

a copy of such representations in opposition to the application shall be sent by the objector to the applicant at the same time as they are sent to the commission: Provided that where an objector has failed to give notice of objection, or to give such notice timeously, the commission may, in its discretion, and on such terms as to postponement of the hearing or as to the lodging of a deposit under sub-section (4) of section *seven*, as it may think fit, condone the want of due notice and hear the objection.

(2) Any allegation of fact made by a person in opposition to an application shall, if the commission so directs, be made under oath.

7. (1) For the purpose of enquiring into, considering and determining any application mentioned in section *three*, the commission shall hold hearings, in public at such places as it may think fit: Provided that the commission may in any particular case hold a hearing in private if it considers it to be in the public interest. The commission shall cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed to the applicant and to every person who has made representations in support of or in opposition to the application, of the day, time and place appointed for the hearing.

Consideration
and determination
of applications.

(2) An applicant or objector may appear at the hearing of an application either in person or by counsel, attorney or other duly authorized representative, but shall not, save as is provided in sub-section (5), be entitled to recover from any other party any costs incurred by him in the proceedings.

(3) If the commission is of the opinion, having regard to the nature of an application or objection or the circumstances in which it is made, that it has *prima facie* little chance of success and that its making may cause needless expense to an objector or to the applicant, as the case may be, the commission may at any time during the proceedings after the lodging of an application or objection, order such applicant or objector to deposit with the commission a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds within a stated time, and in default of such deposit may refuse the application or disallow the objection.

(4) The commission may, as a condition of condonation of any default by an applicant or objector in complying with the prescribed procedure of application or objection, or of the grant of postponement or other indulgence, require such applicant, objector or party seeking indulgence to deposit with the commission a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds within a stated time.

(5) If the commission is satisfied that the making of an application which it has refused or of an objection which it has disallowed, or the default of or grant of indulgence to an applicant or objector, has caused unnecessary expense to another party to the proceedings, the commission may in its discretion order that out of any deposit made under sub-section (3) or sub-section (4) by such applicant or objector, such sum of money as it may think fit be paid to the party so damnified in reimbursement or part reimbursement of costs incurred by him, and may order further that there be paid out of the said deposit into the Consolidated Revenue Fund such sum as it may think fit. The remainder of any sum deposited or, if no such order is made, the whole of the sum deposited, shall be returned to the depositor.