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No.VPM 1075/3130/(CR 762)/XXIII,
Rural Development Department,
Mantralaya,Bombay-400 032,
Dated March 1978.

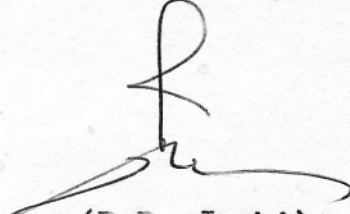
To
The Collector,
Ratnagiri.

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20 MAR 1978

Subject:-Reconstitution of Village Panchayat Wards
and Reservation of seats to the Scheduled
Tribes & Castes.

Reference:-Your letter No.FBVPC Wards 75, dated
the 4th December, 1975 and d.o. letter
from Collector Ratnagiri, No.GB.VPC.Wards.
1975, dated 13.3.1978, on the subject
mentioned above.

In accordance with sub-rule (1) of Rule 4A of the
Bombay Village Panchayat (Division of Village into
wards and reservation of seats for Women to Scheduled
Caste and Schedule Tribes) Rules, 1966, the no. of
seats to be reserved for the scheduled Castes and
Scheduled Tribes shall bear as nearly as may be the same
proportion to the total number of seats in the Panchayat
as population of the Scheduled Castes or of the Scheduled
Tribes, as the case may be, in the village bears to the
total population of the village. In accordance with
clause (ii) of Rule 2 of aforesaid rules "population"
in relation to the village means the population of that
village as ascertained at the last preceeding census
of which the relevant figures are available. As the
preceding census being of 1971, it is necessary for you
to reserve the requisite number of seats for Scheduled
Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the absence of specific
provision either in Act or aforesaid rules to reserve
the seats on the basis of present population of the
Village. You are requested to take further necessary
action accordingly.

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(B.B. Joshi)
Desk Officer.