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Establishment of separate
Village Panchayats for hamlets
and tandas. ~~CH~~

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,
Rural Development Department,
Circular No. VPM 1169/13724- E,
Sachivalaya, Bombay-32, Dated 7th July, 1969.

READ :- Government Confidential letter, Cooperation and Rural
Development Department No. VPS 2462/7662-E, dated
27th August, 1962 and Government Confidential letter,
Rural Development Department No. VPS 1263(4)/1831-E,
dated 25th April, 1966.

CIRCULAR :- Three conditions were laid down in the Government
Confidential letter No. VPS 2462/7662-E, dated 27th August, 1962
for the guidance of the Commissioners for considering the
proposals regarding splitting up of group Village Panchayats and
establishment of separate Village Panchayats. The condition
regarding maintenance of separate revenue records for the new
village was subsequently withdrawn under Government Confidential
letter No. VPS 1263(4)/1831-E, dated 25th April, 1966. One of
the remaining two conditions is that the new village proposed to
be declared under section 4 of the Bombay Village Panchayat Act,
1958 should ordinarily have a population of 600 or more and that
in exceptional cases for reasons to be recorded (e.g. distance)
local areas having less than 600 but more than 250 inhabitants,
may be considered for being declared as a village. Tandas and
hamlets having individual population of 250 and above are parts
of their respective revenue villages and are covered by the
Village Panchayats established for their revenue villages.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in
many cases the Village Panchayats covering such tandas and hamlets
do not undertake development works for them and even basic
amenities are not provided by Village Panchayats to the residents
of tandas and hamlets. Grants given by Government and Zilla
Parishads to these Village Panchayats are not utilised for these
small tandas and hamlets and they are neglected by their Village
Panchayats Section 45 (6B) of the Bombay Village Panchayat Act,
1958 provides that a Panchayat established for a village (compr-
ising a group of revenue villages) shall execute works and deve-
lopment schemes in such village so however that in each revenue
village of the group the land revenue grant received by the
Panchayat is spent so far as may be practicable on the works and
development schemes in proportion to its population as ascertained
in the last preceding census of which the relevent figures have
been published. As tandas and hamlets are not technically
speaking revenue villages, they do not get the benefit. of the
provisions of in above mentioned section 45 (6B) of the Bombay
Village Panchayat Act, 1958. Government has therefore decided
that the condition regarding 600 population may be relaxed in
the case of tandas and hamlets and separate Village Panchayats
may be established for any tanda/hamlet having a total population
of 250 or above Government orders dated 27th August, 1962
referred to in the preamble should be treated as modified to
that extent.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,

RATNAGIRI.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

S. Shankar Menon
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Under Secretary to Government of Maharashtra,
Rural Development Department.

To

All Commissioners of Divisions.

All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads.

All Collectors (except the Collector of Bombay,
and Bombay Suburban District).

The Revenue and Forest Department.

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