State Government, through the Commissioner of Division and on such resignation being excepted shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

(2) An elected Chairman may by laying notice in writing of his intension to do so before the Board at a meeting with intimation to the District Magistrate and the Commissioner of Division.

(3) A Vice-Chairman or a commissioner may resign by notifying in his intension to do so to the Chairman who shall forthwith lay such notice before the Board at a meeting.

(4) On a registration under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), being accepted by the Board at a meeting, the Chairman, the Vice-chairman or Commissioner, As the case may be, shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

S. (1) The State Government may at any time remove the Chairman appointed by it including Silchar Municipality.

(2) An elected Chairman or Vice-Chairman may be removed from his office by a resolution of the Board in favour of which not less than two-thirds of the whole number of Commissioners shall have given their votes at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.

(3) The State Government after giving an opportunity to explain, may remove the Chairman or, Vice-Chairman from his office if he is persistently omitting or refusing to carryout or disobeying the provisions of Act and the rules there under or any lawful orders issued there under or he becomes incapable of so acting or is declared insolvent or is convicted by a Criminal Court for any offence involving moral turpitude.
(1) The State Government may remove any elected Commissioner on the ground of his misconduct in the discharge of his duties if the removal is recommended by a resolution of the Board passed at a special meeting called for the purpose and supported by the votes of not less than two-thirds of the whole number of Commissioners of the municipality.

(2) The State Government may remove any Commissioner –

(a) if he ceases to reside within the municipality continuously for a period of 12 months, or

(b) if he refuses to act or becomes incapable of acting as a Commissioner, or if he has been declared by the State Government by notification to have violated his oath or affirmation of allegiance, or

(c) if without an excuse sufficient in the opinion of the State Government he absents himself from four consecutive meetings of the Board, or

(d) if, being a legal practitioner, he appears against the Board before any Court in his professional capacity in any case instituted by or against the Board, or

(e) if he becomes subject to any of the disabilities stated in clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of section 15, or

(f) if he has within, the meeting of section 55 knowingly acquired or continued to hold without the permission in writing of the State Government, directly or indirectly or by a partner any share or interest in any contract or employment with, by, or on behalf of the Board, or

(g) if he is in arrears of any kind of dues to the municipality for more than six months after a bill or a notice has been duly served upon him.

(3) The State Government may, after consultation with the Board, remove any Commissioner if he has continuance in office is, in its opinion, dangerous to the public peace or order or likely to bring the administration of the Board into contempt:
Provided that no Commissioner shall be removed under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) or sub-section (3) unless he has been given an opportunity of showing cause against such order of removal.

30. No Commissioner of the Board who has been removed from his office under sub-section (1) or under clauses (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of sub-section (2) or under sub-section (3) of section 29 shall be eligible for election or re-election as a Commissioner without the consent of the State Government.

U. If any Commissioner, appointed or elected, shall be unable to enter upon or complete his term of office the vacancy shall be filled by appointment or election as the case be for the reminder of the term.

V. If the electorate in the municipality fails within the prescribed time to elect the number of Commissioners to be elected in accordance with the provision of section 11, a shall be fixed by the Commissioner of division for another election and in case the electorate still fails to elect the number of Commissioners at such second election the State Government may appoint Commissioners to complete the number. Any person so appointed shall be deemed to be duly elected Commissioner.

Laws for the appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipality

A. (1) The State Government shall appoint the Chairman of the Silchar Municipality Board mentioned in the first schedule of this Act. It shall be lawful for the State Government by notification to include in or remove from the said schedule the name of the municipality, not included in the said schedule, existing on the date on this which this Act comes into force shall not be able included in the same. If a Chairman is appointed by official designation, the person for the time being holding the office shall be Chairman.

(2) At the first meeting of the Silchar Municipal Board after a general election, called at the instance of the Deputy Commissioner, the Commissioner shall elect one of their own number other than an officer of Government appointed under sub-section (2) of section 11, to be Chairman subject to the approval of
Government. The Chairman so elected pending approval of the Government shall be competent to discharge the duties of his office.

(3) The said Commissioners shall at the said meeting or at a subsequent meeting elect one of their own numbers, other than an officer appointed under subsection (2) of section 11, to be Vice-Chairman.

(4) When the Commissioners fail to elect a Chairman or a Vice-Chairman of the Silchar Municipality Board under the two preceding sub-sections the State Government shall appoint by name one of the Commissioners to be Chairman or Vice-Chairman as the case may be.

The Commissioner so appointed shall ordinarily be a non-official except when the State Government is of opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Government official.

B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 11, every Chairman or Vice-Chairman appointed under the preceding section, if not already a Commissioner of the Municipal Board of which he shall have been appointed Chairman or Vice-Chairman, shall, from the date of appointment, during the term of his office, enjoy subject to the provisions of section 45 all the rights and privileges and be subject to all liabilities and disabilities of a Commissioner of the Municipal Board to which such appointment relates.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, every Vice-Chairman whether appointed or elected, shall hold office from the date of his appointment or election, to the date of the election or appointment of the Chairman of the Board after the next general election, including the former but excluding the later of these dates, and shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

C. When a Commissioner who holds the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman ceases for any reason whatever to be a Commissioner, he shall at the same time cease to hold the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

D. Whenever for any cause the offices, of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are vacant in any Board, the State Government shall appoint any one from amongst the Commissioners as the Chairman to hold office as such temporarily till a Chairman is elected.
E. (1) The Chairman shall, for the transaction of the business connected with this Act, or for the purpose of making any order authorised thereby, exercise all the powers vested by this Act in the Board:

Provided that the Chairman shall not act in opposition to, or in contravention of, any order of the Board at a meeting, or exercise any power which is directed to be exercised by the Board at a meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) the Chairman may, in cases of emergency, direct the execution of any work or the doing of any act which the Board at a meeting is empowered to execute or do, and the immediate execution or doing of which is, in his opinion, necessary for the service or safety of the public, and may direct that the expense of executing such work or doing such act incurred as the emergency may require shall be paid for from the municipal fund:

Provided that he shall forthwith report the action taken under this sub-section and the reasons therefore to the Board at a meeting.

F. (1) The Chairman may delegate to the Vice-Chairman all or any of the duties and powers of a Chairman as defined in this Act, and may at any time withdraw or modify the same:

Provided that nothing done by the Vice-Chairman which might have been done under the authority of a delegation from the Chairman, shall be invalid for want of or defect in such delegation if it be done with the express or implied consent of the Chairman.

(2) During the vacancy in the office of Vice-Chairman, or the absence of Vice-Chairman on leave or otherwise, the Chairman may by an order in writing, delegate any of his functions to any Commissioner of the Silchar municipality till the Vice-Chairman resumes office or a new Vice-Chairman is elected or appointed as the case may be:

Provided that every such order shall be communicated to the Municipal Board at the next meeting.

G. The Vice-Chairman shall –

(a) during a vacancy in the office of the Chairman or temporary absence of the Chairman perform any of the duties and,
when occasion arises, exercise any of the powers of the Chairman and

(b) at any time, perform any duty and exercise; when occasion arise, any power delegated to him under section 38.

H. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may grant leave of absence to its Chairman or Vice-Chairman for any period not exceeding three months in any one year:

Provided that if a Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipal who has been granted leave for the maximum period of three months overstays his leave, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office and the acting Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be shall continue to act for him till the vacancy has been filled up by appointment or by a fresh election at the next meeting of the Board.

I. If any Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipal Board be unable to complete his full term of office or avail himself of leave granted under section 40, the vacancy caused by his resignation, removal, death or absence on leave shall subject to the provisions of section 33 and 36 be filled by appointment or election, as the case may be, and the person so appointed or elected shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term for which such Chairman or Vice-Chairman would otherwise have continued in office or during his absence on leave, as the case may be.

J. (1) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Silchar municipality may, if the Board thinks fit, receive such conveyance allowances out of the municipal fund as shall from time to time be fixed by the Board at a meeting:

Provided that the grant of such allowance to a Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be subject to the approval of the State Government.

(2) No Commissioners shall receive or be paid from the municipal fund, any salary or remuneration for services rendered by him in any capacity whatsoever but may be allowed traveling allowance when admissible. 

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Conduct of business of Silchar Municipality

A. (1) The Commissioners shall meet for the transaction of business at their office, at least once in every month, and as often as a meeting shall be called by the Chairman or, in his absence, by the Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipality.

If there be no business to be laid before the Commissioners at any monthly meeting the Chairman shall instead of calling the meeting, give notice of the fact to each Commissioner three days before the date which is appointed for the monthly meeting.

(2) The Chairman, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, of Silchar Municipality may call a special meeting whenever he thinks fit and shall call one on a requisition signed by not less than three of the Commissioners.

(3) If the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipality fails to call a special meeting within fifteen days after any such requisition has been made, the meeting may be called by the persons who signed requisition.

B. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at every meeting, and, in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Commissioners shall choose some one of their number to preside.

Provided that no candidate for election to the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall preside at the election.

(2) When a meeting under section 28 is held for the removal of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman or both –

(a) the Vice-Chairman or in his absence a member of duly elected at the meeting shall preside if the resolution relates to the removal of the Chairman;

(b) the Chairman or in his absence a member of duly elected at the meeting shall preside if the resolution relates to the removal of the Vice-Chairman;

(c) the Chairman or duly elected at the meeting shall preside if the resolution relates to the simultaneous removal of both the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
C. Save as otherwise provided in or under this Act, -

(a) all questions at a meeting of the Silchar Municipal Board shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Commissioners present.

(b) In the case of equality of votes, on any question other than the election of the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman, the President, if there is one, shall have a second or casting vote.

(c) If the case of equality of votes in the election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or President, the determination shall be by the drawal of lots:

Provided that an official appointed as Chairman under section 33 shall not leave the right to vote save for the purpose of giving a casting vote under the section.

D. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Silchar Municipal Board unless such meeting has been called by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, or, under section 33, sub-section (3), by persons signing a requisition, nor unless a quorum shall be present. The necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting shall be one-half of the total number of Commissioners of the Board when any of the following subjects are to be disposed of at such meeting –

(i) scale of establishment and salaries,

(ii) the framing of bye-laws under section 302 and of subsidiary rules under section 306 of the Act,

(iii) the annual budget estimate,

(iv) the appointment or the fixing of the pay or allowance of a paid Secretary, Engineer, Water Works Superintendent, Health Officer, Assessor or Executive Officer,

(v) the election of Chairman or Vice-Chairman,

(vi) the raising of a loan,

(vii) the subject of a meeting specially convened as provided in section 8,
(viii) any other subject prescribed by a subsidiary rule made in this behalf by the Board under the provisions of section 306 (1).

For all other business the quorum shall be one-third of the total number of Commissioners:

Provided that in cases where the whole number of Commissioners is not evenly divisible by three, the one-third shall be ascertained by taking the number next above the whole number which is evenly divisible by three, as the number to be divided.

If at any meeting the prescribed quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to some future day to be appointed by the President and three days' notice of such adjourned meeting shall be given. The Commissioners present at such adjourned meeting shall from a quorum whatever their number may be.

E. (1) Minutes of the proceeding of all meeting of the Board shall be entered in a book to be kept for the purpose, and shall be signed by the President of the meeting and shall be published in such manner as may be prescribed and shall, at all reasonable times and without charge, be open to the inspection of the taxpayers.

(2) A copy of the minutes of the proceedings of all meeting of the Board shall forthwith be forwarded by the Board to the Deputy Commissioner, and the Commissioner of division and another copy submitted to the State Government.

(3) The minutes shall be laid before the next meeting of the Board for confirmation and shall also be signed at such meeting by the President if the same has been correctly entered.

Committees of Silchar Municipality

A. (1) The Board at a meeting may appoint, from time to time, committees to assist it in the discharge of any specific duties or class of duties devolving upon it under this Act, within the whole or any portion of the municipality, and may delegate to any such committee all or any of its powers which may be necessary
for the purpose of rendering such assistance, or withdraw all or any of such powers.

(2) Each committee shall consist of Commissioners and, when necessary, of such residents with special qualifications whom the Board at a meeting desires to appoint, in such case the number of Commissioners shall not be less than two-thirds of the whole numbers of the members of the committee.

(3) The Commissioners of such Committees shall be liable to all the obligations imposed by this Act on the Commissioners of the Board in respect of such powers as may be delegated of them.

(4) All the proceedings of any such committee shall be subject to confirmation by the Board at a meeting.

(5) All questions connected with the removal or resignation of Commissioners of Committees shall be settled by the Board at a meeting.

Joint-Committee of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) Silchar Municipal Board may join with any other Local Authority or with any cantonment authority, or with more than one such local authority or cantonment authority, in constituting out of their respective bodies of joint committee, consisting of not more than two Commissioners/members from each of such bodies, for any purpose in which they committee any power which might be exercised and which can be lawfully delegated by either or any of the local authority or cantonment authorities concerned.

(ii) Such joint-committee may from time to time make rules as to the proceedings of any such joint-committee and as to the conduct of correspondence relating to the purpose for which such joint-committee is constituted.

Laws for Establishment of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) The Board at a meeting may, from time to time, determine and appoint the establishment to be employed by it and may fix the salaries and allowances to be paid to such establishment:
Provided that subject to the scale of establishment approved by the Board, the Chairman may appoint such persons as he may think fit with the prescribed qualifications if the monthly salary of the office does not carry more than fifty rupees or salary of the office does not carry more than fifty rupees. The Chairman may remove from time to time such persons for inefficiency, negligence of duty or misconduct:

Provided further that the appointment of any officer whose pay is wholly or partly contributed by the State Government shall not be created or abolished without the sanction of the State Government and that every nomination to, or dismissal from, any such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the State Government.

(ii) Consequent on disciplinary action against him every employee of the Municipal Board shall have the right of appeal to the Board from the orders of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman; and in the case of orders involving dismissal or removal of officers not liable to be so dismissed or removed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, an appeal to the Government in the Local Self-Government Department may be filed as may be prescribed by rules.

(iii) Silchar Municipal Board may at a meeting, from time to time, make rules for gratuities or pension to be granted the approval of the State Government.

(iv) Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, with the sanction of the State Government, make rules:-

(a) for the creation and management of a Contributory Provident Fund for its establishment;

(b) for compelling members of its establishment to make contribution to such fund;

(c) for making contribution to the fund by the Board at such rates and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed, out of the Municipal Fund; and

(d) for the payment of moneys out of such Provident Fund.

B. The Board at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, by a resolution in favour of which not less than two-thirds of the Commissioners present at such
meeting shall have voted, may make regulations consistent with this Act and with any rules made there under, in respect of officers and employees on its staff for—

(a) fixing the amount and nature of the security to be furnished;

(b) regulating the grant of leave, leave allowances, acting allowances and traveling and other allowances; and

(c) regulating conduct and generally laying down conditions of service:

Provided that—

(i) the amount of any leave, leave allowances, traveling allowances, or gratuity provided for in such regulations, shall in no case, without the special sanction of the State Government, exceed what would be admissible in the case of State Government officials of similar class and status;

(ii) the conditions under which such allowances are granted or any leave, superannuation or retirement is sanctioned, shall not, without similar sanction, be more favourable than those for the time being in force for such State Government officials.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 50, the State Government may require the Silchar Municipal Board, after considering any cause that it may show to the contrary,—

(a) to appoint such Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors, other public health establishments and Water-Works Superintendents as it may consider necessary on such terms as it may think fit; or

(b) to employ such officers of Government as Health Officers, sanitary Inspectors and Water-Works Superintendents as it may consider may necessary.

D. Silchar Municipal Board may appoint an Executive Officer with the approval of the State Government. The State Government may, if it finds that any particular Board should have an Executive Officer and the said Board does not make such an appointment, appoint any person as such officer in respect of that particular Board. In either case the salary of the officer including allowances, etc,
and other charges shall be charged on the Municipal Fund unless the State Government agree to bear the same or any portion thereof.

The State Government shall make rules regarding the appointment, salaries, and conditions of service, powers duties and functions of the Executive Officer and other relevant matters connected therewith and also providing that no disciplinary action shall be taken against the Executive Officer except with the approval of the State Government.

**Laws for Liability of Commissioners of Silchar Municipal Board and Committees**

A. (i) Every Chairman, Vice-Chairman Commissioner, officer or servant of the Municipal Board, including a Government servant whose services are lent to the Board, shall be liable for the loss, waste or misapplication of any money or other property owned by or vested in the Municipal Board, if such loss, waste or misapplication is a direct consequence of any illegal act, omission, neglect or misconduct on his part; and a suit for compensation may be instituted him in any Court of competent jurisdiction by the Board.

(ii) Every such suit shall be instituted within one year after the date on which cause of action arose.

B. No Commissioner of Silchar Municipal Board shall have without the written permission of the State Government, directly or indirectly, any share or interest in any contact, lease, sale or purchase of land or any agreement for the same of any kind whatsoever to which the Board hold any office of profit under it, and in any Commissioner shall have such share or interest or shall hold such office he shall thereby become disqualified to continue in office as a Commissioner, and shall be liable to a find not exceeding five hundred rupees:

Provided that a Commissioner shall not be so disqualified or liable by reason only –

(a) of his having a share or interest in –

(i) a contract entered into between the Board and any incorporated or registered company or any registered
Co-operative Society of which such Commissioner is a member or share-holder; or

(ii) any agreement for the loan of money, or any security for the payment of money only; or

(iii) any newspaper in which in any advertisement relating to the affairs of the municipality is inserted; or

(b) of his being professionally engaged of behalf of the Board as a legal or medical practitioner and receiving a fee for services rendered in his professional capacity.

But no Commissioner shall act as a Commissioner of the Board in any proceedings relating to any matter in which is so interested or take any part therein.

Provided that the State Government may by an order in that behalf remove any disqualification or liability mentioned in this section.

C. No Commissioner of the Board shall vote on any matter affecting his own conduct or pecuniary interest, or on any question which regards exclusively the assessment of himself, or the valuation of any property in respect of which he is directly or indirectly in any way interested, or of any property of or for which he is a manager or agent, for his liability to any tax.

Validity of Acts and Proceedings of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) No disqualification, or defect in the election or appointment, of a person acting as a Commissioner of the Board appointed under this Act or as the President of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to vitiate any act or proceeding of the Board if the majority of the persons present at the time of the act being done or proceeding being taken were qualified and duly elected or appointed Commissioners of the Board committee or the joint-committee.

(ii) Until the contrary is proved, any document or minutes which purport to be the record of the proceedings of the Board or committee or shall if substantially made and signed in the manner prescribed for the making and singing of the record of such proceedings, be deemed to be a correct record of the proceedings of a duly
convened meeting held by a duly constituted Municipal Board or committee or joint-committee, whereof all the Commissioners were duly qualified.

(iii) The powers of the Board or if any committee or joint-committee may be exercised notwithstanding any vacancy in their number.

(iv) Accidental omission to serve notice of a meeting on any Commissioner of a Board or committee or joint-committee shall not affect the validity of a meeting of the Board or of the committee or joint-committee.

SILCHAR MUNICIPAL BOARD’S
LAWS FOR FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Municipal Board

A. (i) There shall be formed, for Silchar Municipal Board, a fund to be called the “Municipal Fund”.

(ii) There shall be placed to the credit thereof:

(a) the balance, if any standing at the credit of the Board at the commencement of this Act;

(b) all sums received by, or on behalf of, the Board under this Act or otherwise;

(c) all sums received under any loan raised by the Board.

(iii) The Municipal Fund shall be vested in the Board.

(iv) Unless the State Government shall otherwise direct, the Municipal Fund shall be paid into a Government treasury or into any bank or branch thereof used as a Government treasury in or near the municipality, and shall be credited to an account called the account of the Municipal Board:

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board may invest any money not required for immediate use either in government securities or in any other form of security which may be approved of by the State Government.

B. It shall be lawful for Silchar Municipal Board, subject to the provisions of any law relating to the raising of loans by local authorities for the time being in
force, from time to time, to raise loans for the purposes of carrying out any of the provisions of this Act and to form a sinking fund.

C. (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Board shall set apart and apply annually out of the Municipal fund (a) firstly, such sum as may be required for the payment of, and the payment of interest on, any loan incurred under the provisions of any law;

(b) secondly, such sum as may be required to meet the charges of its own establishment, including, in the case of government officers whose services are wholly or partly employed by the Board, the payment of such contribution to the pensions, gratuities, provident fund and leave allowances as may be required by the conditions of their services under the government, to be made by them or on their behalf;

(c) thirdly, the liabilities and obligations arising from a trust legally imposed upon or accepted by the Silchar Municipal Board; and

(d) fourthly, such sum as may be required to pay the expenses of paupers, lunatics and lepers who are inhabitants of the municipality and are sent to public asylums, which in the opinion of the State Government, to be paid by board.

