

a special order in that behalf belongs to any railway, electricity, gas, or water undertaker and is used or authorised to be used by such undertaker for the purpose of his undertaking.

(6) The following provisions shall have effect in relation to any public inquiry held under this section:—

- (a) the Minister shall appoint a fit and proper person to hold such inquiry;
- (b) such person is hereby authorised to administer oaths to persons appearing as witnesses at such inquiry;
- (c) any person interested in the subject matter of such inquiry shall be entitled to appear personally or by counsel or solicitor and to adduce evidence.

42.—(1) The Minister may at any time dispose in such manner as he thinks proper of any land acquired by him under this Act which appears to him to be no longer required by him for the performance of his duties or the exercise of his functions under this Part of this Act. Disposal of surplus land by the Minister.

(2) Any moneys received by the Minister in respect of the disposal of land under this section shall be paid into or disposed of for the benefit of the Exchequer in such manner as the Minister for Finance may direct.

43.—(1) A local authority may, with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health given after consultation with the Minister, acquire land (either inside or outside the functional area of such local authority) for the purpose of this Part of this Act either by agreement or compulsorily under this Act and the Acts incorporated therewith. Acquisition of land by local authorities.

(2) For the purpose of the acquisition of land by a local authority under this section, sections 203, 210, 212, 213, 214 and 215 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as amended by section 8 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, and section 68 of the Local Government Act, 1925 (No. 5 of 1925), shall apply as if those sections as so amended were herein re-enacted and made applicable to such local authority with and subject to the modifications made by this Act in the procedure under the said sections.