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Lunacy Act, 1912

Section 26 - ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF COST OF MAINTENANCE OF LUNATIC

1) When any lunatic has been admitted into an asylum in accordance with the provisions of section 25 -the High Court or the District Court, as the case may be shall on the application of the person in charge of the asylum, make a order for the payment of the cost of maintenance of the lunatic in the asylum, and may from time to time direct that any sum of money payable under such order shall be recovered from the estate of the lunatic or of any person legally bound to maintain him : Provided that if at any time it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Court that the lunatic has not sufficient property and that no person legally bound to maintain such lunatic has sufficient means for the payment of such cost the Court shall certify the same instead of making such order for the payment of the cost as aforesaid. (2) An order under sub-section (1) shall be enforced in the same manner and shall be of the same force and effect and subject to the same appeal as a decree made by the Court in a suit in respect of the property or person therein mentioned.