

Cantonments Act, 1924

Section 51 - Power to Override Decision of Board

(1) If the President dissents from any decision of the Board which he considers prejudicial to ¹[the health, welfare, discipline or security of the Forces] in the cantonment, he may, for reasons to be recorded in the minutes, by order in writing, direct the suspension of action thereon for any period not exceeding one month and, if he does so, shall forthwith refer the matter to the Officer Commanding-in-chief, the Command, ²[the reference being made, save in cases where the Officer Commanding the [Area] is himself the Officer Commanding-in-Chief, the Command, for the purposes of this Act], through the Officer Commanding the ³[Area], who may make such recommendations thereon as he thinks fit.

(2) If the District Magistrate considers any decision of a ⁴[Board] to be prejudicial to the public health, safety or convenience, he may, after giving notice in writing of his intention to the ⁴[Board], refer the matter to the ⁵[Central Government]; and, pending the disposal of the reference to the ⁵[Central Government], no action shall be taken on the decision.

(3) If any Magistrate who is a member of a Board, being present at a meeting, dissents from any decision which he considers prejudicial to the public health, safety or convenience, he may, for reasons to be recorded in the minutes and after giving notice in writing of his intention to the President, report the matter to the District Magistrate; and the President shall, on receipt of such notice, direct the suspension of action on the decision for a period sufficient to allow of a communication being made to the District Magistrate and of his taking proceedings as provided by sub-section (2).

1. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 34, for certain words w.e.f. 1-10-1983.

2. Inserted by Act 10 of 1927, section 2 and Schedule I.

3. Substituted by Act 15 of 1983, section 34, for "District w.e.f. 1-10-1983.

4. Substituted by Act 24 of 1936, section 69, for "Cantonment Authority".

5. Substituted by the A.O. 1937, for "L.G.".
