



ĀBYĀR

ĀBYĀR, title of the person given official charge of the irrigation of *ābī* “irrigated” lands. He may be a farmer or sharecropper elected by the cultivators, in those villages where farmers work their own land (see *Ḳordamālek*, and *Raīyat*), or he may be appointed by a landlord. The *ābyār*’s duty is to oversee the just and equal distribution of irrigation water; he is compensated by either a share in the produce of the *ābī* lands or a fixed payment in money or in kind.

See also [Agriculture](#). *Mīrāb*.