

Lepers Act, 1898

Section 14D - INQUIRY IN RESPECT OF LEPERS AND THEIR DETENTION IN SEGREGATION CAMPS

1) As soon as a person arrested under section 14C-is brought to the segregation camp, the Inspector of lepers in charge of the Camp shall examine such person and- (a) if he finds that such person is riot a leper, he shall give him a certificate in Form A set forth in the Schedule, whereupon such person shall be forthwith released from arrest; (b) if he finds that such person is a leper he shall give to the police officer or the person arresting such person a certificate in Form B set forth in the schedule whereupon the leper shall forthwith be taken before a Presidency Magistrate in Greater Bombay or elsewhere a Magistrate of the first class having jurisdiction or before any other Magistrate authorised, in this behalf by the State Government. (2) If upon the certificate in Form B and. after giving to the arrested person an opportunity of being heard), it appears to the Magistrate that such person is a leper, the Magistrate shall record a declaration that such person is a leper, and order such person to be detained in such segregation camp as may be specified in the order so long as the notification issued under section 14A-is in force and shall send such leper to such segregation camp together with an order in Form F set forth in the Schedule: Provided that where the person declared to be a leper proves to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that he is a permanent resident of the notified area, the Magistrate shall order that such person shall be forthwith discharged: Provided further that if the person declared to be a leper shall give an undertaking in writing that he shall forthwith depart from the notified area and shall not enter or remain in the notified area so long as the notification issued under section 14A-is in force, then the Magistrate may order that such person be discharged.