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## TO ESTABLISH FUEL GROUNDS.

1949 Cap. 97.

[25th July, 1901.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Fuel Grounds Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“fuel ground” means any land set aside under this Law as a fuel ground ;

“prescribe manner” means the manner prescribed by this Law or by any Regulation made under this Law ;

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“tax-payer” means any person of not less than eighteen years of age who is ordinarily resident in the village.

Village meetings to decide on establishment of fuel grounds.

3. (1) Whenever the Commissioner of any District considers it expedient that a fuel ground should be set aside under this Law for the use of any village, or if he has received a petition from any ten tax-payers praying that a fuel ground shall be so set aside, he shall call a meeting of the tax-payers of the village for the purpose of deciding whether a fuel ground should be set aside, and shall cause notice of the date on which the meeting is to be held to be posted in the village at least ten days before such date.

(2) The Commissioner or any person by him deputed for the purpose, shall preside at every such meeting, and shall take down in writing the names of the tax-payers present and their respective votes.

4. Where at any such meeting it is resolved by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the tax-payers there present that a fuel ground should be set apart for the use of their village, the provisions of this Law with regard to the establishment of fuel grounds shall be forthwith put into force with respect to that village.

Resolution of meeting.

5. Whenever it has been resolved as aforesaid that a fuel ground should be established for the use of any village, the Governor may from time to time, if he thinks fit, set aside portions of Mevat, or unoccupied land belonging to the Government, or of Delimited State Forest, to be cultivated and planted with trees by the Village Community for the purpose of supplying the wood necessary for fuel and for domestic and agricultural purposes.

Formation of fuel grounds.

6. Where any portion of land is set aside as a fuel ground, notice shall be published in the Gazette, giving particulars of the situation, extent and boundaries of the fuel ground together with the name of the village required to plant and maintain it ; and a copy of the notice shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place in the village.

Publication of particulars.

7. (1) After the publication of a notice as in section 6 hereof provided every tax-payer shall pay to the mukhtar in every year on such date as may from time to time be fixed by the Commissioner a contribution at a rate not exceeding one hundred mils as the Village Commission, with the approval of the Commissioner, may from time to time prescribe for the purpose of providing funds for the planting, cultivation, management and protection of any trees on the fuel ground to which the notice relates.

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(2) Any contribution remaining unpaid after the expiration of the time fixed as in subsection (1) hereof provided shall be collected from every defaulter in the same manner as Government taxes together with an addition of ten per centum of the amount due by such defaulter and the contribution and addition when recovered shall be paid into the Fuel Ground Fund of the village concerned ;

Provided that whenever any addition consists of less than five mils there shall be paid in respect thereof a sum of five mils.

Disposal of wood.

8. The wood growing upon any fuel ground at the time when it is set apart, or grown subsequently thereon, shall be applied in the prescribed manner for the use of the inhabitants of the Village Communities who are bound by the Law to plant and maintain it, after deducting such amount, not exceeding one shilling in respect of any one fuel ground, as the Governor may direct to be paid as quit rent for the use of the land.

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9. All fuel grounds shall be deemed to be under the protection, control and management of the Government in the manner provided by section 12 of the Forest Law.

Regulations.

10. The Governor in Council may make and, when made, may alter or revoke Regulations for any of the following purposes ; that is to say :—

- (a) for regulating the description of trees to be planted in the different localities and soils of the Colony ;
- (b) for regulating the seasons and times of the year at which the young trees shall be planted out, and the manner in which they shall be replaced ;
- (c) for regulating the manner in which the trees planted under this Law are to be cultivated, watered, and protected ;
- (d) for regulating the mode in which the fuel grounds shall be enclosed and maintained, and the plantations thinned, and the distribution of the wood amongst the residents in the village or villages maintaining the fuel ground ;
- (e) for providing reasonable penalties, not exceeding five hundred mils in the case of any one offence, for breaches of Regulations, and for the payment of compensation for damage to fuel grounds ;
- (f) for establishing and regulating a Fuel Ground Fund into which any sum collected or recovered under the provisions of this Law shall be paid or deposited ;
- (g) generally, for the better carrying out of this Law.

**11.** It shall be the duty of the mukhtar and Commission to enforce and carry out all Regulations made under this Law under the supervision of the Commissioner of the District, or of any other officer appointed by the Governor for the purpose.

Enforcement  
of  
Regulations.

**12.** (1) It shall be the duty of the mukhtar of the village concerned to institute a prosecution for the breach of any Regulation made under this Law :

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pounding of  
offences.  
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Provided that if the mukhtar fails or unduly delays in instituting proceedings the Commissioner or any person authorized by him for the purpose may prosecute.

(2) No Court fees shall be payable in respect of any prosecution so instituted for the breach of any regulation.

(3) The Commissioner may compound any offence under this Law in the manner provided by the Compounding of Offences Law.

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**13.** All contributions and penalties paid or recovered under the provisions of this Law and any compensation paid or recovered for any damage to a fuel ground shall be paid into the Fuel Ground Fund and shall be applied for the purposes of this Law.

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contribu-  
tions, etc.  
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**14.** Any mukhtar or Mayor of a Municipal Corporation, or member of a Village Commission, who, without reasonable cause, fails to carry out any of the duties imposed upon him by this Law, or any Regulation made under this Law, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred mils, which may be recovered before the District Court having jurisdiction in the place where the offence is committed.

Penalties  
when default  
in carrying  
out duties.

