

Department with a covering letter; and the shares of the absentees should be returned therewith to be afterwards requisitioned for upon the proper claimants returning to the reserves.

As regards expenditure of capital under Sec. 80 of the Indian Act, the consent of the council of the band should be forwarded to the Department with your recommendation for or against the proposed expenditure. Sec. 167 relates to obtaining any ordinary consent; Sec. 166 to obtaining consent for any special or very important expenditure or action.

The funds of the band cannot be used in payment of any debts contracted by individual members of the band. As above stated the interest moneys are to be paid when sent you for distribution directly share and share alike to Indian heads of families or their wives, or in the case of single or unmarried members to the person whose name appears on the pay list and who is entitled to receive it; and on no account should any order in favour of any trader or other creditor be recognised by you. You should on no account personally advance moneys to Indians or become involved with them in any financial transaction. In this connection I would refer you to Sec. 42 of the Indian Act.

All vouchers for expenditure should be forwarded by you to the Department for payment. They should be sent in duplicate, certified as follows, as the case may be, when not presented on the regular forms of vouchers furnished by the Department:-

- " Work performed, prices fair and just." Or -
- " Materials supplied, prices fair and just."

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