(ii) subject to the charges specified in sub-section (1), the Board at a meeting shall, as far as the Municipal Fund permits, from time to time cause roads, bridges, tanks, ghats, wells, channels, drains, latrines and urinals being the property of the Board, to be maintained and repaired, and the municipality to be cleansed and may apply the Municipal Fund to any of the following purposes within the municipality, and with the sanction of the Commissioner of Division outside the municipality, that is to say –

(i) construction, maintenance and improvement of roads, tramways, bridges, squares, gardens, tanks, ghats, wells, drains, latrines and urinals;

(ii) plating and reservation and felling of trees and bamboos;

(iii) supply of water, and the lighting and watering of roads;
(iv) erection and maintenance of town halls, offices and other buildings required for municipal purposes;

(v) payment of a gratuity to any officer or servant in its employ, or to any member of the family of such officer or servant who has died from disease or injury contracted in the discharge of the duties of his office;

(vi) establishment and maintenance of a municipal market, or the taking of a market or lease;

(vii) establishment and maintenance of schools, and the hostels to be used in connection with such schools, either wholly or by means of grants-in-aid;

(viii) establishment and maintenance of poor houses, hospitals and dispensaries and, at the discretion of the Board, the payment of allowances to medical practitioners for professional services rendered to the establishments employed by it;

(ix) payment of the expenses of any of the poorer inhabitants of the municipality for journeys to and from any hospital established in any part of India for the treatment of special diseases and of their subsistence thereat according to such scale as may be fixed by the Board at a meeting;

(x) employment of public vaccinators and the promotion of free vaccination;

(xi) acquiring, keeping and equipping of open spaces for purposes of ventilation, or for the promotion of physical exercise and public recreation;

(xii) industrial and other technical training and the employment of medical and veterinary practitioner;
(xiii) establishment and maintenance of veterinary dispensaries for the reception and treatment of horses, cattle and other animals;

(xiv) payment of contributions towards any public fund raised for the relief of human suffering within or without the municipality;

(xv) appointment and payment of qualified persons to prevent and treat diseases of horses, cattle and other animals;

(xvi) improvement of the breed of horses and cattle and the breeding of mules;

(xvii) establishment and maintenance of, or the granting of aid to public libraries and reading rooms, amateur theatrical institution and music schools;

(xiii) payment for the brigade services;

(xix) provision of burial and burning grounds and the burial of burning of paupers;

(xx) taking of a census other than a census ordered by the Central Government;

(xxi) holding of fairs and industrial exhibition;

(xxii) payment of rewards for the destruction of noxious animals or diseased or unclaimed dogs;

(xxiii) preparation of compost manure;

(xxiv) prevention of the spread of dangerous diseases;

(xxv) establishment and maintenance of dairies;

(xxvi) other work of public utility calculated to promote the health, comport or convenience of the inhabitants;

(xxvii) payment or contribution by the Board to any other local authority;

(xxviii) payment or anti-material and other projects of social services for the improvement of Public Health within the Municipal area;
(xxix) payment of advances to members of the establishment employed by the Board or on their behalf for the purpose of enabling them to acquire or construct residences for themselves and to purchases means of conveyance required for the performance of their duties;

(xxx) any expenditure not provided for in the items quoted above which may be declared by the Board at a meeting, with the sanction of the State Government, to be an appropriate charge on the municipal fund;

Provided that the net proceeds of the taxes or fees, as the case may be, imposed under Section 68, sub-section (1) (b) and Section 212, Section 68, sub-section (1) (c), Section 68, sub-section (1) (d) and Section 212, Section 68, sub-section (1) (e), Section 68, sub-section (1) (f) and Section 68, sub-section (1) (m) after deducting a proportionate share, to be fixed by the Board in meeting, of the cost of the staff employed in collecting and in supervising the collection of the taxes or fees and in keeping and in auditing the accounts thereof, shall be applied in defraying the expenses respectively, of making, extending, improving or maintaining the water supply; of making, extending, improving or maintaining the lighting system; of cleansing latrines, urinals, cess-pools, establishing, maintaining, and improving closed sanitary water-flushed sewerage system; of constructing extending, improving or maintaining the drainage system; in establishing, maintaining and improving fire bridge services; in establishing, maintaining and improving anti-material and other projects of social services for the improvement of public health:

Provided also that no money which has been received by the Board on account of any hospital or dispensary or directed by donor to be applied to the establishment or maintenance of any hospital or dispensary, shall be expended on any other object.

(iii) The Board may do all things not being inconsistent with this Act, which may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sub-section (2).
D. Unless otherwise authorised by the State Government, all order for the payment of money from the municipal fund if for a sum not above five hundred rupees shall be signed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and all orders for larger sums, by both of the said officers or by one of the said officers and another Commissioner of the Board.

No such order shall be issued otherwise than for the payment of money of which the expenditure has been authorised, subject to rule, by the Board at a meeting.

Municipal Property of the Silchar Board

A. (i) Subject to any reservation made by the State Government, all property of the nature hereinafter in this section specified and situated within the municipality shall vest in and belong to the Silchar Municipal Board and shall with all other property of whatever nature or kind which may become vested in the Board, be under its direction, management and control, that is to say –

   (a) all public roads including the soil, the pavements, stones and other materials thereof, and all drains, bridges, trees, erection, materials, implements and other things provided for such roads;

   (b) all public streams, channels, water-courses, springs, tanks, reservoirs, cisterns, wells, aqueducts, conduits, tunnels, pipes, pumps and other water-works, whether made, laid or created at the cost of the Board or otherwise and all bridges, buildings, engines, works, materials and things connected therewith or appertaining thereto and also any adjacent land, not being private property, appertaining to any public tanks:

Provided that water-pipes and any water-works connected therewith or appertaining thereto which with the consent of the Silchar Municipal Board are laid or set up in any street by the owners of any mill, factory, workshop or the like primarily for the use of their employees shall not be deemed to be public water-works by reason of their use by the public;

   (c) all public sewers and drains, and all works, materials and things appertaining thereto and other conservancy works;
(d) all sewage, rubbish and offensive matter collected by the Board from roads, latrines, sewers, cess-pools and other places;

(e) all public lamps, lamp-posts and apparatus connected therewith or appertaining thereto, and all public gates, markets, slaughter houses and public buildings of every description which have been constructed or are maintained out of the municipal fund;

(f) all land or other property transferred to the Board by the Government or acquired (by the Board) by gift, purchase or otherwise for local public purposes.

(ii) The state Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct that any property which has vested under sub-section (1) in the Board shall cease to be so vested, and thereupon the property specified in the notification shall cease to be so vested and the State Government may pass such orders as it thinks fit regarding the disposal and management of such property:

Provided that in case Silchar Municipal Board has already invested any money or made any commitment the State Government shall not pass any order divesting the Board in respect of the property without consulting the Board.

B. Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may decide to purchase or take on lease or by gift any land for the purposes of this Act, lease and may sell, let, exchange or otherwise dispose of any sell land, land not required for such purpose with the section of the State Government.

C. (i) The Board any enter into and perform any contract necessary for the purposes of this Act.

(ii) Every contract made by or on behalf of the Municipal Board in respect of any sum exceeding five hundred rupees, or which shall involve a value exceeding five hundred rupees, shall be sanctioned by the Board at a meeting, and shall be in writing, and signed by at least two of the members one of whom shall be the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, of the Silchar Municipal Board and shall be sealed with the common seal of the Board.

Unless so executed, such contract shall not be binding on the Board.

D. (i) Every hospital, dispensary, school, rest-house, ghat and market, not being private property or the property of a religious institution or society, and all
medicines, furniture, and other articles appurtenant thereto, not being such property, which at and after the commencement of this Act shall be found within the municipality, may, by order of the State Government duly published on the spot, be vested in the Municipal Board of the municipality; and thereupon all endowments or funds belonging thereto shall be transferred to, and vested in, the Board as trustees for the purpose to which such endowments and funds were lawful applicable at the time of such transfer:

Provided that no such order shall be published until one month after notice of the intention to transfer such property shall have been published in the Gazette and within the Municipality.

(ii) If the Board at the meeting shall, after publication of the aforesaid notice, object to the transfer to itself of any hospital, dispensary, school, rest-house, ghat or market, on the ground that its funds funds cannot bear the charge, then such transfer shall not be made save under such conditions as the Board at a meeting may agree to accept.

E. The Board at a meeting may agree with the person in whom the property in any road, bridge, tank ghat, well, channel or drain is vested, to take over the property therein or the control thereof, and after such agreement may declare by notice in writing put up thereon or near thereto that such road, bridge, tank, ghat, well, channel or drain has been transferred to the Board. Thereupon, the property therein or the control thereof, as the case may be, shall vest channel or drain shall thenceforth be repaired and maintained out of the municipal fund.

F. When any land, whether within or without the limits of a municipality, is required for the purposes of this Act, the State Government may, at the request of the Board, proceed to acquire it under the provisions of the land Acquisition Act, 1894; and on payment by the Board of the compensation awarded under the Act, and of any other charges incurred in acquiring the land, the land shall vest in the Board.
A. (i) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made there under the Board may from time to time, at a meeting convened expressly for the purpose, of which due to notice shall have been given, impose within the limits of the municipality the following taxes, fees and tolls or any of them:

(a) a tax on holdings situated within the municipality assessed on their annual value, payable by the owner;
(b) a water-tax payable by the owner or occupier, on the annual value of holdings;
(c) a lighting-tax, payable by the owner or occupier, on the annual value of holdings;
(d) a latrine-tax, payable by the owner or occupier, on the annual value of holdings;
(e) a drainage-tax, payable by the owner, where a system of drainage has been introduced;
(f) a tax on private markets payable by the owner;
(g) license fees on carts, carriages and animals used for riding, or burden;
(h) a fee on the registration of dogs;
(i) a fee, on such conditions and on such scale as may be prescribed by the rule by the State Government for the municipality, on boats, including steam boats, and other vessels, mooring within the municipality;
(j) tolls of bridges;
(k) with the sanction of the State Government a betterment fee on holdings in any area of which value has increased due to Improvement Schemes completed at Board’s cost;
(l) fees, as sanctioned by the State Government, for setting up and maintenance of fire bridge;

(m) with the sanction of the State Government fees for conducting anti-malarial services or any other schemes of social services for the improvement of public health;

(n) with the sanction of the State Government any other tax, toll, rate or fee; provided –

i. that both the taxes mentioned in clauses (a) and (f) shall not be imposed in respect of the same premises;

ii. that when the Board has taken a loan from or guaranteed by the State Government, the Board shall not, without the previous sanction of the State Government, make any alteration in respect of any tax which may have the effect of reducing the income of the board; and

iii. the State Government may, by order, exempt from the payment of any rate, tax, toll or fee payable under the provisions of this Act, any diplomatic or consular mission of a foreign State and the diplomatic and consular officers of such mission.

(ii) The Board may, from time to time at a meeting convened as aforesaid, and in accordance with a scale of fees to be approved by the State Government charge a fee in respect of the issue and the renewal of any license which may be granted by the Board under the Act and in respect of which no fee is leviable under sub-section (1).

(iii) Nothing in this section shall authorise the imposition of any tax or fee which the State Legislature has no power to impose the state under the constitution.

B. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, all municipal taxes in respect of Government themselves to the Municipal Board and not to be occupiers.

C. Where the aggregate annual value of all the holdings held by one owner within the Municipality does not exceed six rupees, the tax mentioned in section
68(1)(a) shall not be imposed on any of the holdings of the said owner, provided such owner is not assessed with any profession tax or income-tax.

D. (i) the imposition of a water-tax or a lighting-tax shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely:-

(a) that the tax shall be imposed only on holdings situated within an area for the supply of water to which or for the lighting of which, as the case may be, a scheme has been approved by the State Government:

Provided that where the Silchar Municipal Board –

i. distribute water by names of water arts or other like agency or provide a water supply by means of tanks or wells or other reservoirs, or

ii. provide acetylene lamps or which other means of lighting as may be approved by the State Government;

the Board at a meeting may impose in the case (i) a water rate and in the case (ii) a lighting-tax under such conditions and limitations as may be prescribed.

(b) that the tax shall not be imposed on land used exclusively for purpose of agriculture, or on any holding consisting only of tanks, or, in the case of the water-tax, on any holding no part of which is within a radius, to be fixed by the State Government, from the nearest stand pipe or other supply of water available to the public;

(c) that in fixing the rate, at which the tax is to be imposed, regard shall be had to the principal that the total net proceeds of the tax, together with the estimated income from payments for water or lighting as the case may be, supplied from the works under special contract or otherwise, shall not exceed the amount required for making, extending or maintaining the water-supply or lighting system, as the case may be, together with an amount sufficient to meet the proportionate share of the cost of supervision and collection and the repayment of and payment of interest on any loan incurred in connection with any such supply or system;
(d) that the tax shall not be leviable until a supply of water has been provided in the area to be so supplied or until the lamps in the area to be lighted have been lighted as the case may be, nor shall the tax be leviable for any quarter or portion of a quarter antecedent to the provision of such water-supply or lighting:

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the Silchar Municipal Board from making any special arrangement consistent with this Act with persons residing beyond the radius fixed by the State Government.

(ii) The amount of the tax may vary with the distance of holdings from the nearest stand-pipe or other sources of water-supply, and the amount may be higher in the case of premises to which communication pipes are attached than in the case of other premises.

(iii) The Board, at its discretion, may compound for any period not exceeding one year with the person liable to pay the tax on any railway premises or any premises used as a factory, dockyard, workshop, mazdur, depot, school, college, hospital, market, court-house, jail, reformatory, lunatic asylum, or other similar place, for a certain sum to be paid by such person in lieu of the tax.

(iv) Subject as aforesaid in the preceding sub-sections additional water tax under section 212 shall be imposed only in the areas served by the closed sanitary water-flushed sewerage system.

E. (i) The imposition of a tax under section 68, subsection (1) (d), shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely:-

(a) that the tax shall be imposed only on holdings containing dwelling houses, shops, places of business, latrines, urinals or cess-pools;

(b) that the tax shall not be imposed on any jail, reformatory, lunatic asylum, school, college or hospital in which an establishment is maintained for the cleansing of latrines, urinals and cess-pools therein without making use of any place or receptacle maintained by the Board for the deposit of sewage or offensive matter;
(c) that in fixing the amount or amounts of the tax regard shall be had to the principle that the total net proceeds of the tax shall not exceed the amount required for the cleansing of latrines, urinals and cess-pools together with the amount required to meet the proportionate share of the cost of supervision and the collection of the tax; and

(d) that the tax shall not be leviable in any area until the Board has made provision for the cleansing of latrines, urinals and cess-pools, within the such area; nor shall the tax be leviable for any quarter or portion of a quarter antecedent to the making of such provision.

(ii) (a) The Board at a meeting may compound for any period not exceeding one year with the person liable to pay the tax on any railway premises or any premises used as a factory, dockyard, workshop, mazdur depot, school, college, hospital, market, courthouse or other similar place, for a certain sum to paid by such person in lieu of the tax or, in the case of such premises or places may in lieu or levying the tax on the annual value of the holding levy it at a certain amount per head, to be fixed by the Board at a meeting, on the number of persons living within or habitually resorting to such premises or places.

(b) The Board may by a notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of any such premises or places to furnish within a time to be specified in the notice, a statement of the number of persons residing or habitually resorting to, such premises or places.

(iii) Subject as aforesaid in the proceeding sub-sections additional latrine tax under section 212 shall be imposed only in the areas served by the closed sanitary water-flushed sewerage system.
A rebate of not exceeding thirty-three and one-third per centum of the latrine-tax on a holding shall be allowed if the holding is provided with sanitary-type latrines and does not contain any service latrine.

F. The imposition of a tax under section 68, sub-section (1) (e), shall be subject to the following restrictions, namely:

(a) that the tax shall be imposed only in case of places situated within an area for which a scheme for construction of a drainage system has been approved by the State Government,

(b) that in fixing the amount or amounts of the tax regard shall be had to the principle that the total net proceeds of the tax shall not exceed the amount required for constructing, extending, improving or maintaining the system of drainage together with the amount required to meet the proportionate share of the cost supervision and the collection of the tax, and

(c) that the tax shall not be leviable until a system of drainage shall have been made in the area to be so provided; nor shall the tax be leviable for any quarter or portion of a quarter antecedent to the provision of such a system of drainage.

G. The tax mentioned in section 68, sub-section (1) (f), shall be determined by the Board at a meeting with the approval of the State Government, according to the size and importance of such markets.

H. In fixing the rates of fees under section 68, sub-section (1) (l) and (m), regard shall be had to the principle that the total net proceed of the fees shall not exceed the amount required for making, extending, maintaining and improving the fire brigade services of the anti-material and other social services for improvement of public health, as the case may be, or for making contributions to the organisations running such services, together with the amount sufficient to meet the proportionate share of the cost of supervision and collection and the repayment of and payment of interest or any loan incurred in connection with such services.
A. When it has been decided to impose any tax on the annual value of holdings, the assessor after making such enquiries as may be necessary, shall determine the valuation of all holdings within the municipality as hereinafter provided, and shall enter the same in a list called the valuation list, which shall be in the prescribed form:

Provided that valuation after than general valuations may be made by the Board through such person as may be authorised by the Board in this behalf.

B. The assessor, in order to prepare the valuation list, may whenever thinks fit, by notice requires the owners or occupiers of all holdings to furnish him, within fifteen days, with returns of the rent or annual value thereof and a description of the holdings in such detail as the Board may direct; and the assessor, at any time between sunrise and sunset, may enter, inspect and measure any such holding:

Provided that least forty-eight hours’ previous notice of the intention to enter, inspect and measure any holding shall be given to the owner or occupier thereof, unless he waives his right to such notice.

C. Whoever refuses or fails to furnish any such return for the space of a fortnight from the day on which he has been required to do so, or knowingly furnishes a false or incorrect return or description, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees, and to a further fine not exceeding five and correct return; and whoever obstructs, hinders or prevents the assessor appointed by the Board from entering or inspecting or measuring any such holding shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred rupees.

D. (i) The annual value of a holding shall be deemed to be the gross annual rental at which the holding may reasonably be expected to let.

(ii) In the case of a holding with a building or buildings used or occupied for the residence by the owner himself, the annual value of such holding shall be deemed to be an amount which is less by twenty-five per cent than the valuation fixed on the letting basis under sub-section (1) above.
(iii) In the case of holding containing building or buildings, vested in Government the annual value shall be deemed to be an amount which may be equal to but not exceeding six per centum of the cost, of creation of the building or buildings in addition to a reasonable ground rent or the land comprised in the holding:

Provided that in estimating the annual value of a holding under this section, the value of any machinery and its foundation that may be on such holding, shall not be taken into consideration.

Explanation:- The “gross annual rent” shall not include the amount of municipal taxes when paid by the tenant.

E. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board at a meeting to be held before the close of the year preceding the year to which the tax will apply, shall determine the percentage on the valuation of holdings at which any tax on the annual value of holdings shall be levied, and the percentage so fixed shall remain in force until the Board at a meeting shall determine some other percentage at which the tax will be levied from the beginning of the next year:

Provided that, when this Act is first extended to any place the first tax shall be levied from the beginning of the quarter next after that in which the percentage has been fixed by the Board at a meeting.

F. As soon as possible after the percentage at which the tax is to be levied shall have been determined under the preceding section, the Board shall cause to be prepared an assessment register which shall contain the following particulars, and any other which the Board may think proper to include:-

number of the holding on the register with the name of the road, if any, in which the holding is situated;

(a) annual value of the holding (as stated in the valuation list);

(b) names of owner and occupier;

(c) amount of tax payable for the financial year;

(d) amount of taxes payable separately under section 68(1), (a), (b), (c) or (d);

(e) amounts or quarterly instalments; and
(f) if the holding is exempted from assessment, a note to that effect.

G. (i) If any house belongs to one owner and the land on which it stands and any adjacent land which is usually occupied therewith belongs to another, the Board may value such house and land together, and may imposer thereon one consolidated tax.

(ii) The total amount of the tax shall be payable by the owner of the house, who shall thereafter be entitled to deduct from the rent which he pays for the land such proportion of the tax so paid by him as is equal to the proportion which such rent bears to the annual value of the holding.

(iii) In case of disputes, the Board shall determine what amount the owners of the house and of the land shall pay respectively.

**Laws for Revision of valuation list and assessment register of Silchar Municipal Board**

A. (i) The Board at a meeting may, at any time, direct an alteration in, or amendment of, the assessment of register:

(a) by entering therein the name of any person or any property which in its opinion ought to have been entered, or any property which has become liable to taxation after the preparation of the assessment register, or

(b) by substituting therein within effect from the date of succession or transfer, as the case may be, for the name of the owner of any holding the name of any other person who has succeeded by transfer or otherwise, to the ownership of the holding, or

(c) by altering the valuation of or assessment on any holding which in its opinion has been incorrectly valued or assessed; or
(d) by re-valuing or-assessing any holding the value of which has been increased by additions, or alterations to buildings, or

(e) by reducing, upon application of the owner the valuation of any holding which has been wholly or partly demolished or destroyed, or the value of which has diminished from any cause beyond the control of the owner, or

(f) by correcting any clerical or arithmetical error.

(ii) The Board shall give at least one month’s notice to any person interested in any alteration which the Board proposes to make under clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d) of sub-section (1) and of the date on which the alteration will be made.

(iii) Every alteration made under sub-section (1) in the assessment register shall be signed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

B. (i) Whenever the title to any holding is transferred both the transfer and the transferee shall, for the purpose, of section 83 (1) (b), within three months after the execution of the instrument of transfer, or if no much instrument is executed, within three months after the transfer is effected, give notice in writing of such transfer to the Board.

(ii) In the event of the death of the person in whom such title vests, the person to whom as heir or otherwise, the title of the deceased is transferred by descent or devise, shall within one year from the death of the deceased, give notice in writing of such succession to the Board.

(iii) Every person liable for the payment of taxes on any holding, who transfers his title to or over such property, without giving notice of such transfer to the Board, as aforesaid, shall unless the Board at a meeting on the ground of hardship arising out of special circumstances, otherwise directs, continue to be liable for the payment of all such taxes from time to time payable in respect of the said property until he gives such notice, or until the transfer shall have been recorded in the municipal books.
(iv) The Board may levy a fee not exceeding one rupee for every such transfer of title to holding.

C. (i) A new valuation list shall, unless otherwise ordered by the State Government, be prepared in the same manner as the original list, once in every five years.

(ii) Subject to any alteration or amendment made under section 83 and to the result of any application under section 95, every valuation and assessment entered in the valuation list or the assessment register, shall be valid from the date on which the list or register takes effect in the municipality.

D. (i) The Board at a meeting for the purpose of general valuation may, with the approval of the State Government, appoint an assessor who is neither an employee nor a Commissioner of the Board on such pay and with such establishment as it may determine.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 85, if at any time it appears to the State Government that the valuation in the municipality is insufficient, excessive or inequitable, the State Government may, by an order in writing, require the Board to revise the valuation or to show cause against revision within a specified time, and if the Board fails to comply with the order or in the opinion of the State Government the cause shown is inadequate or the revised valuation also is insufficient, excessive or inequitable, the State Government may be an order in writing require the Board to appoint with the approval of the State Government an assessor for the municipality within a time and for a period to be specified in the order. The order shall fix the pay to the assessor and the cost of his establishment and the pay and cost shall be paid monthly by the Board.

E. Whenever the valuation list is revised or altered wholly or in part or a new percentage is fixed under section 80 the assessment register also shall be revised and all consequential changes made therein.

F. The first assessment register prepared for the municipality under the Act and any revision thereof or alteration therein made under the foregoing sections shall, subject to the provisions of sections 83 and 96, take effect from the beginning of the quarter following the publication of the notice mentioned in section 94.
Imposition of Duty by Silchar Municipality
on transfer of property

A. In addition to the mutation fee as provided in sub-section (4), section 84, a duty on transfers of property shall be levied in the form of a surcharge on the duty imposed by the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, as in force for the time being in the State of Assam, on instruments of sale, gifts and mortgage with possession of immovable property situated within the limits of a municipality, at a rate of one per cent of the amount of the consideration, the value of the property, or the amount secured by the mortgage as the case may be.

B. On the introduction of the transfer duty –
   (a) section 27 of the Indian Stamp Act 1899, shall be read as if it specifically required the particulars to be set forth separately in respect of property situated within the limits of a municipality and outside such limits;
   (b) section 64 of the same Act shall be read as if it referred to the Municipal Board concerned as well as the Government.

