

Opium Act, 1857

Section 3 - APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS TO SUPERINTEND PROVISION OF OPIUM

1) The 7 [Central Government], after consideration of any recommendation made in this behalf by the 8 [State Government] of the 8 [State] for which the appointment is to be made, may appoint Opium Agents to superintend the provision of opium for 9 [the Central Government]. (2) The 7 [Central Government] may appoint officers to assist the Opium Agents, under the designation of Deputy Agents, district opium officers, assistant opium officers, or such other designations as it may think fit and may delegate to the Opium Agents the power of appointing all or any of such officers. (3) Unless the 7 [Central Government], after consideration of any recommendation made by the State Government in this behalf, otherwise directs, the Collector shall be Deputy Agent for his district. (4) The 7 [Central Government] may by rule prescribe the powers and duties of officers appointed under this section.]