

CHAPTER 270

AGRICULTURAL CORPS

Ordinance No. 60 of 1946. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF AN AGRICULTURAL CORPS AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[24 th February. 1946.]

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Agricultural Corps Ordinance.

Establishment of the Agricultural Corps. 2. There shall be established a body to be called and known as the Agricultural Corps.

Constitution of the corps.. 3. The corps shall consist of—  
 (a) a supervising staff, and  
 (b) officers and men not exceeding such numbers as the Minister may from time to time determine.

Supervising staff. 4. The supervising staff shall consist of a Commissioner and such number of Assistant Commissioners and accountant officers as the Minister may from time to time determine.

Members of supervising staff to be public servants. 5. Every member of the supervising staff shall be deemed to be a public officer or a public servant for all purposes.

Functions of members of the supervising staff. 6. (1) Subject to the general direction and control of the Minister, the Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and management of the corps.

(2) The Assistant Commissioners and accountant officers shall exercise, perform or discharge such powers, duties or functions as may, subject to any direction of the Minister, be assigned to them by the Commissioner.

Units of the corps to consist of officers and other ranks. 7. (1) The corps shall consist of such number of units as the Commissioner may from time to time determine.

(2) Every unit shall consist of officers and other ranks of the several grades specified in the Schedule, the strength of each such grade not exceeding such number as may be prescribed.

(3) The power to appoint the officers and to select and enrol other ranks of each unit shall, subject to such regulations as may be made in that behalf, be vested in the Commissioner.

(4) Every officer or man appointed to or enrolled in a unit under this section is hereinafter referred to as a " member of a unit".

8. Every member of a unit shall be entitled to receive the prescribed pay and allowances and the prescribed uniforms, badges and rations of food. All such payments and the cost of the uniforms, badges and rations of food shall be met out of funds provided for the purpose by Parliament.

Members of units to receive pay, uniform, badges and rations of food.

9. It shall be the duty of every member of a unit to perform such duties and discharge such functions as may be prescribed by regulation or be assigned to him by or under the authority of the Commissioner in any case where no such regulation has been made.

Duties of a member of a unit.

10. The Minister may by Order published in the Gazette—

Disbanding of the corps or reduction of the numbers of the corps.

- (a) disband the corps, or
- (b) reduce the numbers of the corps.

Resignation of members of units.

**11.** Except with the special permission of the Commissioner, no member of a unit shall be entitled to resign from the corps unless he has given, not less than one month before the date on which he desires to resign, notice in writing to the Commissioner of his intention to resign.

(c) deserts service in the corps ; or

(d) on leaving the corps fails or refuses to return the uniforms and badges issued to him,

shall be guilty of an offence, and shall on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Discharge or dismissal of members.

**12.** (1) The Commissioner may, after giving to any member of a unit such notice as may be prescribed, discharge that member from the corps in any case where—

(a) effect has to be given to any Order of the Minister whereby the numbers of the corps are reduced ; or

(b) the Commissioner is satisfied that the member has become unfit for service by reason of ill health or any physical disability.

(2) The Commissioner may dismiss any member of a unit from the corps, after an inquiry in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Commission Rules applicable to public officers of the same class or grade as that member or in receipt of a salary equal to the pay of that member, if in the opinion of the Commissioner or the person so authorized—

(a) that member—

(i) fails to discharge his duties satisfactorily, or

(ii) acts or conducts himself in a manner likely to be detrimental to good order or discipline in the corps ; or

(b) it is not desirable that that member should continue to be a member of the corps.

**14.** (1) The Commissioner may, with the approval of the Minister, make such standing orders as he may deem necessary for the administration and management of, and for the maintenance of discipline within, the corps.

Power of Commissioner to make standing orders and inflict punishments.

(2) Where any member of a unit contravenes a standing order made by the Commissioner for the maintenance of discipline within the corps, the Commissioner, or any person authorized by him in writing, may direct that the pay of that member for a period not exceeding seven days commencing on the day of the sentence shall be forfeited.

**15.** (1) The Minister may make regulations for carrying out or giving effect to the principles and provisions of this Ordinance.

Regulations.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by subsection (1) such regulations may—

(a) provide for any matter which is in this Ordinance stated or required to be prescribed;

(b) prescribe the conditions relating to the appointment, enlistment, service and discharge of the members of a unit;

(c) prescribe the functions and duties of such members;

(d) prescribe the conditions relating to the grant of leave to such members ;

Offences and penalties.

**13.** Every member of a unit who—

(a) neglects or refuses to obey any order or direction given or issued to him by or under the authority of the Commissioner for the purposes of this Ordinance or any regulation made thereunder;

(b) causes or creates any disorder within the corps;

(e) prescribe the kinds of uniforms and badges to be worn by the supervising staff, and the officers and members of the units, and provide for the use, care and return of such uniforms or badges.

(3) Every regulation made under subsection (1) shall be published in the Gazette, and shall come into operation upon such publication.

(4) Every regulation made under subsection (!) shall be brought before Parliament within a period of one month from the date of publication of that regulation under subsection (3), or if no meeting of Parliament is held within that period, at the first meeting of Parliament after the ("piry of that period by a motion that such regulation shall be approved.

(5) Any regulation which Parliament refuses to approve shall be deemed to be rescinded but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder or to the making of any new regulation. The date on which a rei'ulaaion shall be so deemed to be rescinded shall be the date on which Parliament refuses to approve the regulation.

16. In this Ordinance, unless the context interpretation. otherwise requires—

" Commissioner " means the Commissioner for the time being in charge of the Agricultural Corps;

" corps " means the Agricultural Corps established under section 2 ;

" unit " means a unit of the corps.

[Section7.]

SCHEDULE

The officers and other ranks constituting a unit shall be of the following grades;

1, Officers-

- Superintendent.
- Officer-In-Charge,
- Chief Ins.penor,
- Senior Inspector,
- Inspector.

2. Other ranks-

- Overseer,
- Sevaka.