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Establishment of separate Village Panchayats by splitting up existing Village Panchayats or formation of new Village Panchayats- Norms for --

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Rural Development Department.
Circular No. VPM-1176/3128-XXIII.
Sachivalaya, Bombay-400 032, Dated the 29th May 1976.

- READ:-
- i) Government Circular, Rural Development Department No. VPM-1170/52888-E, dated the 3rd January 1973.
 - ii) Commissioner, Bombay Division's letter No. ADM-7755, dated the 27th November 1975 regarding minutes of the Commissioners' Conference, 1975.

CIRCULAR OF GOVERNMENT:- Under the existing Government Orders the following are the norms described for splitting up of the existing village panchayats and for establishing a separate village panchayat for a Revenue Village or a Hamlet, Tanda, etc.

- i) The new village proposed to be declared under section 4 of the Bombay Village Panchayat Act should have population of six hundred or more. However in exceptional cases for the reasons to be recorded (i.e. distance, natural obstruction), the population norm is relaxable downwards up to a minimum of 250.

In respect of hamlets and Tandas a separate Village Panchayat can be established if the population of the Hamlet, Tanda is 250 or more.

- ii) The proposed Village Panchayat should be financially viable.

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The powers of establishment of new Village Panchayats and splitting up etc. under section 4 of Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1958 have been delegated to the Commissioners of Divisions. A point was raised in the Commissioners' Conference of 1975 that as no objective norm has been prescribed by Government as regards financial viability, the proposed Village Panchayat was considered as being financially viable where the projected income was shown more than the projected expenditure. It has been experienced that this is not sufficient and as a result a large number of Village Panchayats have come to be created whose resources are too small to enable them to do any useful work. The proposal of the Conference has been considered by Government. Government is hereby pleased to direct that in amplification of its orders regarding financial viability, the new Village Panchayat should have an income which should enable it to incur an expenditure of at least Rs.3.50 per capita and must be in a position

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to render the following minimum services:

- (i) Water supply,
- (ii) Street lighting,
- (iii) Construct/maintain and repair roads.

All officers concerned are requested to observe the above modification while dealing with proposals for establishment of new and separate Village Panchayats.

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

K.S. TATA,
Section Officer,
Government of Maharashtra.

To

The Commissioners of Divisions,
All Collectors (except the Collector of Bombay and
Bombay Suburban District),
All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads,
All Block Development Officers,
The Revenue and Forests Department,
All Desk Officers and Desks of Rural Development
Department,
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