C. The State Government may make rules not inconsistent with this Act for regulating the collection of the duty, the payment thereof to the Municipal Board concerned and the deduction of any expenses incurred by the Government in the collection thereof.

General provisions of Silchar Municipal Board regarding assessment

A. (i) The tax mentioned in section 68, sub-section (1)(a), (b) and (d), shall not be assessed or levied on any building or holding which is used exclusively as a place public worship, or on any holding which is duly registered as a public burial or burning ground under this Act.
(ii) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may exempt from assessment to the tax mentioned in section 68, sub-section (1)(a), any holding used for the purposes of a public charity.

(iii) The Board may, at a meeting, reduce the amount payable on account of any of the taxes mentioned in section 68, sub-section (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d), or remit the same, on the ground of excessive hardship to the person liable to pay the same:

Provided that such reduction or remission shall not, unless renewed by the Board at a meeting, have effect for more than one financial year.

B. An assessor appointed by the Silchar Municipal Board under section 36 shall exercise all the powers of valuation the same being vested in the Board but shall not hear or determine applications for review made under section 95.

C. (i) When the valuation list mentioned in section 76 and the assessment register mentioned in section 781 shall have been prepared or revised, the Chairman shall sign the same and shall cause them to be deposited in the office of the Board, and shall cause a notice in the prescribed from to be published in the manner prescribed.

(ii) In all cases in which any property is for the first time assessed for the assessment is increased, the Chairman shall also give notice thereof to the owner or occupier or the property.

D. (i) Any person who is dissatisfied with the amount assessed upon him or with the valuation or assessment of any holding or who disputes his occupation of any holding or his liability to be assessed, may apply to the Board to review the amount of assessment or valuation or to exempt him from the assessment of tax:

Provided that no application shall be entertained unless the applicant has paid all arrears of dues to the Board accrued the date of such application other than the sum which has been enhanced by the valuation or assessment against which the review application has been filed.

(ii) When an assessor has been appointed under section 86, notice of every such application shall be given by the Board to the assessor.
E. (i) Every application presented under section 95 shall be heard and determined by a committee consisting of not more than five members or by an officer of Government not below such rank as the State Government may determine, whose services the Board obtains and to whom the Board at a meeting delegates the powers and functions of the committee in this behalf.

(ii) The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipal Board shall be one of the members of such committee *ex-officio*, and the other members shall be appointed from among their numbers by the Board at a meeting:

Provided that no member so appointed shall take part in hearing or determining any application from the ward in which he resides, or in the case of an elected member, the ward which he represent, but nothing in this proviso shall prevent any such member from giving evidence with regard to the matter under enquiry.

(iii) No such application shall be heard or determined by the committee unless at least three members including the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman are present.

(iv) The Committee or the officer of Government shall give notice to the applicant of the time and place at which his application will be heard and after taking such evidence and making such inquiries as may be deemed necessary in the presence of the objector or his agent, if he appears, pass such orders as are thought fit in respect of such application.

(v) If the committee or the officer of Government order that any valuation to which the application relates shall be reduced, brief reasons for such reduction shall be recorded.

(vi) The decision of the committee or of a majority of the members thereof, or of the officer of Government, in respect of any application referred to in this section shall be final.

F. Unless good cause shall be shown to the satisfaction of the aforesaid committee or officer of Government for extending the time allowed, and save as is otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no such application shall be received after the expiration of one month from the date of publication of the notice required by section 94 relating to the list or register containing the assessment, in
respect of which the application is made, or after the expiration of fifteen days from the date of service of the first notice of demand for payment at the rate in respect of which the application is made, whichever period shall last expire:

Provided that, if the Silchar Municipal Board has served a notice under section 94 on any person, no such application shall be received from him after the expiration of fifteen days from the date of such service.

G. No objection shall be taken to any assessment or valuation in any other manner than in this Act is provided.

H. No assessment of tax on property and no charge or deemed of any tax made under authority of this Act shall be invalid for error or defect of from, and it shall be enough in any valuation or assessment for the purpose if the property so valued or assessed is so described as to be generally known and it shall not be necessary to name the owner or occupier thereof.

**Laws for Recovery of taxes**

A. If any tax payable under this Act by the owner of any holding remains unpaid after the notice of demand has been duly served, and such owner be not resident within the municipality, or the place of abode of such owner be unknown, the same may be recovered from the occupier for the time being of such holding, who may deduct, from the next and following payments of his rent the amount which may be so paid by or recovered from him:

Provided that no arrear of tax which has remained due from the owner of any holding for more than one year shall be so recovered from the occupier thereof:

Provided also that if any such holding is occupied by more than one person, the sum to be recovered from any one of such person shall be proportionate to the value of the part of the holding in occupation of such persons.

B. If any holding shall be occupied by more than one tenant holding severally, it shall be lawful for the Silchar Municipal Board, to recover from the
owner of such holding, any taxes payable under this Act by the occupier also of the holding.

C. Whenever any tax shall be recovered from any owner of any holding under the provisions of the preceding section, it shall be lawful for such owner, if there shall be but one occupying tenant of such entire of holding, to recover from such tenant the entire amount of the tax which shall have been so paid by such owner, and, if there shall be one occupying tenant of a part of such holding or more than one occupying one tenant of such holding, then to recover from such tenant or each of such tenants such sum as shall bear to the entire amount of tax which may have been so recovered from such owner the same proportion as the value of the portion of such holding on the occupation of such tenant bears to the entire value of such holding, subject, however, to the provisions of the next succeeding section.

D. Every owner who, under the provisions of the preceding section, may be entitled to recover any sum from any occupying tenant of any holding or of any portion thereof, shall have for the recovery of such sum all such and the same remedies, powers, rights, and authorities as if such sum were rent payable to such owner by such tenant in respect of so much of such holding as may be in the occupation of such tenant.

E. (i) The amount due by any person on account of any tax on the annual value of holdings, shall be deemed to be the amount entered in the register, the notice relating to which is published under section 94, unless the amount entered in such register is subsequently altered as provided in this Act, in which case the amount to which the assessment is so altered shall be deemed to be the amount due.

(ii) Such tax shall be payable in quarterly instalments, and every such instalment shall be deemed to be due on the first day of the quarter in respect of which it is payable.

F. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board shall, by notice to be posted up in of their office, declare at what hours of each day (not being a Sunday or other recognized holiday) the office shall be open for the receipt of money and the transaction of business.
(ii) For all sums paid on account of any tax, fee or other moneys due under this Act a receipt stating the amount and the tax, fee or other charge on account of which it is paid shall be given, signed by the tax Collector or by some other officer authorised by the Board to grant such receipt.

G. (i) Within three months after any sum has become due on account of any tax, toll or fee, the Board shall cause to be presented to the person liable to the payment thereof a bill and a notice of demand for the said sum, which shall contain a statement of the period and of the tax, toll or fee on account of which the charge is made:

Provided that no charge shall be made in respect of the service of such bill or notice.

(ii) Such bill and notice shall be signed by or stamped with a facsimile signature of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or an officer duly authorised in that behalf.

H. (i) If any person, after service upon him of such bill and notice, do not, within fifteen days of the service of such notice or from the date of any order made on application for review under section 96, pay the sum due, either to the Board at their office or to some person authorised by them to receive the money, or show to the Board sufficient cause for not paying the same, the amount of the arrear due, with costs according to the prescribed scale of fees, may at any time within six months after the date of service of the said notice, or of the order made on an application for review as aforesaid, be levied by attachment and scale of any movable property belonging to the defaulter, except ploughs, plough cattle, tools or implements, of agriculture or trade and articles required for worship or prayer, wherever found, or of any movable property belonging to any other person, subject to the same exceptions, which may be found within the holding in respect of which such defaulter is liable to such tax, toll or fee:

Provided that when the holding in respect of which the default is committed is a place of business, and the movable property attached is shown to the satisfaction of the Board to have been left there for repairs or safe custody in the ordinary course of business, it shall be released:
Provided also that, if the said property or any part thereof belongs to any person other than the defaulter, the defaulter shall be liable to indemnify the owner thereof for any damage he may sustain by reason of such attachment, or by reason of any payment he may make to avoid such attachment or any sale under the same.

(ii) Penalty at the rate of three and one-eight per cent shall be charged on the arrears with effect from the sixteenth day following the date of the service of notice under section 106 (1) or of the order made on the application for review under section 96.

I. (i) Every warrant of attachment and sale under the preceding section shall be issued by the Board, and shall be in the prescribed form. Attachment shall be made by actual seizure of movable property, and the officer charged with the execution of the warrant shall be responsible for the due custody thereof.

(ii) When a warrant of attachment is issued it shall not be discharged before it is executed except upon payment of the sum due together with one-fourth of the costs referred to in section 107.

(iii) Such officer shall make in the presence of witnesses an inventory of all movable property seized under the warrant, and shall give not less than ten days' previous notice of the sale, and of the time and place thereof, by beat of drum, in the municipality of ward in which the property is situated, and by serving on the defaulter a notice in the prescribed form:

Provided that, if the property is of a perishable nature, it may be sold at once with the consent of the defaulter, or without such consent, at any time after the expiry of six hours from the seizure.

J. The officer charged with the execution of the warrant may, under the special order of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Silchar Board between sunrise and sunset, break open any outer or inner door or window of a house in order to make the attachment, if he has reasonable ground for believing that such house contains any movable property belonging to the defaulter, and if, after notification of his authority and purpose and demand of admittance duly made, he cannot otherwise obtain admittance:
Provided that he shall not enter or break open the door of any room appropriated for the *Zenana*, or residence of women, which by the usage of the country is considered private, without giving an opportunity and facilities for the retirement of the women.

K. (i) If the sum due be not paid with costs before the time fixed for the sale, or the warrant be not discharged or suspended by the Silchar Municipal Board, the movable property seized shall be sold by auction, at the time and place specified, in the most manner possible, and the proceeds shall be applied in discharge of the arrears and costs.

(ii) The surplus sale-proceeds, if any, shall be credited to the Municipal Fund, and may be paid on demand to any person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of the Board or in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(iii) The tax collector or other officer authorised in that behalf shall make a return of all such sales to the Board in the prescribed form.

L. All Commissioners, officer and servants of the Board, and all chaukidars, constables and other officers of police are prohibited from purchasing any property at any such sale.

M. The Silchar Municipal Board shall cause a regular account to be kept of all attachments and sales made for the recovery of taxes, tolls and fees under this Act.

N. If the Board is unable to recover under section 110 the sum due with costs, the Magistrate may, on the application of the Board, issue a warrant to any officer of his court for the attachment and sale of any movable property or effects belonging to the defaulter within any other part of the Jurisdiction of the Magistrate, or for the defaulter within the Jurisdiction of any other Magistrate exercising Jurisdiction within the State of Assam, and such other Magistrate shall endorse the warrant so issued, and cause it to be executed, and the amount, if levied to be remitted to the Magistrate issuing the warrant, who shall remit the same to the Board.

O. No attachment or sale made under this Act shall be deemed unlawful, nor shall any party making the same be deemed a trespasser on account of any error,
defect or want of form in the bill, notice, summons, warrant of attachment, inventory or other proceeding relating thereto.

P. Instead of proceeding by attachment and sale or in case of failure to realize thereby the whole or any part of any, the Board may sue the person liable to pay the same in any court of competent Jurisdiction.

Q. The purchaser of any holding or part of a holding, in respect of which any sum is due at the time of purchase on account of any tax under this Act, shall subject to provision of sub-section (3) of section 84 be liable for the said sum.

Laws for Imposition of License fees on carts, carriages and animals by Silchar Municipal Board

A. (i) When it has been determined that license fees on carts, carriages and animals shall be imposed under section 68, sub-section (1) (g), the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting shall make an order that the owner of every cart, carriage and animal of the kind specified therein, which is kept or used within the municipality, shall take out a license and pay such fees as are fixed in the order, and shall cause such order to be published in the manner prescribed.

(ii) Such order shall be published at least one month before the beginning of the half year in which it shall first take effect and shall specify the fees not exceeding such amounts as may be prescribed by rule, which shall be charged in respect of such licenses:

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board may permit the owner of any such cart, carriage or animal which is casually brought within the municipality to keep or use the same within the municipality without a license for such period not exceeding 30 days in the half year as may be fixed by the Board.

(iii) No license shall be required in respect of:-

(a) horses or ponies belonging to officers doing regimental duty as the rate of one animal for each officer;
(b) carts, carriages or animals belonging to Government, or to the Board or for keeping which for the execution of their duty an allowance is made by any Government or by the Board to any of their officers;

(c) animals used by, or exclusively for the purposes of, any regiment;

(d) horses or ponies used by police officers at the rate of not more than one for each officer;

(e) carts, carriages or animals kept for sale by any bona fide dealer in such carriages or animals and not used for any other purpose.

B. Any order of the Silchar Municipal Board imposing license fees under the preceding section shall continue in force until rescinded, and the fees shall be charged at the rates specified in the order published as aforesaid unless and until the Board at a meeting, held not less than one month before the end of the financial year, make and publish an order specifying any different fees which shall be charged for the ensuing financial year.

C. In the municipality license fees have been imposed under section 117, the owner of every cart, carriage and animal specified in the order under the aforesaid section shall, within the first month of each half-year, forward to the Board, a statement in writing, signed by him, containing a description of the carts, carriages and animals for which he is bound to take out a license.

Such owner shall, at the same time, pay to the Board such sum as shall be payable by him for the current half-year for the carts, carriages and animals specified in such statement, according to the fees specified in any order for the time being in force under the two preceding sections.

D. If any person acquires possession, at any time after the commencement of any half-year, of any cart, carriage or animal specified in the order under section 117, in respect of which no license has been given for such half-year, he shall forward a statement as above required within one month of the date on which he may have acquired possession thereof, and shall pay such amount of fee as shall
bear the same proportion to the whole fee for the half-year as the unexpired portion of the half-year bears to the half-year; and such amount shall be calculated from the date on which such person may have acquired possession as aforesaid;

E. On receiving the amount of the fees due as aforesaid, the Board, or some person authorised by them in that behalf, shall give to the person paying the same a license and a token of registration number for the several carts, carriages and animals for the period in respect of which the amount is received.

Such license shall be for the current half-year.

F. Whenever the owner of any cart, carriage or animal liable to pay the said fee is not resident within the limits of the municipality to which the fee is due, the person in whose immediate possession the cart, carriage or animal is for the time being kept shall take out a license for the same.

G. Whoever keeps or is in possession of any cart, carriage or animal without the license required by any of the three preceding sections shall be liable to a fine not exceeding four times the amount payable by him in respect of such license, inclusive of the amount so payable.

H. The Board, at their discretion, may compound for any period not exceeding one year, with livery stable-keepers and other persons keeping carts, carriages or animal for hire, for a certain sum to be paid for the carts, carriage or animals so kept by such person in lieu of the license fees specified in any order made by the Board under sections 117 and 118.

J. The Silchar Municipal Board shall, from time to time, cause to be prepared and entered in a book, to be kept by them, and to be open to the inspection of any person interested therein, a list of persons to whom during the current half-year a license has been given and of the carts, carriages and animals in respect of which they have paid the fees.

J. The Silchar Municipal Board, or any person authorised by them in that behalf, may at any time between sunrise and sunset enter and inspect any stable or coach-house, or any place wherein they may have reason to believe that there is any cart, carriage or animal liable to the license fee, for which a license has not been duly taken out.
And the Board may summon any person whom they have reason to believe to be liable to the payment of any such fee or any servant of such person, and may examine such person or servant as to the number and description of the carts, carriages and animals in respect of which of person is liable to pay license fees.

K. On proof being given to the satisfaction of the Board that a cart, carriage or animal, for which a license has been taken out for any half-year, has ceased to be used or kept for use, within the municipality during the course of such half-year, the Board shall order a refund of so much of the license fee for the half-year as shall bear the same proportion to the whole fee for the half-year as the period during such cart, carriage or animal has not been so kept or used in the municipality bears to the half-year; but no such refund shall be allowed unless notice be given to the Board within one month of the time when such cart, carriage or animal ceased to be so kept or used, and, except for special cause shown, the Board shall pass no order for refund until after the close of the half-year in respect of which the refund is claimed.

Laws for Registration of Dogs by Silchar Municipality

A. When it has been determined that fees on the registration of dogs shall be imposed under section 68, sub-section (1) (h), the Board at a meeting shall make an order that every dog, which is kept within the municipality, shall be registered by the Board with the name and residence of the owner and shall bear the number of registration in such manner as the said Board shall direct. Such order shall be published at least one month before the beginning of the half-year in which it shall first take effect and shall specify the fee, not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed by rule, which shall be paid for each registration.

B. Any order of the Board ordering registration fees to be paid under the preceding section shall continue in force until rescinded and the fees shall be charged at the rates specified in the order published as aforesaid.

C. The registration of the dogs shall be made, and the number assigned, yearly or half-yearly, upon such days as the Board shall notify.
D. If any person acquires possession, at any time after the commencement of any period of registration, of any dog which has not been registered for such period, he shall register the same within one month from the date on which he may have acquired possession thereof, and shall pay such amount of fee as shall bear the same proportion to the whole fee for the current period of registration as the unexpired portion of the current period of registration bears to the whole of such period, and such fee shall be calculated from the date on which such person may have acquired possession as aforesaid.

E. When the ownership of any registered dog is transferred within any period of registration it shall be register anew within one month of the transfer in the name of the person to whom it has been transferred, and a fee not exceeding four annas shall be paid for every such last mentioned registration.

F. Whoever keeps, a dog not duly registered as required by any of the three preceding sections, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding four times the amount payable by him in respect of such registration, inclusive of the amount so payable.

G. (i) If any person owns or keeps any cart, carriage or animal herein before required to be licensed without a license the Board, or any person authorised by them in that behalf, may seize and detain such cart, carriage or animal (provided the same be not employed at the time of seizure in the conveyance of any passengers or goods); and all police officers are required, on the application of the Board, or of any servant of the Board duly authorised in that behalf, to assist in the said seizure.

(ii) After such seizure the Board shall forthwith issue a notice in writing that after the expiration of ten days they well sell such, cart, carriage or animal by auction at such place as they may state in the notice, and if any license fee, together with the cost arising from such seizure and custody, remains unpaid for ten days after the issue of such notice, the Board may sell the property seized for payment of the said fee, and all expenses occasioned by such non-payment, seizure, custody and sale.

(iii) The surplus sale-proceeds if any, shall be credited to the municipal fund, and may be paid on demand to pay person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of the Board or in a Court of competent jurisdiction:
Provided that, if at any time before the sale is concluded, the person whose cart, carriage or animal has been seized shall tender to the Board, or to the person authorised by them to sell the cart, carriage or animal the amount of all the expenses incurred and the registration fee payable by him, the Board shall forthwith release the cart, carriage or animal so seized.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the surplus of the sale-proceeds of the cart, carriage or animal seized under this section may be devoted to the payment of any fine imposed under the preceding section; and any cart, carriage or animal which has been seized under this section may be sold for the realization of any such fine.

H. Nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed to authorize local authority to levy, fee for the same period in respect of any cart, carriage or animal and in the event of any dispute, the question shall be referred to the State Government and its decision shall be final, provided that, where one of the local authorities is a cantonment authority, the decision of the State Government shall be subject to the concurrence of the Central Government.

Laws for Tolls on bridges by Silchar Municipal Board

A. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, with the previous sanction of the State Government, may establish a toll-bar on any bridge within the municipality which has, before or after the date of the commencement of this Act, been constructed or purchased out of the municipal fund, or to the cost of the construction or purchase of which contribution has, before or after the said date, been made out of the municipal fund and may levy tolls at such toll-bar on persons, vehicles and animals passing over such bridge:

Provided as follows:-

(i) No toll-bar shall be established, or tolls levied, otherwise than for the purpose of recovering –

(a) the expenses incurred by the Board in constructing, purchasing, contributing to or widening such bridge;
(b) interest on such expenses, at the rate of six per centum per annum;
(c) the capitalized value of the receipt in respect of any public ferry, the proceeds of which are under the orders of the State Government, placed at the disposal of the Board, which the Board will lose partially or completely owing to the construction of such bridge; and
(d) the capitalized value of the estimated cost of the Board of maintaining such bridge, and of renewing it, if it requires periodical renewal.

(ii) No toll-bar shall be established, or tolls levied, on, or in respect of any bridge, the cost or estimated cost of which, as indicated in clauses (a), (c) and (d) of proviso (1), was or is less than two lakhs twenty-five thousand rupees.

B. The Silchar Municipal Board may grant a lease, for any period not exceeding three years of any toll-bar established under section 136.

C. When the Board with any other local authority having jointly constructed, purchased or contributed towards the cost of the construction or widening of a bridge, have received the sanction of the State Government to the establishment of a toll-bar, the toll shall be levied or granted in lease by such local authority as the State Government may, in its order according sanction, direct, and the proceeds of such tolls, or of the lease thereof, shall be adjusted between the local authorities according to rules made in this behalf by the State Government, provided that where one of the local authorities concerned is a cantonment authority, the powers of the State Government under this section shall be exercisable only with the concurrence of the Central Government.

D. (i) The following persons and things shall be exempted from payment of tolls at any toll-bar established under section 136, namely—

(a) Government stores and persons in charge thereof;
(b) in areas declared as “Operational Areas” by the Government of India;
(i) stores, including animals and vehicles conveying such stores, meant for the Defence Services personnel, supplied through the Defence Services installations, e.g., military farms, officers shops, supply depots and canteens, etc., whether run by the Defence Department or through contractors, and

(ii) the persons in charge of such stores;

(c) police officers and other public officers and their servants traveling on duty, Commissioners of the Board and officers of the municipality and their servants so traveling, persons in the custody of any of the officers aforesaid, property belonging to or in the custody of any of the officers aforesaid, and vehicles and animals employed by any of the officers aforesaid for the transport of such property;

(d) conservancy carts and other vehicles and animals belonging to the Board, and persons in charge thereof; and

(e) any other class of persons or things which may be exempted by order of the Board or State Government.

(ii) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the provisions of the Indian Tolls (Army and Air Force) Act 1901 A.D.

E. (i) When it has been determined that tolls shall be levied at any toll-bar established under section 136, the Board shall, from time to time, make and publish an order specifying the rates at which the tolls shall be levied.

(ii) A table of such tolls, legibly printed or written in English and the Vernacular of the district, shall be affixed in some conspicuous position near every such toll-bar, so as to be easily readable by all persons required to pay the tolls.

(iii) In default of compliance with sub-section (2), the toll-collector or the lessee of the toll-bar, as the case may be, shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees, and to a further fine which may extend to ten rupees for each day after the first during which the default continues.

