

By-laws 1/1944
3/1959

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BY-LAWS

made under section 77

Citation. **1.** These By-laws may be cited as the Drainage and Irrigation By-laws.

Interpretation.
[By-law
3/1959] **2.** In these By-laws—
“the Board” means the Drainage and Irrigation Board;
“conservancy” means any natural or artificial body of water or reservoir which has been specifically retained or created by means of any bank, dam, wall, hill or structure in order to impound and conserve water for the purpose of irrigation and/or flood control;

“irrigation inlet” means any structure used for the purpose of controlling the supply of water from an irrigation trench into an estate or village for irrigating the lands thereof;

“irrigation trench” means any canal or trench in a drainage and irrigation area into which water is discharged or pumped from a reservoir, creek or river or through which water so discharged or pumped is caused to flow, for the purpose of being supplied through an irrigation inlet to an estate or village;

“overseer” means any person employed or appointed or deputed by authority of the Board to supervise the maintenance of works, the construction of works and the distribution of water, or any of these services, in a drainage and irrigation area;

“time-run” means the control of the supply of water by the opening and closing of irrigation inlets in accordance with a pre-arranged time-table.

3. The supply of water from any conservancy, creek, river or irrigation trench shall be regulated so as to ensure, as far as circumstances permit, a fair and proper distribution thereof.

Regulation of supply. [By-law 3/1959]

4. The Board may, from time to time, require the supply of water from any conservancy, creek, river or irrigation trench to be controlled by time-run and, in such event, notice of the fact shall be given by advertisement in a daily newspaper or newspapers for the information of the proprietors and local authorities of the villages concerned.

Control of supply.

5. (1) All irrigation inlets shall conform with such levels and dimensions as the Board may determine and shall be fitted with locks to be supplied by the Board.

Irrigation inlets.

(2) Any irrigation inlet which does not conform with the levels and dimensions aforesaid shall be rebuilt or altered by the proprietors and local authorities of the respective estates and villages concerned in order to conform therewith.

6. The keys of the locks of all irrigation inlets shall be kept by the overseer and during a period of time-run the opening and closing or part closing of such inlets shall be under the control of the overseer.

Overseer to keep keys of locks of irrigation inlets.

7. Except with the permission of the overseer, no person shall, during a period of time-run, in any way interfere with any irrigation inlet or the lock thereon.

No interference with irrigation inlets during time run.

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Pollution of water of reservoir.

8. No person shall in any way pollute the waters of any reservoir or irrigation trench vested in the Board, or, except with the written permission of the overseer, bathe, fish, wash clothes or use a boat therein.

Maintenance of works.

9. (1) The proprietors of estates and the local authorities of villages within a drainage and irrigation area shall maintain all works upon their land to the satisfaction of the Board in order to prevent the flooding of any adjacent estate or village and also to prevent wastage of water and for these purposes, if required to do so on notice in writing from the Board, shall rebuild or repair such works according to the directions, and to the satisfaction of the Board.

(2) If any proprietor or local authority within a drainage and irrigation area refuses or neglects to commence such work within the time prescribed in the notice, or if the work has been commenced but is being improperly done or has not been completed, the Board may authorise the overseer to commence or carry out or complete such work.

(3) The overseer may enter upon any such land with such workmen, animals, vehicles, boats, tools and materials as may be necessary, and may take and remove earth or other materials from any part of such lands as may be required in connection with such works.

(4) The Board may recover the cost of such works from the proprietor of the estate or the local authority of the village concerned in the same manner as rates are recovered under the Act.

Breach of By-laws.

10. Every person who commits a breach of, or fails to comply with, any of these By-laws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars.