

Lighthouse Act, 1927

Section 4 - ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1) The 20[Central Government] shall appoint a Central Advisory Committee and shall consult it in regard to- (a) the erection or position of lighthouses or of any works appertaining thereto; (b) additions to, or the alteration or removal of, lighthouses; (c) the variation of the character of any lighthouse or of the mode of use thereof; (d) the cost of any proposals relating to lighthouses; or (e) the making or alteration of any rules or rates, of dues under this Act. (2) The 21[Central Government] may, if it thinks fit, appoint an Advisory Committee for any district for the purpose of advising in regard to any of the matters specified in sub-section (1) in so far as the interests of the district are affected thereby. (3) Advisory Committees shall consist of persons representing interests affected by this Act or having special knowledge of the subject-matter thereof. 21[(4) No act or proceeding of the Advisory Committee shall be invalidated merely by reason of- (a) any vacancy in, or any defect in constitution of, the Advisory Committee; (b) any defect in appointment of a person acting as a member of the Advisory Committee; or (c) any irregularity in the procedure of the Advisory Committee not affecting the merits of the case.] "Sub-clause (1), as drafted, would make it optional on the Governor-General in Council to consult the Central Advisory Committee, and, as we understand that it is the Governor-General in Council's intention invariably to consult the Committee on the matters specified in this sub-clause, we have made an amendment to give effect to the real intention. The question of inserting a provision requiring that the advice of the Central Advisory Committee should always be accepted was discussed and we strongly recommend to Government that its advice should in all ordinary cases be accepted.-S.C.R.