

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

(RULES UNDER THE INDIAN TREASURE TROVE ACT, 1878.)

NOTIFICATIONS.No.346.

The 7th October 1885.

[Amendment : 18.06.1989]

No. 346.-The 7th October 1885.-Under the provisions of section 19 of the Indian Treasure Trove Act, 1878, the following rules, to regulate proceedings under the Act, have been made the Chief Commissioner, in supersession of all existing orders on the subject, and are published for general information:-

RULES UNDER THE INDIAN TREASURE TROVE ACT, 1878.

1. The notification under section 5 (a) of the Act shall be published by copies of it in English or Myanmar being posted up at the district court-house, subdivisional court-house, township court-house, and police-station within the jurisdiction of which, and at some conspicuous spot in the village in or near which, the treasure was found.
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2. On receipt of any notice under section 4 of the Act, or on receipt of information from any person, other than the finder, that treasure has been found, the Deputy Commissioner shall report the fact to the Commissioner, stating-
 - (i) name of finder;
 - (ii) nature of treasure and number of coins, if any;
 - (iii) approximate value;
 - (iv) date of finding;
 - (v) if the treasure is not coin, whether it is recommended that Government should acquire the treasure; or if the treasure is coin, and if the Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the whole of the treasure need not be acquired for Government, the reason for that opinion.A copy of this report, in the case of old coins or articles of antiquarian interest, shall be sent by the Deputy Commissioner to the Government Archaeologist at Rangoon for information.
3. All notices under section 5 shall be served at the cost of Government.

4. On receipt of the Deputy Commissioner's report, the Commissioner shall, if he thinks the property ought to be acquired by Government, report the case for the orders of the Chief Commissioner. This rule does not apply to cases where coins are the property found.
5. Deputy Commissioners shall ordinarily acquire, under section 16 of the Act, the whole of any coins found, whether gold, silver, or copper, that appear to be old and not of British mintage.
6. If for any special reasons, such as the largeness of the quantity found, or the coins being known to be of merely metal value, the Deputy Commissioner considers it unnecessary to acquire the whole of the coins found, he shall forward specimens of the coins, with the report mentioned in Rule 2 above, to the Commissioner, who, if he thinks that the whole of the coins found should not be acquired, shall report the case, with his recommendation, for the orders of the Chief Commissioner.
7. Coins acquired under section 16 of the Act shall be sent to the Government Archaeologist, who will report to the Chief Commissioner the number and nature of the coins, and their probable numismatic value.
8. Any treasure which vests in Government under section 20 or 21 shall, unless it be such as the Commissioner thinks advisable for Government to retain, be sold by public auction to the highest bidder under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner.

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