F. The Silchar Municipal Board may compound with any person for a certain sum to be paid by such person for himself or for any vehicles or animals kept by him in lieu of the rates specified under section 140.
G. Any toll-collector or lessee of a toll-bar established under section 136 may refuse to allow any person to pass through the toll-bar until the proper toll has been paid.

H. Whoever having rendered himself liable to the payment of toll, refuses to pay the toll, shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

I. Where resistance is offered to any person authorised under this Act to collect tolls, any police officer whom he may call to his aid shall be bound to assist him; and such police officer shall for that purpose, have the same powers as he has been in the exercise of his ordinary police duties.

J. When any person, authorised to collect tolls, realises any tolls higher than the tolls authorised under this Act, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month.

K. (i) When a toll-bar has been established and tolls have been levied under section 136 in respect of any bridge, the Silchar Municipal Board shall, at the end of each financial year, publish by causing to be affixed at their office, an abstract account showing –

(a) the amount of the expenses incurred by the Board in constructing, purchasing, contributing to or widening the bridge;
(b) the amount of interest which has accrued or is due on such expenses;
(c) the capitalized value of the receipts in respect of any public ferry which the Board will lose partially or completely owing to the construction of such bridge;
(d) the capitalized value of the estimated cost of maintaining the bridge, and, where it requires periodical renewal, of renewing it; and
(e) the amount which has been received from the profits of the said toll-bar since its establishment.
(ii) When such expenses, interest and capitalized value have been recovered as aforesaid, such toll-bar shall forth with be removed, and tolls shall no longer be levied on such bridge.

**Laws for maintenance and management of Pounds**

A. Silchar Municipal Board shall, in regard to the establishment, maintenance and management of pounds, perform such function as may be transferred to it by notification under section 31 of the Cattle Trespass Act 1871 A.D., and lease out pounds, when so transferred, according to rules framed under this section.

**Laws for maintenance and management of Markets**

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may use their own land or building or, purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire any land or building for the purpose of establishing a municipal market or improving any existing municipal market.

(ii) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may levy rents, tools and fees at such rates as it may think proper for the right to expose goods for sale in a municipal market and for the use of shops, stalls and standing therein and also may regulate such rates in respect of private markets or places used for declared by the Board as a market place by a public notice in the locality.

(iii) The Silchar Municipal Board may grant a lease according to rules under this section for a period not exceeding three years for the collection of rents, tolls and fees in municipal markets at the rates prescribed by the Board under sub-section (2).

(iv) A lessee of a municipal market appointed under sub-section (3) may refuse to allow any person to expose goods for sale in the market or to use shops, stall and standings therein until the proper rents, tolls and fees have been paid.

(v) Whoever, having rendered himself liable to the payment of rents, tolls and fees refuses to pay the same shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.
(vi) When resistance is offered to any person authorised to collect rents, tolls or fees, any police officer whom he may call to his aid, shall be bound to assist him; and such police officer shall, for that purpose, have the same powers as he has in the exercise of his ordinary police duties.

(vii) Whoever realizes rents, tolls or fees at rates higher than the rates fixed under sub-section (2) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees\(^{11}\).

**Recovery of miscellaneous demands by**

**Silchar Municipality Board**

A.  
(i) All rents, tolls and fees and all costs, expenses, or other moneys due under this Act to the Board may be recovered in the manner provided in sections 106 to 115, both inclusive.

(ii) Where any sum is due on account of rent from a person to the Board in respect of land vested in, or entrusted to the management of the Board, The Board may apply to the collector to recover any arrear of such rent as if it were an arrear of land revenue. This procedure will not apply in the case of rents mentioned in sub-section (2) of section 148 the realization of which will be governed by the provisions contained in sub-section (1) of this section.

B. If money be due under this Act in respect of any holding from the owner thereof, on account of any tax, expenses or charges recoverable under this Act, and if the owner of such holding or his whereabouts are unknown or the ownership thereof is disputed, or when the owner lives outside the municipality and his failed to pay in spite of service of demand notices twice, the Board may publish twice, at an interval of three months, a notification of sale of such holding and after the expiry of not less than three months from the date of the last publication, unless the amount recoverable be paid, may sell such holding to the highest bidder, who shall, at the time of sale, deposit forth with twenty-five per cent of the purchase money. The balance shall be paid within fifteen days of the date of sale; in default the money, if any, so deposited shall be forfeited and the holding shall be resold, and the shortage, if any, may be recovered by the Board from the defaulter as arrears of municipal tax in the manner provided in this Act. After deducting the amount due
to the Board as aforesaid, the surplus sale-proceeds, if any, shall be credited to the municipal fund and may be paid on demand to any person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of Board.

Any person may pay the mount due at any time before the completion of the sale and may recover such amount by a suit in a Court of competent jurisdiction from any person beneficially interested in such property.

C. The Board may order to be struck off the books the amount of any tax or fee or other demand which may appear to them to be irrecoverable.

**Laws of Silchar Municipality for Sanitary and other purposes**

A. (i) The Board may close temporarily any public road or part of a public road for the purpose of repairing such road, or for the purpose of constructing or repairing any sewer, drain, culvert, or bridge, or for any other public purpose; or divert, discontinue or close permanently any such road:

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board so closing any such road shall be bound to provide reasonable means of access for persons occupying holdings adjacent to such road:

Provided also that the power to divert, discontinue or close permanently any road shall only be exercised by the Board at a meeting.

(ii) Whenever, owing to such repairs or constructions, or from any other cause, any such road or part of such road shall be in a state which is dangerous to passers-by, the Board shall cause sufficient barriers or fences to be erected for the security of life and property, and shall cause such barriers or fences to be sufficiently lighted from sunset to sunrise.

(iii) When any public road or part thereof is permanently closed, the Board at a meeting may sell or lease the site of so much of the road-way as is no longer required, making due compensation to, or providing means of access for, any person who may suffer damage by such closing. In determining such compensation, allowance shall be made for any benefit accruing to the same premises or any other public road, on account of which the compensation is paid, is closed. Provided that the Board cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the site if it is
vested in the Board under section 62 and it is not of the nature specified in section 63.

B. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by public notice prohibit or of regulate the driving, riding or leading of animals or vehicles of any particular kind along any public road or part of any or such road.

(ii) Any person who disobeys an order passed by the Board under the provisions of sub-section (I) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees.

C. (i) When the Silchar Municipal Board considers that in any road or drain, not being a public road or drain whether or not previously levelled, paved, metalled, channeled, sewer or repaired out of municipal or other public funds, or any part of such road or drain, within the municipality, it is necessary, for the public health, convenience or safety that any work should be done for the leveling, paving, metalling, flagging, channeling, draining, lighting, or cleaning thereof, the Board may by written notice require the respective owners of the lands or buildings, fronting, adjoining or abutting upon such road or drain or part thereof, to carry out such work in a manner and within a time to be specified in such notice.

(ii) If such notice is not complied with during the time specified, the Board may, if it thinks fit, execute the work mentioned or referred to therein, and may, if it thinks fit, recover under the provisions of section 149 the expenses incurred in doing so from the owners in default according to the frontage of their respective lands or buildings and in such proportion as may be decided by the Board.

(iii) After such work has been carried out by such owners or, as provided in sub-section (2) by the Board at the expenses of such owners, the road or drain or part thereof in which such work has been done may, with the consent of the owners be declared to be a public road or drain, and shall on such declaration vest in the Board.

D. The Silchar Municipal Board may grant permission to any person, for such period and on such terms as it may think fit, to deposit any movable property on any public road or any land vested in the Board, or to make an excavation in any such road or any such land, or to enclose the whole or any part of any such road or of any such land, and may charge such fees as it may fix for such permission:
Provided that such persons undertakes to make due provision for the passage of the public and to erect sufficient fences to protect the public from injury, danger or annoyance, and to light such fences from sunset to sunrise sufficiently for such purpose.

E. (i) Every person intending to built or take down any house, or to alter or repair the outward part of any house shall, if any public road will be obstructed or rendered inconvenient by means of such work, before beginning the same, cause sufficient hoards or fences to be put up in order to separate the house where such works are being carried on from the road, and shall keep such hoard or fence standing in good condition, to the satisfaction of the Silchar Municipal Board, during such time as the public safety or convenience requires, and shall cause the same to be sufficiently lighted during the night:

Provided that no person shall put up such hoard or fence without the written permission of the Board, nor shall he keep up the said hoard or fence for a time longer than allowed in the said written permission.

(ii) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) or who without written permission erects or sets up any hoarding, scaffolding or fence whatsoever, or who, being permitted fails to put up such hoarding, scaffolding or fence or to continue the same standing, or to maintain the same in good condition, or who does not while such hoarding or fence is standing, keep the same sufficiently lighted during the night, or who does not remove the same within forty-eight hours when directed by the Silchar Municipal Board, shall be liable, for every such offence, to a fine not exceeding ten rupees for every day during which the offence is continued.

F. Any person, who without the permission of the Silchar Municipal Board,-

(a) encroaches upon any public road or house-gully or upon any public drain, sewer, aqueduct, water-course or ghat by making any excavation or by creating any wall, fence, rail, post, projection or other obstruction, or by depositing any movable property thereon, or

(b) takes up or alters the pavements or other material, fences or posts on any public road, shall, for every
such offence, be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred rupees and to a further fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees for every day during which the encroachment continues.

G. The Silchar Municipal Board may issue a notice requiring any person to remove any building which he may have built or any fence, rail, post or other obstruction or encroachment which he may have erected, or any public road, house-gully, public drain, sewer, aqueduct, water-course, ghat or any land vested in the Board; and, if such person fails to comply with such requisition within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the same, the Magistrate may, on the application of the Board, order that such obstruction or encroachment be removed; any thereupon the Board may remove any such obstruction or encroachment and the expenses thereby incurred shall be paid by the person who erected the same.

H. (i) If the person who built or erected the said building, fence, rail, post or other obstruction or encroachment referred to in the preceding section is not known or cannot be found, the Board may cause a notice to be posted in the neighbourhood of the said building fence, rail, post or other obstruction or encroachment, requiring any person interested in the same to remove it, and it shall not be necessary to name any person in such requisition.

(ii) If the said building, fence, rail, post or other obstruction or encroachment be not removed in compliance with the requisition contained in such notice within forty-eight hours of the posting of the same, the Magistrate may on the application of the Silchar Municipal Board, order, that such obstruction or encroachment be removed; any thereupon the Board may remove any such obstruction or encroachment and may recover the cost of such removal by sale of the materials so removed.

(iii) The surplus sale-proceeds, if any shall be credited to the municipal fund, and may be paid on demand to any person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of the Board or in a Court of a competent jurisdiction.

I. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may issue a notice requiring the owner or occupier of any house to remove or alter any projection, obstruction or encroachment erected or placed against or in front of such house, if the same
overhangs the public road or just into, or in anyway projects or encroaches upon, or is an obstruction to the safe and convenient passage along any public road or house-gully, or obstructs, or projects, or encroaches into or upon any drain, sewer, or aqueduct in any public road or into or upon any public water-course or ghat or any land vested in the Board.

(ii) If such owner or occupier fails to comply with such requisition within forty-eight hours of the receipt of the same, or within such further time as Silchar Municipal Board may allow, the Magistrate may, on the application of the Board, order that such projection, obstruction or encroachment be removed or altered; and there upon the Board may remove or alter such projection, obstruction or encroachment, and any reasonable expense incurred for the purposes of such removal or alteration shall be paid by the defaulting owner or occupier.

(iii) If the expense of removing or altering any such structure or fixing paid by the occupier of the Building, if any case in which the same was not erected by himself, it shall be entitled to deduct any reasonable expense incurred for the purposes of the such removal or alteration from the rent payable by him to the owner of the building.

J. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 159 and 161, a District Magistrate or a Sub-divisional Magistrate may, within his jurisdiction, on being so empowered by the State Government, order any person responsible for any obstruction or encroachment or projection as specified in section 159 and 161 to remove or alter such obstruction or encroachment or projection within a period not less than forty-eight hours and on non-compliance with such order may take all necessary steps to remove or alter such obstruction or encroachment or projection and realise the expense thereby incurred from the person concerned as fine in a Criminal Court:

Provided that in case the person or persons responsible for such obstruction, encroachment or projection is/are not known or cannot be found the procedure laid down in section 160 shall be followed.

K. Every order made by a Magistrate under section 159, 160, 161 or 162 shall be deemed to be an order made by him in the discharge of his judicial duty and the
Board shall be deemed to be persons bound to execute such order within the meaning of the Judicial Officers' Protection Act, 1850.

L. (i) Whenever a Silchar Municipal Board considers it expedient to define the general alignment of buildings on each or either side of any existing or proposed public road or drain, it shall give public notice of its intention to do so.

(ii) Every such notice shall specify a period within which objections will be received, and a copy of such notice shall be sent to every owner of premises abutting on such road or books of the municipality; provided that accidental failure or omission to serve such notice on any owner shall not invalidate proceeding under this section.

(iii) The Silchar Municipal Board shall consider all objections received within the specified period and may then pass a resolution defining the said alignment and the alignment so defined shall be called "the regular line" of the road or drain.

(iv) Every order made under sub-section (3) shall be widely published by beat of drum in the locality and a copy thereof affixed to the notice board in the office of the municipality.

(v) Thereafter, it shall not be lawful for any person to erect, re-erect or alter a building or part of a building so as to project beyond the regular line of the road or drain unless he is authorised to do so by a section given under section 174 or by a permission in writing under this section and the Board is hereby empowered to grant such permission.

(vi) Any owner of land who is prevented by the provisions of the section from erecting, re-erecting, or altering any building on any land may require the Board to make compensation for any damage which may be sustain by reason of such prevention, and upon the payment of compensation in respect of any land situated within the regular line of the road or drain such land shall vest in the Board.

(vii) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by notice, require within a reasonable time the alteration or demolition of any building or part of a building erected, re-erected or altered in contravention of sub-section (5).
(i) No platform shall be erected, re-erected or extended upon or over any public road or drain without the previous sanction of the Silchar Municipal Board.

(ii) The owner of every platform, except platforms which are used for giving such access to the houses as the Board may consider necessary, shall, if the Board in a meeting so direct, take out a license for keeping the platform. For every such license there shall be paid annually a fee to be fixed by the Board at a meeting.

(iii) Every such license shall remain in force for one year and shall be renewable annually.

(iv) Any platform erected, re-erected, extended or maintained in contravention of the provisions of sub-sections (1), (2) and (3) shall be deemed to be an “obstruction” for the purposes of sections 159, 160 and 161.

N. Whenever any building or other erection, or any tree, falls down and obstructs any public drain or encumbers any public road, the Board may remove such obstruction or encumbrance at the expense of the owner of the same, or may require him to remove the same within such time as the Board shall seem fit.

O. If any person, in order to provide for the passage of water, or for any other purpose, shall, without the consent of the Board, dig or cut any public road, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees, and in addition be bound to pay the expenses incurred in filling up any excavation made by him or on his behalf in any such public road.

P. The Silchar Municipal Board may require the owner or occupier of any land within three days to trim or prune the hedges thereon bordering on any public road or drain, and to cut and trim any trees or bamboos thereon overhanging any public road, drain or tank, or any well used for drinking purposes, or obstructing any public road or drain or causing or likely to cause damage to any public road or drain or any property of the Board, or likely to cause damage to person using any public road, or fouling or likely to foul the water of any well or tank.

Q. Whoever, being the owner or occupier of any house or land within the municipality, fails to comply with a requisition issued by the Board under the provisions of sections 159, 161, 164, 166 or 168, shall be liable, for every such default, to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees, and to a further penalty not
exceeding fifty rupees, and to a further penalty not exceeding ten rupees for every
day during which the default is continued after the expiration of eight days from
the date of service on him of such requisition.
R. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may cause a name to be
given to any public road and to affixed in such place as it may think fit, and may
also cause a number to be affixed to every house, and in like manner may, from
time to time, cause such names and numbers to be altered.

(ii) Any person who destroys, pull down, defaces or alters any name or
number put up by the Board under sub-section (1) shall, for every such offence, be
liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees.

Laws for construction and maintenance of Buildings

A. (i) No person shall erect, materially alter, or re-erect or commence to erect,
materially alter or re-erect any building without the sanction of the Silchar
Municipal Board.

(ii) Every person who intends to erect, materially alter or re-erect any
building shall give notice in writing to the Board of such intention.

(iii) When bye-laws have been farmed under section 302, no notice under
sub-section (2) shall be considered to be valid until notice is served under clause
(iii) with such information as is necessary under clause (iv) of that section.

Explanation:- An alteration in a building for the purposes of this section
and of bye-laws be deemed to be material if it –

(a) affects or is likely to affect prejudicially the stability
or safety of the building or the condition of the
building in respect of drainage, ventilation,
sanitation, of hygiene; or

(b) increases or diminishes the height of area covered
by, or the cubical capacity of the building, or of any
room in the building.

(iv) Regarding water works Silchar Municipality should make it
compulsory for persons erecting or re-erecting buildings costing Rs. 10,000/- or
more (excluding cost of land and of improvement of land) to install sanitary latrines. The Board shall withhold sanction if the plan and specification of the building submitted with the notice do not contain provision for installation of sanitary latrines.

B. In any case in which no bye-laws have been made under section 302, clause (iv), the Board may, within fourteen days of the receipt of the notice required by section 171, sub-section (2), require a person who has given such notice to furnish, within one week of the receipt by him of the requisition, information on all or any of the matters as to which bye-laws might have been made, and in such case the notice shall not be valid until such information has been furnished.

C. The Board at a meeting may dispense with the observance of any or all of the bye-laws made under section 302, clauses (iii) and (iv), in regard to the erection, material alteration or re-erection of any building or class of buildings specified by it.

D. (i) Within one month after the receipt of the notice, required by section 171, sub-section (2), or clauses (iii) of section 302, the Board may refuse to sanction to the building or may sanction it either absolutely or subject to such modification as it may deem fit in respect of all or any of the matters specified in section 302, clause (iv); and the person erecting, materially altering or re-erecting any such building as aforesaid shall comply with the sanction of the Board as granted in every particular.

(ii) Should the Board neglect or omit for one month after the receipt of a valid notice to make and deliver to the person who has given such notice an order of sanction or refusal in respect thereof, it shall be deemed to have sanctioned the proposed building absolutely.

Explanation: The Silchar Municipal Board may refuse to sanction the erection, material alteration or re-erection of any building either on the grounds affecting the particular building or in pursuance of a general scheme adopted by the Board at a meeting restricting the erection or re-erection of building or any class of buildings within specified limits for the prevention of over-crowding, or in the interest of the residents within such limits or for any other public purpose.
Permission may also be refused in any case in which there is any dispute between the Board and the applicant as to the title of the land on which it is proposed to erect the building until such dispute is decided.

E. A permission to erect, materially alter or erect or re-erect a building granted under this Chapter or deemed to have been given by the Board, shall unless it is renewed on an application made to the Board for this purpose, continue only for one year after the date on which it is granted, unless the work has been commenced within that period and in any case shall not continue for a period longer than two years from the said date unless it is so renewed.

F. Whoever erects, materially alters or re-erects or commences to erect, materially alter or re-erect any building without the previous sanction of the Board, or in contravention of any directions given by the Board granting sanction under sanction 174, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees for every such offence, and to a further fine not exceeding five rupees for each day during which the offence is continued after he has been convicted of such offence.

G. (i) Should a building be begun, materially altered or erected –
   (a) without sanction as required by section 171 (1); or
   (b) without notice as required by section 171 (2); or
       clause (iii) of section 302; or
   (c) when sanction has been refuse; or
   (d) in contravention of the terms of any sanctioned
       granted; or
   (e) when the sanction has lapsed; or
   (f) in contravention of any bye-laws made under section
       302, clause (v);

the Silchar Municipal Board may, by notice to be delivered within a reasonable time, require the building to be altered or demolished as it may deem necessary, within the space of thirty days from the date of the service of such notice:

Provide that no such notice shall issue in respect of the contravention of any bye-law the observance of which has been dispensed with under section 173:
Provided also that the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may instead of requiring the alteration or demolition of any such building accept by way of composition such sum as it may deem reasonable.

(ii) Any person who fails to comply with a requisition issued by the Board under the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees and to a further fine not exceeding ten rupees for every day during which the person continues to make such default after service on him of such requisition.

H. Subject to any other provision in this Act. As regards compensation no compensation shall be claimable by an owner for any damage which he may sustain in consequence of the prohibition of the erection of any building.

I. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, by written notice, require any person who has made any external roof or wall with thatch, mats, leaves or other inflammable materials in contravention of a bye-law made under Section 302, to remove or alter such roof or wall within a period to be specified in the notice.

J. The Board may attach or cause to be attached to the outside of any building brackets for lamps in such manner as not to occasion any injury thereto or inconvenience.

K. (i) Should a building, or room in a building be in the opinion of the Board unfit for human habitation in consequence of the want of proper means of drainage or otherwise, the Board may, by notice, prohibit the owner or occupier thereof from using the building or room for human habitation or suffering it to be so used either absolutely or unless, within a time to be specified in the notice, he effects such alteration there in as is specified in the notice.

(ii) Upon failure of a person to whom notice is issued under sub-section (1) to comply therewith, the Board may require by further notice the demolition of the building or room.

(iii) Any person who uses a building or room or suffers it to be used contrary to the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be liable, for every such offence, to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees, and to a further fine not exceeding ten rupees for every day during which the offence is continued after he has been convicted of such offence.
L.  (i) If it appears to the Board for sanitary reasons so to do, it may authorise an officer of the municipality to inspect a building after due notice to the owner or occupier of any building to cause the same or any portion thereof to be lime-washed or otherwise cleansed either externally or internally or both externally and internally.

(ii) Any owner or occupier of building, who fails to comply with a requisition issued under the provisions of sub-section (1), shall be liable, for every such default, to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five rupees and to a further penalty not exceeding five rupees for every during which the default is continued after the expiration of eight days from the date of service on him of such requisition.

M.  (i) Silchar Municipal Board may require by notice the owner or occupier of any land or building –

(a) to demolish, secure or repair within eight days from the date of service of the notice in such manner as it deems necessary any building, or portion of building, wall or other structure or anything affixed thereto which appears to it to be in a ruinous condition of dangerous to in matters, if any, passers-by or other property, or

(b) to repair, secure or enclose, within eight days from the date of the notice, in such manner as it deems necessary any tank, well or excavation belonging to such owner or in the possession of such occupier which appears to the Board to be dangerous to persons by reason of its situation, want of repairs or other such circumstances.

