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**Opium Act, 1857**

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SECTION 08: ISSUE OF LICENCES The 16 [district opium officers] or other officers en- trusted with the superintendence of the cultivation shall, at the proper period of the year, issue licenses to the cultivators who may choose to engage to cultivate the poppy and to deliver the produce to the officers of 17 [the Central Government] at the established rates. What to be specified in license. Every license shall specify the number of bighas which the party engages and is authorized to cultivate, and shall be in such form as the Agent, with the sanction of 17 [the Central Government] may direct. A counterpart engagement, in conformity with the tenor of the license, shall be taken from the cultivator.