

XXIV. Environmental Sanitation and Community Health

26. *With reference to the provisions of item 6 on Public health and sanitation, item 8 on Urban forestry, item 12 on Parks, gardens and playgrounds and item 17 on Public conveniences of the Twelfth Schedule, the question is as to what provisions may be made in the municipal laws for these purposes.*

- (1) Each State Government would have to consider the related issues having regard to the current provisions as made in the Chapters on *Environmental Sanitation and Public Safety, Restraint of Infection, Disposal of the Dead* and on *Urban Forestry, Parks, Gardens and Playgrounds*.
- (2) The environmental sanitation and public safety aspects in the existing municipal laws are dealt with in terms of duties and general powers; regulation of public bathing, washing, etc.; public conveniences, latrines and urinals; prevention of fire; nuisances; animals and birds, and general provisions.

Provisions Made in the Municipal Law

46. *Clause 279 of Chapter XXX on Environmental Sanitation and Community Health defines the duties of the Municipality for environmental sanitation and clauses 280, 281 and 282 list the regulatory powers of the Chief Municipal Officer.*

Clause 283 relates to regulation of public bathing; clause 284 makes provisions for public latrines and urinals and clause 285 deals with prohibition of various nuisances.

47. *A new provision has been added under clause 286 on "Control of Pollution".*

48. *Chapter XXXI, under clauses 291 to 297, on Restraint of Infection contains the conventional provisions in any municipal law on this subject like control of slaughter of animals, sale of animal flesh and keeping of animals.*

49. *Chapter XXXII deals with the provisions relating to Disposal of the Dead under the marginal titles "Acts prohibited in connection with disposal of dead" (clause 298), "Registration of places for disposal of the dead" (clause 299), "Power to require closing of burning and burial grounds" (clause 300) and "Disposal of dead animals" (clause 301).*

50. *Clause 302, in Chapter XXXIII, deals with the provisions relating to Urban Forestry, Parks, Gardens, Trees and Playgrounds. Planting of trees has been covered as an additional item. Provisions have also been made for organization of flower shows and promotion of awareness about the national heritage of flora and fauna among the school children and the youth.*