(ii) Where it appears to the Silchar Municipal Board that immediate action is necessary for the purposes of preventing imminent danger to any person or property, it shall be the duty of the Board to take immediate action and recover the expense so incurred from the owner or occupier of the building or the owner or occupier of the land to which such building or other structure or anything is affixed.
N. Whenever it appears to the Board that any building by reason of abandonment or disputed ownership or other cause is untenanted, or by reason of having fallen into ruins, affords facilities for the commission of a nuisance by disorderly persons or for the harbouring of snakes or other noxious animals, the Board may require the owner of such building or the owner of the land to which such building is attached, to properly secure the same, or to remove or level such ruins, as the case may require.

O. Any owner or occupier of a house or land who fails to comply with a requisition issued by the Board under the provisions of Section 183 or 184, shall be liable, for every such default, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred rupees, and to a further penalty not exceeding twenty rupees for every day during which the default is continued after the expiration of eight days from the date of service on him of such requisition.

**Laws for maintenance of Tanks, wells, streams, etc.**

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by order published at such places as it may think fit, set apart convenient wells, tanks, parts of rivers, streams, channels or water-courses, not being private property, for the supply of water for drinking or for culinary purposes and may prohibit therein all bathing, washing of clothes and animals, or other acts calculated to pollute the water set apart for the purposes aforesaid;

and may similarly set apart a sufficient number of the same for the purposes of bathing;

and a sufficient number for washing animals and clothes or for any other purpose connected with the health, cleanliness or comport of the inhabitants.

(ii) The Board may, by an order published at such places as it may think fit, prohibit in the private portion of any stream, channel or water-course used as a part of the public water supply, bathing, washing or clothes or animals, or any act likely to pollute the water in the public portion of such stream, channel or water-course.

B. If the Assistant Director of Public Health, Civil Surgeon, District or Sub divisional Medical Officer of Health or Health Officer certifies that the water in
any well, tank or water-course situated within the municipality is likely, if used for
any purposes, to endanger or cause the spread of disease the Board may, by public
notice, prohibit the removal or use of such water during a period to be specified in
such order; in the case of a private well or tank require the owner of, or person
having control over it, to close it permanently or to fill it up with suitable material.
C. Any person who disobeys an order passed by the Board under the
provisions of Section 186 or 187 shall, for every such offence, be liable to a
penalty not exceeding fifty rupees.

Laws of Silchar Municipality for Dangerous
or insanitary holdings and other places

A. The Board may, by notice, require the owner or occupier of any land
within such time as the Board may fix to cut and remove any trees and bamboos or
branches thereof, or eradicate and destroy lantana, eupatorium, or other vegetation
or undergrowth which may appear to the Board to be insanitary, injurious to health
or offensive to the neighbourhood or to be causing or likely to cause damage or
destruction to any crop growing or to be grown, or to be obstructing or likely to
obstruct the free passage of men or animals along a public road, or of any boat or
steam vessel along a public waterway.
B. Whenever any land, being private property, or within any private
enclosure, appears to the Board by want of drainage to be in a State injurious to
health or offensive to the neighbourhood, or by reason of inequalities of surface to
afford facilities for the commission of a nuisance, the Silchar Municipal Board
may require the owner or occupier or the owner and occupier of such land, within
fifteen days, to drain such land or level such surface:
Provided that if for the purpose of affecting any drainage under this section
it shall be necessary to acquire any land not being the property of the person who is
required to drain his land, or to pay compensation to any other person, the Board
shall provide such land and pay such compensation.
C. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may require the owner or occupier of any
land within eight days or such longer period as the Board may fix, either to re-
excavate or at his option fill up with suitable material or to cleanse any well, water-course, private tank or pool therein, and to drain off and remove any waste or stagnant water which may appear to be injurious to health or offensive to the neighbourhood:

Provided that if, for the purpose of effecting any drainage under this section, it shall be necessary to acquire any land not being the property of the person who is required to drain his land or to pay compensation to any other person, the Silchar Municipal Board shall provide such land and pay such compensation.

(ii) If under the provisions of this Act the Silchar Municipal Board executes the work of such re-excavation or filling up with suitable material, it may retain possession of the tank or pool or the site of such tank or pool and turn the same to profitable account until the expenses thereby incurred shall have been realized.

D. If any well, tank or other excavation, whether on public or private ground, be, for want of sufficient repairs or protection, dangerous to passers-by, the Silchar Municipal Board shall forthwith require by notice such owner or occupier or such owners and occupiers within eight days properly to secure or protect such well, tank or other excavation; and if after the said period the work is not executed, the Board shall cause a temporary hoard or hence to be put up for the protection of passers-by and recover the expenses so incurred from the owner or occupier or the owners and occupiers of the land on which such tank, well or other excavation is situated.

E. Any owner or occupier of a house or land who fails to comply with a requisition issued by the Silchar Municipal Board under the provisions of Section 189, 190, 191 or 192 shall be liable for every such default, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred rupees, and to a further penalty not exceeding twenty rupees for every day during which the default is continued after the expiration of eight days from the date of service on him of such requisition.

F. If the Assistant Director of Public Health, Civil Surgeon, District of Subdivisional Medical Officer of Health or the Health officer certifies that the cultivation of any dissipation of crop, or the use of any kind of manure, or the irrigation of land in any specified manner –
(a) in any place within the limit of the municipality, is injurious, or facilitates practices which are injurious to the health of persons dwelling in the neighbourhood, or

(b) in any place within or without the limits of the municipality, is likely to contaminate the water supply of the municipality or otherwise renders it unfit for drinking purposes.

The State Government may, on receipt of an application from the Board, by public notice, prohibit the cultivation of such crop, the use of such manure, or the use of the method of irrigation so certified to be injurious, or impose such conditions with respect thereto as may prevent the injury:

Provided that, if the act prohibited has been practiced in the ordinary course of husbandry at any time during the five successive years preceding the date of the prohibition, compensation shall be paid from the municipal fund to all persons interested therein for any damage caused to them by such prohibition.

G. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, by a general order, prohibit in the whole or any part of the municipality the making of excavations for the purposes of taking earth or stone therefrom, or for the purpose of storing rubbish or offensive matter therein, and the digging of tanks or pits without special permission previously obtained from it.

(ii) If any such excavation, tank or pit is made after the issue and publication of such order without such special permission, the Board may require the owners and occupiers of the land on which such excavation, tank or pit is made within two weeks to fill up such excavation and in case of failure may cause such excavation to be filled up and recover the cost thereof from the person so required.

(iii) Any person who contravenes an order made under sub-section (1) shall be liable, for every such offence, to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees.

H. The Silchar Municipal Board may provide and maintain in sufficient number and in proper situation, Public latrines and urinals for the separate use of each sex, and shall cause the same to be kept in proper order and to be properly cleansed.
I. (i) No person shall construct a latrine or urinal without a written permission of the Board.

Every person constructing a latrine or urinal shall have such latrine or urinal shut out by a sufficient roof and wall of fence from the view of persons passing by or residing in the neighbourhood; and the Board may require any owner or occupier of land on which a latrine or urinal stands to cause the same to be shut out from view as aforesaid within fifteen days.

(ii) Any person constructing a latrine or urinal and failing to have it shut out from view as required in sub-section (1), shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees and a daily fine of one rupee until it shall have been so shut out from view.

J. (i) If the Silchar Municipality thinks that any latrine or urinal or additional or common latrine or urinal should be provided for any house or land within the limits of the municipality, the owners of such house or land shall, within fourteen days after notice given by the Board, or within such longer time as the Board may for special reasons allow, cause such latrine or urinal to be constructed in accordance with the requisition; and, if such latrine or urinal is not constructed to the satisfaction of the Board within such period, the Board may cause the same to be constructed and the expenses thereby incurred shall be recoverable from the owner.

(ii) Any person failing to comply with the requisition within the time allowed under sub-section (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees and a daily fine of one rupee during which the default is continued.

(iii) The Board may, for the purposes of this section or for the purpose of levying the latrine tax at a rate per head under Section 72, sub-section 2 (a), by a notice in writing require the owner or occupier of any holding to furnish, within a time to be specified in the notice, a list of the number of persons residing in or habitually resorting to, such holding.

(iv) Whoever, being the owner or occupier of any holding, fails to furnish such list within the time specified in such notice, after being required to furnish the same by the Board shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.
K. (i) No person shall, without a special permission of the Board construct a latrine or urinal with a door or a trap-door opening on to any public road or drain.

(ii) No person shall, without the written permission of the Board, construct or keep any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or other receptacle for sewage or other offensive matter within fifty feet of any public tank or water-course or a tank or water-course which the inhabitants of any locality use, or any well.

(iii) The Silchar Municipal Board may require any owner and occupier upon whose land any latrine or urinal such as is mentioned in sub-section (1) or any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or other receptacle so situated as is mentioned in sub-section (2) exits, or may hereafter be constructed, to remove the same within eight days.

(iv) Any person who contravenes any provision of sub-sections (1) and (2) shall be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

(v) Any person who fails to comply with an order under sub-section (3) shall be liable to a fine of fifty rupees and daily fine of five rupees during which the offence is continued.

L. The Silchar Municipal Board, or any person authorised by it in that behalf, may inspect of all latrines, urinals, cesspools, drains and other receptacles for sewage or other offensive matter at any time between sunrise and sunset, after six hours' notice in writing to the occupier or premises in which such latrines, urinals, cess-pools, drains or receptacles are situated, and may, if necessary, cause the ground to be opened where it or he may think fit for the purpose of preventing or removing any nuisance arising from such latrines, urinals, cess-pools, drains or receptacles and the expenses thereby incurred, if the Board so requires, shall be paid by the owner or occupier of such premises. The expense of causing the ground to be closed and made good as before shall be borne by the Board.

M. The Silchar Municipal Board may require the owner or occupier, or the owner and occupier of any land, within fifteen days, to repair and make efficient any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or receptacle for sewage or other offensive matter or to be close any latrine, urinal, cess-pool or receptacle which is situated on such land.
N. If the owner or occupier of any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or other receptacle for sewage or other offensive matter neglects or refuses, after warning from the Silchar Municipal Board, to keep the same in a proper state of repair and efficiency, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty rupees and a daily fine not exceeding five rupees during which the offence is continued:

Provided that no person who pays a latrine tax shall be liable to punishment for non compliance with the provision of these section where the default is exclusively due to the failure of the Silchar Municipal Board to perform its obligation under this Act.

O. (i) If any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or other receptacle for sewage or other offensive matter be defective or be constructed contrary to the direction of the Silchar Municipal Board, or contrary to the provisions of this Act or any bye-law passed under this Act; or if any person without the consent of the Board, constructs, rebuilds or opens any latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or receptacle which has been ordered by it to be demolished or closed up or not to be made, the Board may cause such addition or alteration to be made in any such latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or receptacle as it thinks fit or may cause the same to be removed and the expenses thereby incurred shall be paid by the person by whom such latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or receptacle was improperly constructed, rebuilt or opened.

(ii) The person by whom such latrine, urinal, cess-pool, drain or receptacle is improperly constructed, rebuilt or opened shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees and daily fine not exceeding five rupees during which the offence is continued.

P. (i) If any person, without the written consent of the Board first obtained, makes or causes to be made, or alters or alters or causes to be altered, any drain leading into any sewer, drain, water-course, road or land vested in the Board, the Board may cause such branch drain to be demolished, altered, re-made or otherwise dealt with as it shall think fit, and the expenses thereby incurred shall be paid by such person making or altering such branch drain.

(ii) The person so making or altering such branch drain shall also be liable for every such offence to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.
Q. Whoever cause or allows the water of any sink, sewer, latrine, urinal, cess-pool, or any other offensive matter belonging to him or being on his land, to run, drain or be thrown or put upon any public road, or causes or allows any offensive matter to run, drain or be thrown into surface drain near any public road, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees and daily fine not exceeding five rupees during which the offence is continued.

R. If any land, being within one hundred feet of a sewer, drain or other outlet into which such land may, in the opinion of the Board, be drained, is not drained to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board may require the owner within one month to drain the said land into such sewer drain or outlet.

S. Any person who fails to comply with a requisition issued by the Board under the provisions of Section 201 or 206 shall be liable, for every such offence to a fine not exceeding five rupees for every day during which he shall continue to make such default after service on him of such requisition.

T. (i) If it appears to the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting that a group or block of houses may be drained or improved more effectively, economically or advantageously in combination than separately, and if a sewer, drain or other outlet already exists or it is about to be constructed within one hundred feet of any part of such group or block of houses, the Board may cause such group or block of houses to be so drained and improved; and the expenses thereby incurred shall be recovered from the owners of such houses in such proportions as shall to the Board seem fit.

(ii) Not less than one month before any such work is commenced, the Board shall give to each such owner –

- a written notice of the nature of the proposed work;
- an estimate of the expense to be incurred in respect thereof and of the proportion of such expenses payable by him.
Laws for Control of Silchar Municipality in respect of Public Health

A. The Director of Health Services may, from time to time as occasion requires, recommended for adoption, by the Municipal Board, such measures, as may be necessary, for improving the public Health administration or for safeguarding the public health therein:

Provided that if an account of financial or other resources, Silchar Municipal Board is unable to carry out such measures or if there is any difference if opinion between the Municipal Board and the Director, the matter shall be referred to the State Government whose decision shall be final.

B. (i) The District of the Subdivisional Medical Officer of Health, as the case may be, shall regularly but not less than twice a year inspect the different areas of the municipality in their jurisdiction and send copies of their recorded notes to the Municipal Board concerned and to the Director of Health Services. The Municipal Board shall consider the inspection notes and the next meeting of the Board and submit a report of the action taken or proposed to be taken to the State Government through The Director of Health Services who shall forward a copy of the report with his comments and suggestions to the State Government.

(ii) The Assistant Director of Public Health shall also make inspection of the municipal areas as often as is possible and his inspection reports shall be dealt with in the same manner as stated in sub-section (1).

Laws for Removal of sewage, offensive matter and rubbish by Silchar Municipality

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board shall provide for the removal –

(a) of sewage, rubbish and offensive matter from all public latrines, urinals, and drains and from all public roads and all other property vested in the Board, and
in the municipality wherein a latrine-tax has been imposed under section 68 (1) (d), of sewage and offensive matter from all private latrines, urinals and cess-pools.

And for the disposal of such sewage, rubbish or offensive matter and for the cleansing of such latrines, urinals, drains and cess-pools, and shall maintain sufficient establishment, animals, carts, motor trucks and implements for the said purposes.

(ii) Whenever an order such as is referred to in section 214 shall have been published, no sweeper or other servant of the Board employed to move or deal with sewage, offensive matter or rubbish shall willfully absent himself from his duties without the permission of the Board, or unless he has given notice in writing not less than one month previously of his intention so to withdraw, shall withdraw from the employment of the Board without permission.

(iii) Any sweeper or other such person, who after the said publication contravenes the provisions of sub-section (2), shall forfeit his license and all salary which may be due to him and he shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees.

B. Silchar Municipal Board may also introduce a sewerage scheme for removal of sewage by flushing with water through underground closed sewers. When the Board introduces such a scheme in its area the Board may, where felt necessary, with the approval of the State Government, levy additional latrine ad water taxes to meet the cost and maintenance of such scheme.

C. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may make an order requiring all persons employed in the removal of sewage, offensive matter and rubbish within the limits of the municipality or any part thereof to take out licenses, and to be servants of the Board for the purpose of removing sewage, offensive matter and rubbish from premises within the said limits.

D. (i) The Board at a meeting may, from timer to time, by an order published in the prescribed manner appoint the hours within which sewage and offensive matter may be moved, the manner in which the same shall be moved, as also the
hours within which only every occupier of any house or land may place rubbish in a receptacle provided by the Board on or by the side of the public road.

(ii) The Board may provide places convenient for the deposit of sewage and offensive matter and may require the occupiers of houses to cause the same to be deposited daily or at other stated intervals in such places, and may remove the same at the expense of the occupiers from any house if the occupier thereof fails to do so.

(iii) The Board may charge such fees as it may think fit in respect of the removal of such rubbish as is referred to in sub-section (1), with the consent of the occupier of any house or land, from such house or land or in respect of the removal from such public road of any rubbish which has accumulated in the exercise of a trade or business.

(iv) Any person who places or allows to place rubbish on a public road or in a receptacle provided by the Board at other than the time appointed by the Board under sub-section (2), shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees.

E. Any occupier of a house on or near a public road who keeps or allows to be kept, for more than twenty-four hours, or for more than such shorter time as may be appointed by the Board otherwise than in some proper receptacle, any bones, ashes, sewage, or any noxious or offensive matter in or upon such house, or in any outhouse, yard or ground attached to and occupied with such house, or suffers such receptacle to be in a filthy or noxious state, or neglects to employ proper means to cleanse the same shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty rupees.

F. Any person who, without the permission of the Silchar Municipal Board, throws or puts, or permits his servants to throw or put, any sewage or offensive matter on any public road, or who throws or puts, or permits his servants to throw or put, any earth, rubbish, sewage or offensive matter into any sewer or drain belonging to the Board, or into any drain communicating therewith, shall be liable, for every such offence, to a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees.

G. All servants of the Silchar Municipal Board employed for the purposes mentioned in section 211 may, within such hours as may be fixed by the Board,
enter any premises, of which the occupier or owner is liable to pay latrine tax and do all things necessary for the performance of their duties.

**Laws for Making Compost manure**

A. Where the State Government so requires, it shall be the duty of the Silchar Municipal Board to Subject all offensive matter, rubbish and sewage to the process of making compost manure. For this purpose the Board at a meeting shall drop up a scheme for providing sufficient trenching grounds and taking other steps as may be advised by the Agriculture Department of Government from time to time. The Local Officer of the Agriculture Department not below the rank of an inspector, if required by the Board, may attend the meetings of the Board, when discussing this matter, to render such help as may be required by the Board in drawing up the scheme. The Board at a meeting may also set up an advisory Committee consisting of such number of members of the Board as it may think fit and may also include in the said committee any local Agriculture Officer of the status heretofore mentioned.

When the Silchar Municipal Board is required to undertake compost making it shall be the duty of the Board to see that the entire collection of offensive matter, rubbish and sewage are disposed of in no other way than in the preparation of compost manure.

**Laws for Abatement of Nuisances**

A. Without prejudice to the generality of the definition of the expression "Nuisance" contained in clause (30) of section 3, the following shall be deemed specially to be "Nuisance" under this Act –

(1) any premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health;

(2) any, tank, pond, pool, ditch, gutter, water-course, water-through, latrine, cess-pool, drain or ashpit which is so foul or in such a state as to be prejudicial to health;

(3) any animal kept in such a place or manner as to be prejudicial to health;
(4) any accumulation or deposit of refuse or other matter which is prejudicial to health;

(5) any factory, workshop or workplace, which is not provided with sufficient means of ventilation, or in which sufficient ventilation is not maintained, or which is not kept clean or not kept free from noxious effluvia, or which is so overcrowded while work is carried on as to be prejudicial to the health of those employed therein;

(6) any fireplace or furnace which does not as far as practicable consume the smoke arising from the combustible used therein, and which is used for working engines by steam, or in any mill, factory, dyehouse, brewery, bake house or gaswork or in any manufacturing or trade process whatsoever;

(7) any chimney sending forth smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance; and

(8) any noise, vibration, dust, cinders, irritating smell or offensive odour produced by a factory, workshop or workplace which is a nuisance to the neighbourhood.

B. Silchar Municipal Board shall –

(a) cause its local area to be inspected frequently with a view to ascertain what nuisances exist therein calling for abatement; and

(b) serve the owner or occupier of the land on which the nuisances exists with a notice to remove the same within such time as the Board may fix.

C. If the person on whom a notice has been served under the preceding section fails to comply with its requirements within the time specified therein or if the nuisance although abated within such time is, in the opinion of the Silchar Municipal Board likely to recur, the Board may arrange for the execution of any works necessary to abate the nuisance or to prevent its recurrence, as the case may be, and may recover the cost from such person as it were a tax due to Board.

D. Any person aggrieved by a nuisance in any area may give information of the same to the Board. Upon the receipt of such information the Board shall make
an enquiry and if satisfied of the existence of nuisance may proceed in the manner laid down in the two preceding sections.

Laws of the Silchar Municipal Board

For private markets

A. (i) The Board at a meeting may order that within such limits as it may fix, no land shall be used as a market otherwise than under a license to be granted by the Board. The license may be for one year and thereafter liable to renewal annually.

(ii) On the issue of an order as in sub-section (1), the Board at a meeting may grant a license for the use of any land as a market:
Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board shall not –

(a) refuse a license for the maintenance of a market lawfully established on the date of such order coming into force, if application be made within six months from such date except on the ground that the place where the market is established fails to comply with any conditions prescribed by, or made under, this Act; or

(b) cancel, suspend or refuse to renew any license granted under such order for any cause other than the failure of the license to comply with the conditions of the license, or with any provisions prescribed by, or made under, this Act.

B. Whoever, being the owner or occupier of any land, will fully or negligently permits the same to be used as a market without a license under section 223, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees for every such offence, and to a further fine not exceeding two hundred rupees for each day during which the offence is continued after conviction of such offence.

C. (i) A Magistrate, on the application of the Silchar Municipal Board, may order any land in respect of which a conviction shall have been obtained under the
preceding section, to be closed as a market place, and thereupon may make order to prevent such land being so used.

(ii) Every person who shall sell or expose for sale any article intended for food or drink or any live-stock or other merchandise on any land which shall have been so closed, shall be liable, for every such offence, to a fine not exceeding ten rupees.

D. (i) Every owner, occupier or farmer of a market, or of any place for the sale of meat, poultry, fish or vegetables, or of any slaughter-house, within the limits of a municipality, shall make or cause such drains to be made therein as shall be considered sufficient by the Silchar Municipal Board, and, if required to do so by the Board, shall cause all the floors and drains to be paved with stone or burnt brick, and cemented, and shall also cause a supply of water to be provided, sufficient for keeping such market, place or slaughter-house in a clean and wholesome state and shall also provide adequate ventilation, lighting of shops and stalls and passages and ways to or in such market.

(ii) If any such owner, occupier or farmer, after notice in writing given to him by the Silchar Municipal Board that such market, place or slaughter-house is defective in any of the particulars specified in sub-section (1) and requiring him to remedy the defect specified within not less than thirty days, makes default therein, he shall liable to a fine not exceeding twenty rupees for every day during which such default is continued after the expiration of the period mentioned in such notice.

