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Disqualification of Central Government servants from becoming or continuing to be members of Village Panchayats.

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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA  
Rural Development Department,  
Circular No. VPM. 1471/11880-E  
Sachivalaya, Bombay - 32  
Dated the 28 MAY 1971

CIRCULAR : Clause (i) of section 14 of the Bombay Village Panchayat Act, 1958 provides that no person shall be a member of a Panchayat or continue as such, who is a servant of the Government. or a servant of any Local authority. It was held in the past that because of the use of the words "the Government" servants of the State Government only were debarred from becoming member of Village Panchayats. and that servants of Central Government were not so debarred. The High Court of Bombay, in Special Civil Application No. 94/71, has now held that the words "servants of the Government" include both State Government as also the Central Government servants. State Government servants as also Central Government servants are thus debarred from being members of Village Panchayats. The Commissioners of Divisions and the Collectors are requested to take note of this decision of the High Court for guidance.

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

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR,  
RATNAGIRI.  
Date ... 2 JUN 1971 ...  
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To

The Commissioner, Poona Division (with reference to his letter No. VPT-Sh-98, dated 12th May 1971)

Other Commissioners of Divisions,

All Collectors.

All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads.

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