

- (c) Subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this regulation and to any general or special directions given by the Minister, the Chairman of the central committee shall assume responsibility for the issuing of all orders and instructions necessary in his opinion for the operation of the scheme.

PART III.—THE EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICE.

18. (1) There is hereby established a branch of the Corps to be known as the Emergency Fire Service.

(2) The functions of the Service shall be to act as an auxiliary unit in assistance of existing fire brigades for the purpose of dealing with fires arising from war or any other emergency.

(3) The Service shall be divided into such subdivisions, based on such districts and areas, as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.

(4) There shall from time to time be appointed such District Commanders, Divisional Officers, and other officers of the Service as may be determined by the Minister.

(5) Every Commander and Divisional Officer shall be appointed by the Minister and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(6) All other officers of the Service shall be appointed by such persons and in such manner as may be authorized by the orders of the Dominion Fire Controller.

*Dominion Fire Controller.*

19. (1) The Minister may from time to time appoint any specified person or the holder for the time being of any specified office to be the Dominion Fire Controller.

(2) The Dominion Fire Controller shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(3) The Dominion Fire Controller shall be subject in all things to the control of the Minister and shall act in accordance with all directions, general or special, given to him by the Minister.

(4) The Minister may from time to time exercise or perform any of the powers or functions of the Dominion Fire Controller either in his own name or in the name of the Controller.

20. (1) Subject to these regulations, the Dominion Fire Controller shall have the command of the Emergency Fire Service. He shall also be charged with the following functions:—

(a) To co-ordinate the organization and training of the Emergency Fire Service with the organization and training of existing fire brigades:

(b) To inspect and investigate the provision made in any locality for fire protection by any emergency precautions service and to report to the Minister thereon.

(2) The Dominion Fire Controller shall have all such powers as may be reasonably necessary for the efficient exercise of his functions.

(3) It shall be the duty of every local authority and of every Fire Board and of all officers and servants of every local authority and Fire Board at all times to afford to the Dominion Fire Controller and to every District Fire Controller such assistance, facilities, and information as they may reasonably require in the execution of their powers and functions.

*District Fire Controllers.*

21. The Minister may from time to time appoint for any district determined under Regulation 18 (3) hereof a District Fire Controller who, under the control of the Minister and of the Dominion Fire Controller, shall be responsible in respect of that district for the organization and training of the Emergency Fire Service, and for the allocation of the emergency fire service personnel, the plant and equipment provided by the Government, and any personnel, plant, and equipment made available for that purpose by any emergency precautions service.

PART IV.—TRAFFIC CONTROL.

*Emergency Traffic Police.*

22. (1) There is hereby established a branch of the Corps to be known as the Emergency Traffic Police.

(2) The functions of the Traffic Police shall be to control traffic on roads during an emergency, but not otherwise, in any locality in which traffic is not controlled by the law and order committee of an emergency precautions service, and generally, in accordance with the directions of the Minister, to co-operate with and assist any such committee or any other authority or organization controlling traffic on roads in the event of any emergency.