(iii) If the owner, occupier or farmer of a market makes default as aforesaid, the Board may enter into possession of the market and execute such improvement mentioned in sub-section (1) as it deems fit, and may receive all rents, tolls and other dues in respect of the market and retain possession thereof for recovery of the sum expended by it on the works of improvement:

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board shall vacate the market if it appears that the sum expended by it on the works of improvement has been realized; and that the surplus, if any, remaining after the payment of the expenses incurred shall be paid on demand to any person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of the Board or in a court of competent jurisdiction.
Laws for Sale of food by Silchar Municipality

A. Any person directly or indirectly selling, exposing for sale, hawking, or manufacturing, storing or possessing for sale any adulterated food, shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 A.D. For this purpose the Board shall appoint at least one Inspector for the areas under its jurisdiction and may authorise such other persons to exercise such of the powers of an Inspector as may be prescribed by rules under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954 A.D.

Rules and Regulation of Silchar Municipal Board for factories, workshops, offensive trades etc.

A. (i) No person shall newly establish in any premises within the Municipality any factory, workshop, or work place in which it is intended to employ steam, water or other mechanical power or electrical power, without previous written permission of the Board which the Board may grant with prior approval of the District or Sub-divisional Magistrate as the case may be.

(ii) The application for permission shall be accompanied by a plan of the factory, workshop, work-place and sufficient particulars as regards the power machinery and plant.

(iii) The Silchar Municipal Board shall, as may be, after the receipt of the application –

(a) grant the permission applied for either absolutely or subject to such condition as it thinks fit to impose; or

(b) refuse permission if it is of opinion that the establishment of such factory, workshop, or work place in the proposed site, –

(i) would be objectionable by reason of the density of the population in the neighbourhood thereof, or

(ii) would be a nuisance to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood, or

(iii) for any other sufficient reason.
(iv) Before granting approval to such permission, the District or the subdivisional Magistrate may obtain the opinion of the Chief Inspector of Factories and the Civil Surgeon.

(v) The Silchar Board may suspend or cancel any permission granted under this section if it considers that there has been any breach in the conditions imposed.

(vi) Any person who establishes a factory, workshop or work place in contravention of sub-section (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees and to a further fine not exceeding fifty rupees for every day during which the factory, workshop or work place is maintained after he has been convicted of such offence.

(vii) Factory dealt with in this section means a factory to which the provisions of the Factories Act 1948 A.D., do not apply.

B. (i) Within such local limits as may be fixed by the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, no place shall be used without a license from the Board which shall be renewable annually, for any of the following purposes, namely-

(a) melting tallow;
(b) boiling offal or blood;
(c) skinning or disemboweling animal;
(d) the manufacture of bricks, pottery, tiles or lime in a kiln, panja or clamp or by any other similar method;
(e) as a soap-house, oil-boiling house, dying house;
(f) as a tannery, slaughter-house;
(g) as a manufactory or place of business from which offensive or unwholesome odour may arise;
(h) as a yard or depot for hay, straw, bamboo, thatching grass, jute or other dangerously inflammable material for the purpose of any trade;
(i) any store-house for kerosene, petroleum, naptha, coalter or any inflammable oil or sprit, or wholesale stock of matches exceeding one hundred gross;
(j) as a shop for the sale of meat;
(k) as a place for the storage of rags or bones, or both;
(l) tea stall;
(m) sweetmeat stall;
(n) hotel or eating house;
(o) aerated water;
(p) bakery, including biscuit factory.

(ii) Such license shall not be withheld unless the Board has reason to believe that the business which it is intended to establish or maintain would be offensive or dangerous to persons residing in or frequenting the neighbourhood.

(iii) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, subject to such restrictions, if any, as it may impose, extend the provisions of this section to yards or depots for trade in coal, cake, timber or wood.

(iv) The grant of a license for the purposes mentioned in clause (i) of sub-section (I) shall be consistent with the provisions of the Indian Petroleum Act 1899 A.D., and no Act viii of such license shall be granted unless the said provisions 1899 A.D., have been complied with by the applicant for the license.

C. (i) No place within the municipality shall kept open for the purposes of regular gain by means of public cinematographic exhibitions, dramatic performances, circuses, variety shows, or a place of public resort for similar recreations or amusements unless a license has been granted thereof by the Board at a meeting, which license shall be annually renewable, and in accordance with such conditions as the Board, subject to rule, may think fit to impose:

Provided, firstly, that such conditions shall not be inconsistent with the terms of any license which may be required for such places under any other Act:

Provided, secondly, that this section shall not apply to private amateur performances held wholly for the benefit of a charity, in any such place; and

Provided, thirdly, that not withstanding the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 68 the imposition of a license fee exceeding rupees two hundred on any cinema house or other place of amusement as aforesaid shall require the approval of the State Government.
(ii) No place within the Silchar municipality shall be used for the purposes of public cinematographic performances, circuses, variety shows, as a place of public resort for similar recreations or amusements, otherwise than for the purpose of regular gain, unless a license has been granted for such purpose by the Board and in accordance with such conditions as the Board, subject to rule, may think fit to impose:

Provided, firstly that such conditions shall not be inconsistent with the terms of any license which may be required for such places under any other Act:

Provided, secondly that this sub-section shall not apply to private amateur performances or to performances held wholly for the benefit of a charity, in any such place, and

(iii) If within a period of three months following the receipt of an application for license under sub-section (1) or (2) of this section the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting as case may be, has not passed orders thereon, either granting or refusing a license, it shall be deemed to have granted the license.

D. (i) Subject to the provisions of section 233 any license granted under section 230 by the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, or the Board, as the case may be, may at any time, be suspended or revoked by the authority granting the license, if any of the restrictions, limitations, or conditions attached to the license be evaded or infringed by the grantee, or if the grantee be convicted of a breach of any of the provisions of the Act or of any rule or bye-law made there under in any matter to which such license relates, or if the grantee has obtained the same by misrepresentations or fraud.

(ii) When any such license is suspended or revoked, and until such order of suspension or revocation is cancelled, or when the period for which it was granted, or the period within which application for renewal should be made has expired, whichever expires letter, the grantee shall for all purposes of this Act, or any rule or bye-law made under the act, be deemed to be without a license.

E. Every order granting, refusing, suspending, revoking, or modifying a license under section 230 or section 231, as the case may be, shall be in writing, shall state the ground on which it proceeds, shall be published on the notice board
of the Board’s office, and shall also be served on the owner of the premises concerned within fourteen days.

F. Any person aggrieved by an order granting refusing, suspending or revoking a license under section 230, or section 231, as the case may be, may, notwithstanding any thing contained elsewhere in this Act, appeal—

(a) to the State Government in the case of an order passed by the Board at a meeting.

(b) to the Deputy Commissioner in the case of an order passed by the Board:

Provided that no such appeal shall be entertained unless it is received within thirty days of the date of the order complained of.

The decision of the State Government, or the Deputy Commissioner, as the case may be, shall be final, and shall not be questioned in any Court.

G. (i) If it be shown to be satisfaction of the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting that any place licensed under section 229 causes any nuisance or is injurious to the health of the neighbourhood, it may, notwithstanding anything contained in the said section, give notice to the occupier to discontinue the use of such place within one month after the date of such notice:

Provided that no such notice shall be given until the licensee shall have been given reasonable opportunity of showing cause against such notice and the Silchar Municipal Board shall refund so much of any fee levied in respect of such place under section 68, sub-section (2), as may be proportionate to the unexpired portion of the year for which the license was granted.

(ii) If any person, after the expiration of the time specified in a notice issued by the Board under the provisions of sub-section (1), uses for permits to be used the place specified in such notice in such a manner as to be a nuisance or injurious to the health of the neighbourhood, he shall be liable to fine not exceeding two hundred rupees, and to a further fine not exceeding forty rupees, for each day during which the offence is continued after he has been convicted of such offence.

H. Within such local limits as may be fixed by the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, no place shall, without the permission of the Board be used for the
manufacture of bricks, pottery, tiles or lime in a kiln, panja or clamp or by any other similar method.

I. Any person who –

(1) without a license uses any place for any of the purposes specified in section 229 or uses any place for the manufacture of bricks, pottery, tiles or lime in contravention of the provisions of section 235; or

(2) being a holder of a license under section 229, breaks any condition of such license; or

(3) uses any place for the purposes of public cinematographic exhibitions, dramatic performances, circuses or variety shows, or as a place of public resort for similar recreations or amusements, in contravention of the provisions of section 230;

Shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees, and to a further fine not exceeding twenty rupees for every day during which the offence is continued after he has been convicted of such offence.

Laws for Infectious and contagious diseases of Silchar Municipality

A. In the event of the prevalence or threatened outbreak of any infectious disease in any municipal area, or of any unusual mortality therein, the Silchar Municipal Board shall provide such staff, medicines, appliances, equipments and other things as may, in the opinion of the State Government, be necessary for the treatment of such infectious disease and preventing it from spreading.

B. Any person who –

(a) being a medical practitioner and being cognizant of the existence of any infectious or contagious diseases in any dwelling other than a public hospital, or

(b) being the owner or occupier of such dwelling and being cognizant of the existence of any such disease therein, or

(c) being the person in charge of, or in attendance on, any person suffering from any such disease in such dwelling and being cognizant of the existence of the disease therein,
Fails to give information forthwith to such officer as the Board may direct, or gives false information, respecting the existence of such disease, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

C. In Silchar municipality when any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease is found to be –

(a) without proper lodging or accommodation, or
(b) living in a Serai or other public hostel, or
(c) living in a room or house which neither he nor any one, of whom he is a dependant, either owns or pays rent for,

the Board, by the person authorised by it in this behalf, may, on the advice of an Assistant Surgeon I, remove the patient to any hospital or place at which persons suffering from such disease are received for medical treatment, and may do anything necessary for such removal.

D. (i) If the Silchar Municipal Board is of opinion that the cleansing or disinfecting of a building or any part thereof or of any article therein, which is likely to retain infection, will tend to prevent or check the spread of any disease, it may, by notice, require the owner or occupier to cleanse or disinfect the same in the manner and within the time prescribed in such notice.

(ii) If –

(a) within the time specified as aforesaid from the receipt of the notice the person on whom the notice is served fails to have the building or part thereof or the article disinfected as aforesaid within the time fixed in the notice, or
(b) the occupier or owner, as the case may be, gives his consent, the Board may, at the cost of such owner or occupier, cause the building or part thereof and articles to be cleansed and disinfected:

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board may in its discretion pay the whole or any part of such cost.

E. Every person knowingly letting a house or other building or part of a house or building in which any person suffering from an infectious or contagious disease,
had lived without having such house or other building or part thereof and all articles therein liable to retain infection disinfected thereafter to the satisfaction of the Board, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred rupees.

For the purpose of this section a hotel or lodging house keeper shall be deemed to let part of his house to any person admitted as a guest into his hotel or lodging house.

F. The Silchar Municipal Board may –

(a) provide proper places, with all necessary attendants and apparatus, for the disinfection of conveyances, clothing, bedding or other articles which have been exposed to infection,

(b) cause conveyances, clothing or other articles brought for disinfected free of charge or subject to such charges as may be approved by it, and

(c) direct any clothing, bedding or other articles likely to remain infection to be disinfected or destroyed, and shall give compensation for any article destroyed under this section.

G. Whoever, while suffering from an infectious, contagious or loathsome disease –

(a) makes or offers for sale any article or food or drink for human consumption or any medicine, drug or clothing, or

(b) wilfully touches any such article, medicine, drug or clothing, when exposed for sale by others, or

(c) takes any part in the business of washing or carrying soiled clothes,

Shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty rupees.

H. Any person who –

(a) while suffering from any infectious or contagious disease wilfully exposes himself in any road, public place, shop, bazaar or any place used in common by
persons other than members of the family or household to which such infected person belongs, or causes or suffers himself to be carried in a public conveyance, without proper precautions against spreading the said diseases; or

(b) being in charge of any person so suffering, so exposes such suffers, or so carries or permits him to be carried in a public conveyance; Shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty rupees.

I. The Silchar Municipal Board may authorise any officer to enter, at any time between sunrise and sunset, after three hours' notice into any building or premises in which any infections or contagious disease is reported or suspected to exist, for the purposes of inspecting such building or premises.

J. The Silchar Municipal Board may provide and maintain suitable conveyance for the free carriage of person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or of dead bodies of persons who have died from any such disease.

K. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may, with a view to preventing the spread of any infectious or contagious disease, order that, for a specified time, any market, tea stall or restaurant, hotel or lodging-house within the municipality shall be closed, or forbid any persons to attend any such market, tea stall or restaurant, hotel or lodging-house.

(ii) Such order shall be publicly notified in such manner and at such place as the Board shall direct, and notice thereof shall be served on the owner, occupier or farmer of the market or the keeper of the hotel or lodging-house, tea stall or restaurant.

(iii) After complying with the notice, the owner, occupier, or farmer of the market or the keeper of the hotel or lodging-house, tea stall or restaurant or any person interested may appeal to the Deputy Commissioner, or where the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman of the Silchar Municipality, to the Commissioner of Division, if he considers the notice to be unreasonable, and the order of the Deputy
Commissioner or of the Commissioner of Division, as the case may be, shall be final.

(iv) When an order has been notified under sub-section (2), and has not been set aside under sub-section (3), any owner, occupier or farmer of a market or the keeper of hotel or lodging-house, tea stall or restaurant who neglects to close the market, hotel or lodging-house, tea stall or restaurant shall be liable to a fine which may extend to five hundred rupees; and any person who attends such market, hotel or lodging-house, tea stall or restaurant in contravention of the terms of the order shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

L. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by notice, require the managing authority of any school situated within the municipality for a specified time with a view to preventing the spread of disease or any danger to healthy likely to arise from the condition of the school, either to school the school or to exclude any scholars from attendance; and the managing authority shall comply with the notice.

(ii) After complying with the notice, managing authority may appeal to the Deputy Commissioner or, where the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman of the Silchar Municipality, to the Commissioner of Division, if it considers the notice to be unreasonable, and the order of the Deputy Commissioner or of the Division Commissioner of Division, as the case may be, shall be final.

(iii) Any managing authority who fails to comply with the notice under sub-section (1) shall be liable to a fine which may extend to the fifty rupees.

Explanation:- Managing authority shall include Headmaster, Secretary or other person directly managing the school.

Laws for Mosquito Control by Silchar Municipality

A. It shall be the duty of the Silchar Municipal Boards to undertake Public Health work and also to formulate and execute schemes to eradicate mosquitoes and to prevent their breeding within the municipal areas.
Laws for Extinction of fire by Silchar Municipality

A. (i) For the prevention and extinction of fire, the Board at a meeting may resolve to establish and maintain a fire-bridge and to provide any implements, machinery, or means of communicating intelligence which the Board may think necessary for the efficient discharge of their duties by the bridge.

(ii) The Board at a meeting may recognise and aid a volunteer fire-bridge and provide for the guidance, training discipline and conduct of the members thereof.

B. (i) On the occasion of a fire in the municipality, any Magistrate, or any commissioner of the Municipal Board, or the person in charge of a fire-bridge maintained by the Board, and directing the operations in connection with the fire, or any police officer above the rank of a constable, when so directed by the Magistrate or Commissioner, may –

(a) remove or order the removal of any person who by his presence interferes with or impedes the operations for extinguishing the fire, or for saving life or property;

(b) close any street or passage in or near which any fire is burning;

(c) for the purpose of extinguishing the fire or preventing its spread, break into or pull down or cause to be broken into or pulled down, or use for the passage of any hose or other appliance, any premises;

(d) cause mains and pipes to be shut off so as to give greater pressure of water in the place where the fire has occurred;

(e) call on the persons in charge of any fire engine to render such assistance as may be possible;

(f) generally take such measures as may appear necessary for the preservation of life or property.
(ii) No person shall be liable to pay damages for any act done by him under sub-section (1) of this section in good faith.

(iii) When the State Government pass an order to take over under its control the fire fighting services in the municipality, the Board shall make over the same to such authority, as the State Government may appoint in this behalf. When the fire fighting services are taken over by the State Government the concerning Board or any Commissioner thereof, as the case may be, shall cease to exercise any power under section 250 and this section and no fee under section 68 (1) (l) shall be levied with the effect from the date from which the fire fighting organisation of the Board is taken over by the State Government unless the State Government direct that the fee shall continue to be levied and the income derived therefrom shall be payable to the State Government after deducting reasonable collection charge as fixed by the State Government.

Laws for Burial and burning grounds and the disposal of corpses

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, from time to time, out of the municipal fund, provide fitting places to be used as burial or burning grounds either within or without the limits of the municipality.

(ii) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by public notice, order any burial or burning ground situated within municipal limits or any municipal burial or burning ground outside such limits which is certified by the Civil Surgeon or Health Officer to be dangerous to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood, to be closed, from a date to be specified in the notice, and shall, in such a case if no suitable place for burial or burning exists within a reasonable distance, provide a fitting place for the purpose.

(iii) Should any person, without the permission of the Silchar Municipal Board, bury or burn or cause, or permit, to be buried or burnt, any crops at any place which is not a burial or burning ground or in any burial or burning ground made or formed contrary to the provisions of this section, or after the date fixed
thereunder for closing the same, he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees.

(iv) Private burial places in such burial grounds may be expected from the notice, subject to such conditions as the Board may impose in this behalf:

Provided that the limits of such burial places are sufficiently defined and that they shall only be used for the burial of members of the family of the owners thereof.

(v) No private burial or burning ground shall be made or formed within the municipality after the commencement of this Act, without the permission in writing of the Board.

B. The Silchar Municipal Board may, from time to time, out of the municipal fund, provide for the burial or burning of paupers, free of charge, within the limits of the municipality.

C. After the expiration of not less than twenty-four hours from the death of any person, the Board may cause the corpse of such persons to be burnt or buried, and the expenses thereby incurred shall be recoverable as a debt due from the estate of such person. In every such case, the corpse shall be disposed of, so far as may be possible, in manner consistent with the religious tenets of the deceased.

D. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may, from time to time, grant licenses to persons applying for the same, for the sale at burning grounds of fuel and other articles used for granted shall, from time to time, prescribe a scale of rates for the sale of such articles; and no person not so licensed shall within three hundred yards of any such burning grounds, sell or offer for sale any such fuel or other article.

(ii) The Silchar Municipal Board may on good and sufficient cause, revoke or withdraw any such license, as it may think fit, and any person to whom such license is granted, who charges for the sale of any such article at any higher rate than the rate fixed, shall be liable to have his license cancelled and shall be also liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.
Laws for Disordered houses and persons

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, may by one month’s notice in writing, prohibit in any part of the municipality –

(a) the keeping of a brothel;
(b) the residence of a public prostitute.

(ii) Whoever contravenes an order notified under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fifty rupees, and in the case of a continuing failure with an additional fine not exceeding five rupees for every day after the first in regard to which he or she is convicted of having persisted in the failure.

B. On the complaint of the Board, or of three or more inhabitants of the municipality, that a house within the limits of the municipality is used as a brothel, or by disorderly persons of any description, to the annoyance of the inhabitants of the vicinity, or that any such house is used as a brothel in the neighbourhood of a cantonment or of an educational institution or hostel or of any place of worship, any Magistrate of the first class, having jurisdiction in the place where the house is situated, may summon the owner or tenant of the house and on being satisfied that the house is so used and that it is a source of annoyance to the neighbours or that it is in the neighbourhood of a cantonment or of an educational institution or hostel or of any place of worship, may order the owner or tenant to discontinue such use of it; and, if he shall fail to comply with such order within five days, may impose upon him a fine not exceeding twenty-five rupees for every day thereafter that the house is so used.

Rules for unidentified Dogs

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may, by public notice, require that every dog in respect of which a license fee has been paid and registered in the books of the municipality, shall wear a collar to which shall be attached a token to be issued by the Board, and may from time to time, give notice that with effect from a date to be specified in the notice, every dog found wandering within municipality
without a collar bearing such a token, will be liable to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

(ii) The Board, by any person authorised by it in this behalf, may –

i. destroy or cause to be destroyed, or confine, or cause to be confirmed, for such period as the Board may direct, any dog suffering from any loathsome disease of from rabies, or reasonably suspected to be suffering from rabies, or bitten by any dog or other animal suffering or suspected to be suffering from rabies;

ii. confine, or cause to be confined any dog found wandering about roads or public places without a collar or other marks distinguishing it as private property and charge a fee for such detention, and destroy or otherwise dispose of any such dog if it is not claimed within one week and the fee paid;

iii. after a date specified in this behalf in a notice published under sub-section (1), destroy or cause to be destroyed or otherwise dispose of any dog found wandering about roads or public places without a collar bearing a token issued by the Board or other marks distinguishing it is private property.

(iii) No damages shall be payable in respect of any dog confined, destroyed or otherwise disposed of under this section.

Rules for Education by Silchar Municipality

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board shall be guided by provision contained in the Assam Basic Education Act 1945 A.D., and rules and orders thereunder in the discharge of their liability in respect of Basic Education.

(ii) Subject to as aforesaid, the Board may, with its own consent, be charged by the State Government with, and made responsible for, the
establishment, maintenance and management of any schools or class of schools other than basic schools, within the municipality. Subject to the approval of the State Government the Board may make grants-in-aid to any schools, whether they are under public or private management.

Rules regarding Medical by Silchar Municipality

A. Subject to the rule, the Silchar Municipal Board may —

(a) establish and maintain, within the municipality, dispensaries, hospitals, chest clinics, asylums and places for the reception of the sick or destitute, or contribute towards the cost of the establishment and maintenance of such institutions;

(b) with the previous sanction of the Commissioner of Division contribute such annual or other sum as may be agreed on towards the cost of the establishment and maintenance of any dispensary, hospital, asylum or place for the reception of the sick or destitute, which is situated outside the municipality, but is, or may be, ordinarily used by the inhabitants of the municipality;

(c) provide for the payment of allowances to medical practitioners for professional services rendered to the establishment employed by the Board;

(d) provide medicines or medical assistance for the poorer inhabitants of the municipality to take such measures as may appear to it to be necessary including the temporary employment of medical practitioners during the prevalence of diseases in the municipality;

(e) provide for the payment of expenses of any of the poorer inhabitants of the municipality for journeys to
and from any hospital established in any part of India for the treatment of special diseases, and of their subsistence thereat, according to such scale as may be fixed by the Commissioner of Division.

Rules regarding Maternity and Child Welfare by Silchar Municipalty

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board may establish and maintain, with in the Municipality, Maternity Houses and Child Welfare Centres or may with the previous sanction of the State Government contribute annual or other sum to any institutions doing maternity and child welfare works which are situated within the Municipality or outside the Municipality but are or may be ordinarily used by the inhabitants of the Municipality.

(ii) The Board at a meeting may provide (a) midwives for attendance in maternity cases and (b) health visitors to visit and inspect any premises in the Municipality and to give advice to expectant mothers on their health and as to the proper nature, care and management of young children and the promotion of hygiene.

Rules regarding Vaccination and inoculation by Silchar Municipalty

A. Silchar Municipal Board shall provide for the appointment, pay and management of vaccinators and inoculators and may provide for the promotion of free vaccination and inoculation in the municipal areas.

