

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB,
IRRIGATION BRANCH.

REVENUE MANUAL.

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CHAPTER I.

The Patwari.

1.1. A Canal Patwari is the official who makes the Purpose for initial record on which the Canal water revenue is which entered assessed and collected, and on his efficiency as a careful recorder and accurate measurer, and upon the thoroughness of the checks to which his work is subjected, the accuracy of working of the Canal Revenue assessment depends.

The rules for the appointment and conditions of qualifications service of Canal Patwaris are given in Article 1.6 of the Irrigation Manual of Orders (Second Edition). So much depends on obtaining good men for these posts that the greatest possible attention should be given to their selection and training. They should preferably belong to the agricultural class, and the application of the educational test required by paragraph 2, (1) of Article 1.1 of the Manual quoted above, should not lead to the employment of town-bred to the exclusion of village-bred men.

1.2. A Canal Patwari is placed in charge of a Principal Circle or *hulka* consisting of a definite group of villages, and his principal duty is to record the irrigation done at the time the water is taken, and subsequently, as soon as that period in the crop arrives when little or no new irrigation is likely to be effected, to make the final measurements of the crop, to give the cultivator a slip (*parcha*) stating the area measured and amount of the demand, and finally to prepare the demand statements (*khataana* or *munalakh*).

It is the general purpose of this Manual to show that the chief aim of Canal Revenue officers and subordinates in an irrigating Division is to supervise the Patwari's

