

REGULATION 4.—NATIONAL PATRIOTIC COUNCIL.

(1) There is hereby established an advisory council to be called "the National Patriotic Council."

(2) The Council shall consist of such persons as the Minister from time to time appoints to be members of the Council. Any person may be so appointed by name or as the holder for the time being of any office. One of such persons shall be so appointed as Chairman and another as Deputy Chairman of the Council.

(3) Every person appointed under the last preceding clause shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(4) The members of the Council other than persons (if any) in the service of the Government shall be paid all locomotion, board, and lodging expenses reasonably incurred by them and approved by the Minister in respect of their attendance at meetings of the Council or their travelling with the authority of the Minister on the business of the Council.

REGULATION 5.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) Meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and places as the Minister appoints for that purpose.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Council at which he is present. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting, the Deputy Chairman shall be the Chairman. If at any meeting neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is present, the members present shall select one of their number to be the Chairman for the purposes of that meeting.

(3) At any meeting of the Council a quorum shall consist of one-third of the persons for the time being appointed as members of the Council.

(4) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote, and in the case of an equality of votes he shall also have a casting vote. All questions before the Council shall be determined by a majority of the valid votes recorded thereon.

(5) Save as otherwise expressly provided by the Minister, the Council may regulate, in such manner as it thinks fit, the procedure of itself and any committee appointed by it under the next succeeding regulation.

(6) For the purpose of better enabling the Council to fulfil its functions, the Governor-General may from time to time appoint any person or persons, whether members of the Council or not, as a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, to inquire into any matter in respect of which the Council has any power, jurisdiction, authority, or duty.

REGULATION 6.—COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL.

(1) The Council may from time to time appoint such committees as it thinks fit to assist it in the discharge of its functions under these regulations, and may appoint as members of any such committee, or authorize any such committee to co-opt as members thereof, persons who are not members of the Council.