Rules regarding Registration of births and deaths

A. Silchar Municipal Board, when required by the State Government, shall provide for the registration of births and deaths within its in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Births and Death Registration Act 1935 A.D.
Rules regarding Water Supply, Lighting and Drainage Systems

A. (i) Silchar Municipal Board shall provide or arrange for the provision of a sufficient supply of drinking water for the inhabitants of the areas within its jurisdiction.

(ii) The Board shall make adequate provision for securing –

   (a) that the water supply is continuous throughout the year, and

   (b) that the water supply is at all times pure and fit for human consumption.

(iii) Silchar Municipal Board shall also provide or arrange for the provision of sufficient supply of water for other domestic purposes or for non-domestic purposes.

B. (i) Silchar Medical Board shall so far as the fund at its disposal may permit, provide and maintain a sufficient and satisfactory system of public drains for the effectual drainage of its local area.

(ii) If in the opinion of the State Government any area of the Municipality or part thereof should, for any special reason, be provided with a system of public drains or with other means of drainage, they may direct the Silchar Municipal Board to provide or execute, within such time as may be fixed by them in this behalf, such works as may be considered necessary by them.

(iii) The Board shall at all time keep in good repair all drains, cesspools and the like vested in or belonging to it.

Rules for Introduction of Schemes by Silchar Municipality

A. The State Government may, on the application, in accordance with rule, Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, acting conjointly with any one or more of the local authorities specified in section 49, sanction a scheme for water supply or for the introduction of a system of lighting by electricity or otherwise or for the supply of gas or of a system of drainage or sewerage.
B. Before any scheme or a joint scheme for any of the purposes mentioned in section 266 is sanctioned by the State Government, there shall be published in the official Gazette and locally the following particulars:—

(a) a general description of the scheme;
(b) an estimate of the cost of carrying it out and its maintenance;
(c) source from which the cost will be met; and
(d) the amount of loan if any, proposed to be taken.

C. When the scheme has been sanctioned under section 266, the Silchar Municipal Board or any of the other local authorities concerned or a joint-committee constituted under section 49, shall, if the tax and other moneys to be collected, received or recovered for or in respect of the supply of water or the lighting, drainage or sewerage system, be sufficient for the purpose, proceed to carry it out, or cause it to be carried out.

D. The State Government may order the works specified in any scheme as aforesaid, or any portion thereof to be executed by an officer to be appointed by it, and may fix the remuneration of such officer; and may specify a period within which the work shall be completed, and may extend such period from time to time as may be necessary.

Rules for General provisions of Silchar Municipal Board
relating to the lying and connecting
of pipes, sewers and the like

A. The Silchar Municipal Board may carry any wire, pipe, drain, sewer or channel of any kind for the purpose of providing or of carrying out or establishing or maintaining a system of water supply, lighting, drainage or sewerage, through, across, under or over any road, or place laid out as or intended for a road, and, after giving reasonable notice in writing to the owner and occupier, into, through, across, under, over or up the side of any land building whatsoever situated within the limits of the municipality, and for the purpose of introduction, distribution or outfall of water or for the removal or outfall of sewerage, without such limits, and
may at all times do all acts and things which may be necessary or expedient for repairing or maintaining any such wire, pipes, drain, sewer or channel, as the case may be, in an effective state for the purpose for which the same may be used or intended to be used:

Provided that no nuisance more than is necessarily caused by the proper execution of the work is created by any such operation; and provided, further, that reasonable compensation shall be paid to the owner or occupier or both for any damage at the time sustained by him or them and directly occasioned by the carrying out of any such operations.

B. In the event of any wire, pipe, drain, sewer or channel being laid or carried above the surface of any land or through, over, or up the side of any building, such wire, pipe, drain, sewer or channel, as the case may be, shall be so laid or carried as to interfere as little as possible with the rights of the owner or occupier to the due enjoyment of such land or building, and responsible compensation shall be paid in respect of any substantial interference with any such right to such enjoyment.

C. Except as otherwise provided the Silchar Municipal Board shall cause not less than fourteen days' notice in writing to be given to the owner or occupier before commencing any operations under section 270.

D. (i) Subject to rule, the Silchar Municipal Board may, on the application of the owner or occupier of any premises, make, or cause or permit to be made, any connection to such premises from any wire, pipe, drain, sewer or channel constructed or maintained by or vested in the Board, on such terms as the Board at a meeting may from time to time determine.

(ii) Any person who shall, without the permission of the Board, make or cause to be made, any such connection or flush, draw off, divert, take or use water or gas from any works belonging to, or under the control of the Board, or divert or take water from any water or stream by which water-works belonging to, or under the control of the Board, are supplied, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

E. In Silchar Municipality to the provisions of this section may, at any time, by notification, be extended by the State Government, the Board may establish any
Connection from any drain or sewer to any premises, or may by notice require the owner or occupier of any such premises to establish any such connection, in such manner and within such time as the Board by notice in that behalf may prescribe, at the cost of such owner or occupier.

F. The Silchar Municipal Board may prescribe the size of the ferrules to be used for the supply of gas and water, and may establish meters or other appliances for the purpose of testing the quantity or quality of any gas supplied to the premises of any person or to or for the use of any person or business.

G. All work in connection with the ferrules, communication-pipes, connections, meters, stand-pipes and all fittings thereon or connected therewith, landing from mains or service wires, pipes, drains, sewers or channels, into any house or land, and the wires, pipes, fittings and works inside any such house or within the limits of any such land, shall in all cases be executed subject to the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Board.

H. The Silchar Municipal Board may require such ferrules, communication-pipes, connections, meters, stand-pipes and fittings to be supplied and fitted by its own agency upon such terms as may be agreed upon between it and the person requiring the connection or subject to such charges as may be fixed by the Board; and may require the amount necessary for the execution of such works to be paid or deposited before such works are executed.

I. (i) Any officer authorised in that behalf by the Silchar Municipal Board may, between the hours of seven in the forenoon and five in the afternoon, enter into or on any house or land for the purpose of inspecting or repairing gas, water, or other installations, and for taking reading of meters connected therewith.

(ii) If such officer at any such time be refused admittance into such house or land for the purposes aforesaid, or be prevented from making such examination, the Board may forth with cut off the supply of gas or water as the case may be, from such house or land:

Provided that nothing hereinbefore contained shall authorise an entry into any room appropriated for the zenana or residence or women, which by the custom of the country is considered private, unless a notice in writing of not less than four hours is given.
J. Whenever water or gas is supplied under this chapter through a meter, it shall be presumed that the quantity or quality indicated by the meter has been consumed until the contrary is proved.

K. (i) If the owner or occupier of any premises to which water or gas is supplied through a meter desires to have the meter tested, he may send a written application to the Silchar Municipal Board, and such application must be accompanied by a fee of five rupees.

(ii) Upon receipt of any such application and fee, the Silchar Municipal Board shall forthwith cause such meter to be tested, at a time and place to be specified in a notice to be served upon such owner or occupier.

(iii) If such meter is found, upon being so tested, to be incorrect by more than two per cent the said fee shall be returned to the person who sent it.

L. (i) Any person who shall fraudulently –

(a) alter the index to any meter, or prevent any meter from duly registering the quantity or quality of water or gas supplied, or

(b) abstract or use water or gas before it has been registered by a meter set up for the purposes of testing the quantity or the quality of the same, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

(ii) The existence of artificial means under the control of the consumer for causing any such alteration, prevention, abstraction or use shall be evidence that the consumer has fraudulently effected the same.

M. Any person who shall wilfully or negligently injure or suffer to be injured any meter or any of the fittings of any meter shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.

283. No works for establishing any such connection as is referred to in Section 273, shall be commenced by the owner without sending a specification and estimate of the cost thereof to the occupier, nor by the occupier without sending such specification and estimate to the owner.

N. Except in the case of a special agreement to the contrary, the owner of any premises shall bear the expense of keeping any such connection with such
premises as is referred to in Section 273 and 274 and all works connected therewith in substantial repair and if he fails to do so the occupier may, after giving the owner three days’ notice in writing, himself have the repairs executed and deduct the expenses thereof from any rent which is due from him to the owner in respect of such premises:

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the liabilities of parties under leases executed previous to the commencement of this Act.

Special provisions relating to water supply systems of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) If Silchar municipality in respect of which a scheme for a supply of water has been sanctioned under section 266 and in which the imposition of a water-tax has been sanctioned by State Government under section 68, sub-section (1) (b), the Board shall provide a supply of water within the limits of the municipality for domestic purposes; and for this purpose it shall be lawful for it to cause such mains and pipes to be laid, and such tanks, reservoirs or other works to be made and constructed, as shall be necessary for the supply of water in the chief public roads; and it may also erect in all such roads sufficient and convenient stand-pipes or pumps for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality for domestic purposes.

(ii) The Board may supply water for other than domestic purposes.

B. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting shall determine what pressure of water shall be maintained in its service-pipes and mains and during what hours such pressure shall be continued; and any order made under this section shall be published in such manner as the Board may direct, and shall not be altered except with the sanction of the Board at a meeting.

C. (i) The Board may provide a water-meter and attach it to the communication pipe of any premises to which water is supplied by the Board, and whenever a water-meter is provided the Board shall maintain it in an efficient state.

(ii) When any meter attached to the communication-pipe of any premises is out of order or under repair, the Board shall forthwith replace it by another meter.
(iii) The expense of providing, attaching and replacing a meter under subsections (1) and (2) may, at the discretion of the Board, be borne, by the municipal fund, or may be recovered wholly or in part from the person requiring the supply, or, if the communication-pipe has been laid down before the commencement of this Act, from the owner of the premises, except in the case of a special agreement to the contrary between the owner and the occupier, in one instalment or more than one instalment according as the Board thinks proper; and if the expense as aforesaid or any part of it is borne by the municipal fund, the Board may recover rent for the meter at such rate as may be fixed by it.

D. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may determine what quantity of water shall be supplied for domestic purposes to the occupier of any premises free of further charge for every rupee paid to the Board as water-tax on account of such premises.

(ii) Any water which may be used for domestic purposes over and above the quantity to which the occupier is entitled as aforesaid, and any water which may be used for other than domestic purposes, shall be paid for by him at such rate as the Board at a meeting may determine.

E. It shall be at the opinion of the Board to provide water for all latrines and water closets, and it shall be lawful for it to require that all latrines and water closets supplied with water shall be provided with a cistern of such size and description as the Board shall direct, and all such cisterns shall be put up at the cost of the owner of the premises so supplied with water.

F. (i) The Board may cause the water to be turned off from any premises which are supplied with water after giving notice in writing of not less than twenty-four hours –

(a) if the premises are unoccupied; or

(b) if the person liable to the water-tax or any charge made under section 287 (3) or 288 (2) neglects to pay the same; or

(c) if any pipes, works, fittings or meters connected with the supply of water and being the property of the owner or the occupier are found, on examination by
any officer of the Board authorised in that behalf, to be out of repair, to such an extent as to cause the waste of water; or

(d) if the owner or occupier of the premises wilfully or negligently contaminates, misuses or causes waste of water; and may recover from the owner or occupier of such premises, or from the person liable to pay the water-tax or the charge, as the case may be, the expenses incurred for turning off the water:

Provided that the stopping or cutting off of the supply of water shall not relieve any person from any penalties or liabilities which he may have incurred.

(ii) When the water has been turned off under sub-section (1) (b) the Board shall restore the supply on payment of sums for non-payment of which the water was turned off together with the expenses incurred in turning off the water or on the removal of the defects referred to in clauses (c) and (d) of sub-section (1) for which the water was turned off.

G. (i) The occupier of any premises, in which water supplied by the Board under this chapter is, from negligence or other circumstances under the control of the said occupier, wasted, or in whose house or land the pipes, works, fittings or meters for the supply of water shall be found to be out of repair to such an extent as to cause waste of water shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-rupees.

(ii) Any person otherwise causing waste of water supplied by the Board shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five rupees.

H. It shall be within the discretion of the Silchar Municipal Board to allow any person not residing within the limits of the municipality to take or be supplied with water for domestic use, on such term as the Board at a meeting may from time to time determine;

And any person taking or causing to be taken for use, outside the limits of the municipality, water supplied by the Board, without the permission of the Board, shall be liable, to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees.

Chapter VIII is suggestive of controlling the affairs of Silchar municipality. The Commissioner of Division or any Officer authorised by the state Government
enter into inspection of working progress, immovable property and books and
documents of Municipality board. Further the state Government if found that the
board is not competent to perform or persistently make default in the performance
may dissolve the Municipal board after giving an opportunity for submitting an
explanation. Further para 300 (1) the act states that disputes arises between boards
under the act may be refer to the Deputy Commissioner for settlement.

Laws for Control by Silchar Municipality

A. The Commissioner of Division or any officer of Government authorised in
that behalf by the State Government, by a general or special order may at all
times—

(1) enter into and inspect, or cause any other person to enter into or
inspect—

(a) any immovable property in the occupation of, or
(b) any work in progress under, or
(c) any institution under the control and administration
of the Board; and

(2) call for and inspect any book or document which may be, for the
purpose of this Act, in the possession or under the control of the Board.

B. With the previous sanctioned of the Chairman any Commissioner of
Silchar Municipal Board may inspect any work, or institution, constructed or
maintained, in whole or in part at the expense of the Board, and any register,
books, accounts or other documents belonging to, or in the possession of the
Board.

C. (i) The State Government may appoint an officer of the Government to be
Inspector of Municipal Works for one more municipalities.

(ii) The Inspector of Municipal Works shall perform such duties and
exercise such powers as may be assigned to him by rule.

(iii) In particular and without prejudice to the powers referred to in sub-
section (2), the Inspector of municipal Works may at all times enter upon or into
and inspect, or cause any other person to enter upon or into and inspect, any
immovable property in the occupation, or any work in progress, under the orders of the Board of any municipality within his charge, and the Board shall furnish such statements, estimates and reports as he may require.

(iv) A report of every inspection made under this section shall be prepared, and a copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Board.

(v) The Board within the charge of an Inspector of Municipal Works shall, in all matters of professional detail, be guided by his report.

D. The State Government, the commissioner of Division or the Deputy Commissioner may, by order in writing, suspend the execution of any resolution or order of the Board or prohibit the doing of any act which is about to be done, or is being done, in pursuance of, or under cover of, this Act, or in pursuance of any sanction or permission granted by the Board in the exercise of their powers under this Act, if, in its or his opinion, the resolution, order or act is in excess of the powers conferred by law, or the execution of the resolution or order, or the doing of the act, is likely to lead to a serious breach of the peace, or to cause serious injury or annoyance to the public, or to any class or body of persons.

When the Commissioner of Division or the Deputy Commissioner makes any order under this section, he shall forthwith forward a copy thereof, with a statement of his reasons for making it, to the State Government, which any thereupon rescind the order or direct that it continues in force with or without modification, permanently or for such period as it thinks fit.

E. (i) If at any time, on receipt of a complaint or information, it appears to the State Government that the Silchar Municipal Board have made default in performing any duty imposed on them by or under this or any other Act, the State Government may, by an order in writing, call upon the Board, to perform the duty within such time as may be appointed such order.

(ii) If such duty is not performed within such period, the State Government may, after considering any representation which the Board may submit, either revoke or modify the order or appoint some fit and power person to perform the duty.

(iii) If, in any case of emergency, the Deputy Commissioner, upon the recommendation of the concerning technical adviser immediately available in the
district within which the municipality is situated, is of opinion that the immediate execution of any work or the immediate doing of any act which the Silchar Municipal Board, whether at a meeting or otherwise, are empowered to execute or do, is necessary for the health or safety of the public, he may call upon the Board to execute the work within such time as he may appoint. If such work is not executed within such period he may appoint some fit and proper person to execute the work or do the act immediately.

The Deputy Commissioner shall forward report to the Commissioner of Division every case in which he uses the powers conferred on him by this sub-section whereupon the Commissioner of Division may pass such orders as he thinks fit.

(iv) Where any person is appointed under sub-section (2) or sub-section (3), the State Government or, subject to any orders which may be passed by the commissioner of Division under sub-section (3), the Deputy Commissioner with the prior approval of the Commissioner of Division may direct that the expense of performing the Duty, executing, the work or doing the Act, together with reasonable remuneration, if any, to the person so appointed, shall forthwith be paid by the Board.

(iv) Where such expense and remuneration are not so paid, the Deputy Commissioner may make an order directing the person having the custody of the balance of the municipal fund to pay the expense and remuneration, or so much thereof as is possible from the balance, in priority to any or all other charges, and such person shall make payment accordingly.

Provided that the Silchar Municipal Board may prefer an appeal to the State Government against the decision of the Commissioner of Division as regards assessment of expense and remunerations as made under sub-section (4).

F. If in the opinion of the State Government, the Silchar Municipal Board is not competent to perform, or persistently make default in the performance of, the duties imposed on them by or under this Act or otherwise by law, or exceed or abuse their powers, the State Government after giving the Silchar Municipal Board an opportunity for submitting an explanation in regards to the matter may, by notification, stating the reason for so doing, declare such Board to be incompetent,
or in default, or to have exceeded or abused their powers, as the case be, and supersede them for a period not exceeding one year at a time or dissolve the Board and order a fresh election as soon as possible:

Provided that when the Silchar Municipal Board is dissolved, the Stat Government may appoint any person as Chairman to carry on routine matters on behalf of the Board until the Board is reconstituted and a new Chairman is elected.

G. (i) When an order of supersession shall have been passed under the preceding section, the following consequences shall ensure:

(a) all the Commissioner of the Board shall as from the date of the order, vacate their offices as such Commissioners;

(b) all the powers and duties which under the Act may be exercised and performed by the Board, whether at a meeting or otherwise, shall, during the period of supersession be exercised and performed by such person or persons as the State Government may direct;

(c) all property vested in the Board shall, during the period of supersession, vest in the State Government.

(ii) On the expiration of the period of supersession, specified in the order, the State Government may –

(i) extend the period of supersession for such further term as it may consider necessary, but not exceeding a period of one year at a time, or

(ii) reconstitute the Municipal Board by a fresh general election and the persons who vacated their offices under clause (a) of sub-section (1) shall not be deemed disqualified for election or appointment:

Provided that the State Government may at any time before the expiration of the period of supersession take action under clause (ii) of sub-section.
H. (i) If any dispute, for the decision of which this Act does not otherwise provide, arises between the Board of Silchar municipality and a cantonment authority, the matter shall be referred –

(a) to the Deputy Commissioner, if the local authorities concerned are in the same district; or

(b) to the Commissioner of Division concerned if the local authorities are in different districts.

(ii) Save as provided in sub-section (4) the decision of the authority to which any dispute is referred under this section shall be final.

(iii) If, in the case mentioned in clause (a), the deputy Commissioner is a member of one of the local authorities concerned, his functions under this section shall be discharged by the Commissioner of Division concerned.

(iv) An appeal shall lie to the Commissioner of Division concerned against a decision of the Deputy Commissioner and to the State Government against a decision of the Commissioner of Division concerned.

(v) Where a cantonment authority is a party to a dispute, the powers of the State Government under this section shall be exercisable only with the concurrence of the Central Government.

Chapter IX covers rules and bye laws regarding the functioning of the Silchar board. Chapter X covers on the procedure in respect of Municipal notice, enforcement of requisitions, appeals and prosecution while miscellaneous provision covers in Chapter XI and Chapter XII states the rule and regulation of constitution of Town Committee in notified area Under Section 336 and application of funds there of under Section 33418.

RULES AND BYE-LAWS OF SILCHAR MUNICIPALITY

Rules of Silchar Municipality

A. (1) The State Government may makes rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers such rules may –
(i) determine the mode and time of election of Commissioners, the qualifications and disqualifications and registration of voters, qualifications of candidates, the acts to be deemed corrupt practices at elections and generally regulate all elections under this Act;

(ii) regulate the manner in which the minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Board shall be published;

(iii) prescribe the manner in which bye-laws, notices, orders and other documents directed to be published under the Act shall be published;

(iv) regulating the keeping, checking and publication of accounts and the manner of periodical audit;

(v) provide for the retention of adequate working or closings balances;

(vi) provide for the preparation of plans and estimates for works to be partly or wholly constructed at the expense of the Board, and determine, according to the nature of the stuff entertained by the Board, the persons by whom and the conditions subject to which such plans and estimates are to be sanctioned;

(vii) regulate the form and procedure to be followed in the preparation of budget estimates by the Board, and prescribe the authority by whom, and the conditions subject to which, such estimates may be sanctioned, provide that such rules shall not empower such authority to refuse to sanction such estimates except on the following grounds:-

1. That the minimum closing balance prescribed has not been maintained.

2. That due provision has not been made for the purposes specified in section 60 (1) (a), (b) and (c).

3. That the provisions of the Act and the rules and any standing orders of State Government have not been complied with.
(4) regulating the preparation, submission and publication of returns, statements and reports by the Board;

(5) prescribe the maximum fees which may be levied by the Board under section 68, sub-sections (1) (g) and (h);

(6) prescribe the mode of ascertaining the capitalised value recoverable under clauses (c) and (d) of proviso (1), section 136;

(7) provide, in matters not specifically provided for in the Act, for the valuation of holdings and for the assessment, collection and refund of taxes imposed under the Act;

(8) fix the fees payable upon distraints under this Act;

(9) prescribe the qualifications of candidates for employment by the Board and declare what circumstances shall be a disqualification for continuance of such employment;

(10) prescribe the division of Health Officer and Sanitary Inspectors into classes or grades according to their qualifications;

(11) prescribe the proportion of the pay and allowances of Government Officers employed by the Board, which shall be borne by the Board, and provide for the control of such officers;

(12) regulate the conditions which may be imposed for the grant of licenses for places of public resort for recreations and amusements;

(13) Prescribe the conditions subject to which the Board—
i. may permit connection and communications to be made between private houses or premises and mains or service wires, pipes, drains, sewers and other channels established or maintained by the Board;

ii. may direct that such connections and communications shall be cut off;

iii. Prescribe method of preparation of compost manure and regulate the operation of compost manure schemes;

iv. Provide for the regulation management and inspection of the working of systems of water-supply, electricity, lighting, drainage or sewerage provided, established or maintained by or under the control and administration of any Municipal Board;

v. Generally provide for the guidance of the Board and officers of Government in all matters connected with the carrying out of the provisions of this Act, and for settling their relations to one another:

Provided that rules under sub-clauses (xviii) and (xx) shall not be inconsistent with those under the Indian Electricity Act of 1910 (as amended).

(3) In making rules under clause (i) of sub-section (2) the State Government may direct that a breach of any rule, so far as it prohibits corrupt practices at elections, shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees.

