

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

(Rules Under the Lower Myanmar Village Act, the collection and record of statistics of births and deaths.)

NOTIFICATIONS.

No.191

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No. 191.- In supersession of the rules published in this department Notification No. 183, dated the 8th May 1884, and with reference to the rules made by Commissioners of Divisions in Lower Myanmar under section 6, sub-section (1), clause (k), of the Lower Myanmar Village Act, 1889, the following instructions for the collection and record of statistics of births and deaths are issued by the Chief Commissioner:-

1. For the registration of births and deaths in each district the headman of each village shall be supplied by the Deputy Commissioner with registry books in Forms C and D attached to these rules. Each book will contain 100 pages, and the pages will be numbered from 1 to 100 in the Press. A register of issues shall be kept in the Deputy Commissioner's office in Form F attached, and each copy of the headman's registry book shall be marked on the cover before issue with its serial number as entered in the register of issues. The headman shall also enter this serial number on the face of each foil filled in by him.
2. Every village shall be visited at least once in the course of every month by a Police Officer of the police station within the limits of which it is situated.
3. The Police Officer visiting a village shall remove and take away from the headman's registers of births and deaths all foils relating to births and deaths which have occurred since the last visit of the police.
4. The headman shall keep a book in Form E attached to these rules, and the Police Officer at each visit shall enter therein the date of his visit and the numbers of the birth and death foils taken away by him, and shall sign his name and rank.
5. As soon as the foils for any particular month have been collected from the villages within the limits of a police station, the officer in charge of the station shall take or forward them to the Township Officer, whom they must reach not later than the seventh day of the month after that in which they were collected.

6. The Sub-divisional Officer, the Township Officer, and the circle thugyi, within their respective jurisdictions, shall be responsible that births and deaths are duly registered. On visiting any village they shall examine the headman's registers and test the accuracy of the record by local enquiry, if necessary. They shall each record in the register the date of every examination made under this rule. No headman shall be required to produce his registers for examination elsewhere than in his village or beat.
7. On receipt of the foils from all the police stations in his township the Township Officer shall forthwith prepare a return in Form A attached to these rules and shall forward it to the Deputy Commissioner.
8. On receipt of the township returns a return for the district shall be prepared in Form A and forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner. In this return the information for each town containing 5,000 inhabitants and upwards shall be shown separately. This return shall be despatched not later than 20 days after the close of the month succeeding that to which it relates.
9. A register of all the villages in each district shall be kept in Form B attached to these rules in the Deputy Commissioner's office. This register shall be inspected from time to time by the Deputy Commissioner and by the Civil Surgeon, and results which appear abnormal shall be checked by local enquiry.
10. In towns in which there is a Municipal Committee the statistics shall be collected in such manner as the Committee may, by rules made under section 106, clause (c), of the Lower Myanmar Municipal Act, with the sanction of the Chief Commissioner direct, and the President of the Committee shall submit a monthly return in Form A to the Sanitary Commissioner.

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11. In towns where there is a Town Committee the statistics shall be collected in such manner as the Committee may, with the Commissioner's sanction, direct, and the President shall submit a monthly return in Form A to the Sanitary Commissioner through the Deputy Commissioner.
12. The return prescribed in Rules 10 and 11 shall reach the Sanitary Commissioner not later than the tenth day of the month succeeding the month to which the return relates (see also Lower Myanmar General Department Notification No. 416, dated the 22nd October 1886) .

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13. The foils collected from headmen shall be kept for one year and shall then be destroyed. The returns submitted by Township Officers to Deputy Commissioners shall be kept for two years in the Deputy Commissioner's office and shall then be destroyed.

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[ATTACH LIST 1] 01 FORM A. ကပုံစံ။ Summary of Births and Deaths registered in the district of _____ for the month of _____ 189 . _____ မြို့စီရင်စုနယ်တွင်။ ၁၈၉ _____ ခုနှစ် _____ လအတွင်း။ မွေးဘွားသေပျောက်သူတို့စာရင်းချုပ်။

[ATTACH LIST 2] 02 FORM A. ကပုံစံ။ Summary of Births and Deaths registered, &c. - continued.

[ATTACH LIST 3] 03 FORM B. _____ Village Register,
_____ Division,

[ATTACH LIST 4] 04 FORM C. [To be printed on white or yellow paper.]

[ATTACH LIST 5] 05 FORM D. [To be printed on blue paper.]

[ATTACH LIST 6] 06 FORM E. င ပုံစံ။ Register of Police Officers' visits.

[ATTACH LIST 7] 07 FORM F. စ ပုံစံ။ Issue Register of Village Registry Books of Births and Deaths.