(4) All rules made under this section shall be subject to the conditions of previous publication.

Bye-Laws of Silchar Municipality

A. The Silchar Municipal Board may, from time to time, at a meeting which shall have been convened expressly for the purpose, and of which due notice shall
have been given, frame such bye-laws as they deem fit, not being consistent with
this Act, or with any other general or special law, for—

(i) Regulating traffic, and preventing obstructions and encroachments
and nuisances on or near public roads, or on or near pontoons,
bridges, ghats, landing places, river banks or other places of public
resort or on places near water-works for the supply of drinking
water;

(ii) prescribing a minimum width of wheel-tyres or a minimum
diameter and the maximum wheel-tracks of wheels for different
classes of carts and carriages kept or used within the municipality;

(iii) Prescribing the manner in which notice of the intention to erect, re-
erect or materially alter a building shall be given to the Silchar
Municipal Board;

(iv) requiring that with every such notice shall be furnished a site plan
of the land on which it is intended to erect, re-erect or materially
alter such building and a plan and specification and in the case of
errection or re-erection of a building, an estimate also of the cost of
construction (excluding cost of land and its improvement) of the
building, all such characters and with such details as the bye-laws
may require in respect of all or any of the matter following, viz.—

(a) free passage or way in front of the building;

(b) space to be left about the building to secure free
circulation of air and facilitate scavenging and for
the prevention of fire;

(c) provisions and position of latrines, urinals, cess pools
or drains;

(d) level and width of foundation, level of lowest floor,
and the stability of the structure; and

(e) the time of frontage with neighbouring buildings, if
the building abuts on a public road;

(v) regulating in respect of the erection, re-erection or material
alteration of any building, within the municipality or part thereof—
(a) the materials and method of construction to be used for external and partitions walls and roofs and floors;
(b) the materials and method of construction and position of fire-places chimneys, latrines, urinals, cess pools and drains;
(c) the height and slope of the roof above the upper-most floor upon which human beings are to live or cooking operations are to be carried on;
(d) the space to be left about the building to secure the free circulation of air and for the prevention of fire;
(e) the line of frontage where the building adults on a public road;
(f) the number and height of the storeys of which the building may consist;
(g) the means to be provided for egress from the building in case of fire; and
(h) any other matter affecting the ventilation or sanitation of the building.

(vi) preventing the erection of buildings without adequate provisions being made for the laying out and location of roads;
(vii) regulating the level, means of drainage, alignment and width of roads constructed by private persons;
(viii) fixing, and from time to time varying, the number of persons who may occupy a building or a part of a building, which is let in lodging or which is situated within such congested areas as may be specified in the bye-law; or occupied by members of more than one family; and providing –
   (a) for the registration and inspection of such buildings;
   (b) for promoting cleanliness and ventilation in such buildings;
(c) for notice to be given and precautions to be taken in the case of any infectious or contagious disease breaking out in such buildings;

(d) in the case of hotel, serai and lodging-house keepers and secretaries of residential clubs, for the maintenance of registers, in such form as the Board may prescribe, of visitors and lodgers; and

(e) generally for the proper regulation of such buildings;

(ix) regulating the use of, and the prevention of nuisance in regard to public water-supply, bathing and washing places, steams, channels, tanks and wells;

(x) regulating, either by rendering licenses necessary or otherwise, the washing of clothes by professional washermen, and fixing the places on which clothes may be so washed or in which they may not be so washed;

(xi) prescribing the measures to be taken for the prevention of the breeding of mosquitoes in wells, tanks, pools, excavations cisterns or other placers or vessels containing or capable of containing water;

(xii) regulating the cutting of trees and bamboos within the municipality;

(xiii) defining the duties of persons employed in the removal of sewage within the municipality and required to take out licenses under Section 213;

(xiv) regulating the disposal of sewage, offensive mater, carcasses of animals and rubbish, and the construction and maintenance of latrines, urinals, cesspools, drains and sewers;

(xv) providing for the inspection and regulation of markets and for the preparation and exhibition of a price list thereat;

(xvi) regulating the hours and manner of transport within the municipality of any specified articles of food or drink;
(xvii) fixing the places in which any specified article of food or drink may be sold or exposed for sale or the places in which it may not be sold or exposed for sale;

(xviii) regulating, either by rendering licenses necessary or otherwise, the import into the municipality for sale, of milk and butter;

(xix) regulating either by rendering licenses necessary or otherwise, or prohibiting, for the purpose of preventing danger to the public health, the stalling or herding of horses, cattle, swine, donkeys, sheep or goats, geese, ducks and fowls;

(xx) providing for the inspection of milk cattle, and prescribing the measures to be taken on the occurrence amongst them of infectious or contagious diseases; and prescribing and regulating the construction, dimensions, and water-supply of dairies and cattle-sheds in the occupation of person following the trade of dairymen or milkseller;

(xxi) providing for the inspection and proper regulation of encamping grounds, pounds, serais, bakeries and aerated water factories, ice-factories, flourmills, oil mills, sweetmeat shops, factories, and other places in which mechanical or electrical power is employed, and slaughter houses;

(xxii) preventing nuisances affecting the public health, safety or convenience in places of public resort for purposes of recreation of amusement;

(xxiii) preventing nuisances affecting the public health, safety or convenience;

(xxiv) providing the guidance, discipline and conduct of the members of a volunteer fire-bridge recognised by the Board;

(xxv) controlling and regulating the use and management of burial and burning ground and the disposal of corpses;

(xxvi) providing for the inspection of weights and measures used in markets within the municipality;
(xxvii) providing the holding of fairs and industrial exhibitions within the municipality or under the control of the Board and for fixing and collecting the fees to be levied thereat;

(xxxii) fixing the conditions on which licenses under this Act are to be granted and may be suspended or revoked;

(xxxi) preventing and removing any encroachments on any municipal lands including markets, drains, roads, etc; and

(xxx) giving effect to the objects of this Act; and may by such bye-laws impose on offenders against the same such reasonable penalties as they think fit, not exceeding the sum of fifty rupees for each offence, and, in case of a continuing offence, a further penalty not exceeding twenty rupees for each day after written notice of the offence from the Board:

Provided that no person shall be punishable for breach of any bye-law made under clause (xvii) of this section by reason of exposure for sale of any article in any premises which are at the time of the making of such bye-law used for such purpose until he has received from the Board six months’ notice in writing to discontinue such exposure for sale in such premises.

B. (1) The Commissioners of Silchar municipality wholly or in part situated in a hilly tract may, at a meeting, in addition to such bye-laws as they may make under the preceding section, make bye-laws for regulating or prohibiting the cutting or destroying of trees or shrubs or the making of excavations or removal of oil or quarrying, where such regulation or prohibition appears to the Board to be necessary for any all the following purposes:

(a) the maintenance of a water-supply;
(b) the preservation of the soil;
(c) the prevention of landslips;
(d) the formation of ravines or torrents;
(e) the protection of land against erosion or the deposit thereon of sand, gravel or stones;
(f) the protection of the beauty or general appearance of the municipality.
The Silchar Board may, by any bye-law made under this section, declare that any person committing a breach of any such bye-law, or failing to comply with any notice issued there under, shall be liable to a fine which may extend to fifty rupees and to a further fine which may extend to twenty rupees for each day after conviction during which the offence is continued.

C. (1) The power to make bye-law under this Act shall be subject to the condition of previous publication.

(2) No such bye-law shall come into force until it has been confirmed by the State Government.

(3) The State Government may cancel their confirmation of any such bye-law, and thereupon the bye-law shall cease to have effect.

D. Every bye-law shall, after confirmation, be published in the prescribed manner.

Subsidiary Rules of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting specially convened for the purpose may, by subsidiary rules consistent with this Act and with any rules made there under by the state Government, provide for –

(a) the time and place of their meetings and of the meetings of committees, the business to be transacted at such meetings, and the manner in which notice of such meetings shall be given;

(b) the conduct of proceedings at such meetings, the method of voting, the due record of all dissents and discussions, and the adjournment of such meetings;

(c) the custody of the common seal and the purposes for which it shall be used;

(d) the division of duties among the Commissioners of the Municipal Board, and the powers to be exercised by committees or Commissioners to whom particular duties are assigned;
the persons by whom receipts shall be granted for money received under this Act;

(f) the duties, appointment, leave, fining, suspension, and removal of municipal officers and servants;

(g) the appointment or election of the Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of committees and the delegation of powers by the Board to committees;

(h) regulation of the expenditure of money for purposes provided for in the budget estimates;

(i) the nature and amount of security to be furnished by different classes of officers or servants of the Board for the proper discharge of their duties; and

(j) other similar matters; and may by such rules, annual alter or add to all or any of the rules in the second Schedule.

(ii) Rules made under this section consistent with the Act shall be subject to the sanction of the State Government and shall, if sanctioned be published in such manner as the State Government may direct and shall have the force of law.

(iii) The rules in the second Schedule shall have effect as if enacted in the body of this Act until annulled or altered by rules made under sub-section (1).

Procedure of Laws of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) Every notice, bill, form, summons or notice of demand under this Act may be served personally on or presented to the person to whom the same is addressed; or be left at his usual place of abode with some adult male member or servant of his family; or

if it cannot be so served, presented or delivered, may be put on some conspicuous part of his place of abode, or of the land, building or other thing in respect of which the notice, bill, form. Summons or notice of demand is intended to be served or may be sent by post in a registered cover.
(ii) Every such notice, bill, from, summons or notice of demand shall be signed by or bear a facsimile signature of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or any other officer authorised by the Chairman of Silchar Municipal Board in that behalf.

B. When any notice under this Act requires any act to be done for which no time is fixed by this Act, the Silchar Municipal Board shall fix a reasonable time for doing the same.

C. When any notice is required to be given to the owner or to the occupier, or the owner and the occupier of any land, such notice, addressed to the owner or occupier or both, as the case may bee served on the occupier of such land, or otherwise in the manner mentioned in Section 307:

Provided that when the owner and his place of abode are known to the Silchar Municipal Board or other authorities issuing the notice, they shall, if such place of abode be within the limits of their authority, cause such notice required to be given to the owner of any land to be served on such owner, or left with some adult male member or servant of his family; and if the place of abode of the owner be not within such limits, they shall send every such notice by post in a registered cover addressed to his place of abode, and such service shall be deemed to be good service of the notices:

Provided further that when the name of the owner or occupier or both is not known, it shall be sufficient to designate him or them as “the owner” or “the occupier” of the land in respect of which the notice is served.

Enforcement of requisitions Laws of Silchar Municipality

A. Whenever it is provided in this Act that the Silchar Municipal Board, or the Board at a meeting may require the owners or the occupiers, or the owners and occupiers, of any land to execute any work or to do anything, such requisition shall be made, as far as possible, by a notice to be served as provided in Sections 307 and 309, on every owner or occupier who is required to execute such work or to do such thing; but if there be any doubt as to the persons who are owners or occupiers, such requisition may be made by a notice to be posted up on or near the post at which the work is required to be executed or the thing done, requiring the owners
or the occupiers, or the owners or occupiers, of the land, to execute such work or to do such thing within a specified time; and in such notice it shall not be necessary to name the owners or occupiers.

Every requisition as aforesaid shall give notice to the persons to whom it is addressed that, if they fail to comply with the requisition or to prefer an objection against such requisition as provided in the next succeeding section the Board will enter upon the land and cause the required work to be executed, or the required thing to be done; and that in such case the expenses incurred there by will be recovered from the persons who are required in such requisition to execute such work or do such thing.

B. Any person who is required by a requisition as aforesaid to execute any work or to do anything may, instead of executing the work or doing the thing required prefer an objection in writing to the Board against such reproposing up of the notification containing the requisition, or, if the time within which he is required to comply with the requisition be less than five days, then within such less time.

Except as provided in the next succeeding section such objection shall be heard and disposed of by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Silchar Municipality.

C. If the objection shall allege that the cost of executing the work or of doing the thing required will exceed three hundred rupees, such objection shall be heard and disposed of by Board at a meeting; unless the Chairman or Vice-chairman of Silchar Municipality shall certify that such cost will not exceed three hundred rupees; in which case the objection shall be heard and disposed of by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Provided that in any case in which the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Silchar Municipality shall have certified his opinion as aforesaid, and the objection shall in consequence thereof have been heard and disposed of by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the person making the objection may, if the requisition made upon him is not withdrawn on the hearing of his objection, pay in the said sum three hundred rupees to the Board as the cost of executing the work or doing the thing required; whereupon such person shall be relieved of all further liability and
obligation, in respect of executing the work or doing the thing required, and in respect of paying the expenses thereof and the Board itself shall execute such work or do such thing, and shall exercise all powers necessary there of.

D. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman, of the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting as the case may be, shall, after hearing the objection and making any inquiry which they may deem necessary, record an order withdrawing, modifying, or making absolute the requisition against which the objection is preferred; and if such order does not withdraw the requisition it shall be specify the time within which the requisition shall be carried out, which shall not be less than the shortest time which might have been mentioned under this Act in the original requisition.

E. If the person making such objection be present at the office of the Silchar Municipal Board, the said order shall be explained to him orally, and if such order cannot be explained, notice of such order shall be served as provided in Section 307 on the person making the objection; and such explanation of, or service of, the notice of the said order shall be deemed a requisition duly made under this Act to execute the work or do the thing required.

F. If the person or persons required to execute the work or to do the thing fail, within the time specified in any requisition as aforesaid, to begin to execute such work or to do such thing, and thereafter diligently to execute the same to the satisfaction of the Board until it is completed, the Silchar Municipal Board or any person authorised by it in that behalf, may, after giving forty-eight hours’ notice of intention by a notification to be posted up on or near the spot, enter upon the land and perform all necessary acts for execution of the work or doing of the thing required; and the expenses thereby incurred shall be paid by the owners or by the occupiers, if such requisition was addressed to the owners or to the occupiers, respectively, and by the owners and the occupiers, if such requisition was addressed to the owners and the occupiers.

G. (i) Whenever any expenses incurred by the Silchar Municipal Board are to be paid by the owners of any land as provided in the preceding section, the Board may, if there be more than one owner, apportion the said expenses among such of the owners as are known in such manner as to the Board may seem fit.
(ii) Whenever any such expenses are to be paid by the occupiers of any land as provided in the preceding section, the Board may, if there be more than one occupier, apportion the said expenses among such of the occupiers as are known in such manner as to the Board may seem fit.

H. Whenever any expenses incurred by the Silchar Municipal Board are to be paid by the owners and occupiers of any land, as provided in Section 315, the Board may apportion the said expenses among the said owners and occupiers or such or them as are known in such manner as to the Board may seem fit.

I. Whenever any works or alterations and improvements, of which the Silchar Municipal Board is authorised by this Act to require the execution, are executed by the occupier on the requisition of the Board or are executed by the Board, and the cost thereof is recovered from the occupier, the cost thereof may, if the Board certify that such cost ought to be borne by the owner, be deducted by such occupier from the next and following payments of his rent due or becoming due to such owner, or may be recovered by him in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

J. If the Board, under the provisions of this Act shall have caused any repairs to be made to any house or other structure, and if such house or other structure be unoccupied, the Board may enter upon possession of the same, and may retain possession thereof until the sum expended by it on the repairs be paid to it.

K. The materials of anything which shall have been pulled down or removed under the provisions of Section 310 may be sold by the Board, and they proceeds of such sale may be applied, so far as the same will extend, to the payment of the expense incurred.

The surplus sale-proceeds, if any, shall be credited to the municipal fund, and may be paid on demand to any person who establishes his right to the satisfaction of the Board or in a Court of competent jurisdiction.
Laws for various Appeals of Silchar Municipality

A. (i) Any person aggrieved –

(a) by the refusal of the Silchar Municipal Board under Section 174 to sanction the erection, re-erection or material alteration of any building, or

(b) by a notice from the Silchar Municipal Board under Section 155 requiring a road to be drained, leveled, paved, flagged, metalled or provided with proper means of lighting, or under Section 177 requiring the alteration or demolition of a building, or

(c) by any order made by the Silchar Municipal Board under bye-law made under Section 302, clause (vi), or

(d) by any order made by the Board under the powers conferred upon it by Section 181 or 255,

may appeal within thirty days from the date of such refusal, notice or order to the Board, and every such appeal shall be heard and determined by not less than three members of the Board who shall be appointed in that behalf by the Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting, and no such refusal, notice or order shall be liable to be called in question otherwise than by such an appeal.

(ii) The appellate authority may, for sufficient cause extend the period allowed by sub-section (1) of this section for appeal.

(iii) The order of the appellate authority confirming, setting aside or modifying the prohibition, notice or order appealed from, shall be final:

Provided that the prohibition, notice or order shall not be modified or set aside until the appellant and the Silchar Municipal Board have had reasonable opportunity of being heard.

B. Any person aggrieved by an order refusing a license or permission required under this Act, may, notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Act, within thirty days from the date of refusal, appeal to the State Government or
an officer authorised by the State Government in that behalf whose decision shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court.

Laws for Prosecutions of Silchar Municipalty

A. The Silchar Municipal Board may direct any prosecution for any public nuisance under the Indian Penal Code, and may order proceeding to be taken for the recovery of any penalties under this Act or rules or bye-laws made there under and for the punishment of any persons offending against the same, and may order the expense of such prosecution or other proceedings to be paid out of the municipal fund.

B. No prosecution for an offence under this Act or any rule or bye-law made in pursuance thereof shall be instituted without the order or consent of the Silchar Municipal Board, and no such prosecution shall be instituted except within three months next after the Commission of such offence, unless the offence is continuous in its nature, in which case a prosecution may be instituted within six months of date of which the Commission or existence of the offence was brought to the notice of Chairman of the Board:

Provided that the failure to take out any license under this Act shall be deemed to be a continuing offence until the expiration of the period for which such license is required to be taken out.

C. (i) All police officers shall give immediate information of the Board of the municipality of any offence committed against this Act or any rule or bye-law made in pursuance thereof. When any person, in the presence of the police officer, commits or is accused of committing any such offence, and refuses, on demand of a police officer, to give his name and residence, or gives a name or residence which such officer has reason to believe to be false, he may be arrested by such officer in order that his name or residence may be ascertained, and he shall within twenty-four hours from the arrest, be forwarded to the nearest Magistrate, unless before the expiration of that time his true name and residence are ascertained, in which case he shall be released on his executing a bond for his appearance before a Magistrate, if so required.
(ii) Any servant of the Silchar Municipal Board in receipt of a salary of not less than thirty rupees per mensem, when empowered in that behalf, by a general or special order of the District Magistrate, may exercise the powers of a police officer under this section.

D. (i) No suit or other legal proceeding shall be brought against the Board or any of its officers, or any person acting under its direction for anything done under this Act or any rule or bye-law made thereunder, until the expiration of one month next after notice in writing has been delivered or left at the office of such Board and also (if the suit is intended to be brought against any officer of the said Board or any person acting under its direction) whom such suit or proceeding is threatened to be brought stating the cause of suit or proceeding the nature of the relief sought, the amount of compensation claimed and the name and place of abode of the person who intends to bring the suit; and unless such notice be proved, the court shall find for the defendant.

(ii) Every such action shall be commenced within three months next after the accrual of the cause of action and not afterwards.

(iii) If the Board or its officers or any person to whom any such notice is given, shall, before the suit is brought, tender sufficient amends to the plaintiff, such plaintiff shall not recover.

E. Any owner or occupier of land may contest his liability to pay any expenses or fee under this Chapter or under Chapters VI and VII or may contest the amount which he has been called upon to pay in a Civil Court of competent jurisdiction:

Provided that the fact of such action having been instituted shall be no bar to the recovery of the said amount in the manner provided by section 149.

F. (i) Should a dispute arise touching the amount of compensation which the Silchar Municipal Board is required by this Act to pay, it shall be settled in such manner as the parties may agree, or, in default of agreement, by the Deputy Commissioner or any officer authorised by him in that behalf upon application made to him by the Board or the person claiming compensation.

(ii) Any decision of the Deputy Commissioner or the officer as aforesaid awarding compensation shall be subject to a right of the applicant for
compensation to require a reference to the District Judge in accordance with the procedure set forth in section 18 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

(iii) In cases in which compensation is claimed in respect of land, the Deputy Commissioner or the officer as aforesaid and the District Judge shall, as far as may be observe the procedure prescribed by the said Act for proceedings in respect of compensation for the acquisition of land acquired for public purposes.

Laws of Miscellaneous Provisions of the Silchar Municipality

A. (i) The powers and functions of the State Government specified in Section 58, 65, 71, 263 and 337 may be delegated by the State Government to the Commissioner of Division.

(ii) In regards to powers or functions delegated to him under this section, the Commissioner of Division shall have the same authority as is given by this Act to the State Government, and the delegation shall continue until revoked by the State Government.

(iii) A delegation under this section may be of all or any of the powers and functions aforesaid.

(iv) The delegation may be by official designation, and shall in each case, be notified in the Gazette.

B. The Silchar Municipal Board at a meeting may order that a survey shall be made of the lands situated in the municipality and thereupon all the provisions of the Calcutta Survey Act 18877, shall, so far as may be practicable, apply and be extended to such municipality.

C. Every person to whom a license has been granted under this Act shall, at all reasonable times, while such license shall remain in force, if so required by the authorities which granted the license or by any person authorised by them in that behalf, produce such license to the said authorities or to the person so authorised.

Whoever fails to produce his license when required to produce the same by any person authorised under this section to demand the production thereof, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees.
D. Any Magistrate before whom any person is convicted of an offence contrary to the provisions of this Act, relating to the use of any place for a purpose for which a licensed is required, or of the non-observance of any of the bye-laws relating thereto made under this Act in addition to the fine which may be imposed on such person under this Act, may suspend for any period not exceeding two months, any such license.

And the Silchar Municipal Board, upon the conviction of any person for a second or other subsequent like offence, may cancel his license.

E. If any person employed under this Act (not being a public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code) shall accept or obtain, or agree to accept or attempt to obtain, from any person for himself or for any other person, any gratification whatever, other than legal remuneration, as a reward for doing or forbearing to do any official act, or for showing or forbearing to show, in the exercise of his official functions, favour or disfavour to any person, or for rendering, or attempting to render any service or disservice to any person within the Board or with any public servant or with any Government in the discharge of his official duties, he shall be punished with imprisonment either simple or rigorous, as provided in section 53 of the Indian Penal Code, for a term which may extend to three years, or with a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees, or with both.

Thus Municipality Act 1957 which was in operation since 2nd October, 1957 is comprehensive, exhaustive for governance of Municipality board which is still in vogue.

Notes and references:-

2. Ibid., P-18.
3. Ibid., P-27.
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