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Rural Development Department  
Mantralaya Bombay-400032.

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To  
All Collectors  
(except the collectors of Bombay and  
Bombay Suburban Districts)

Subject:- Section in (i) of the Bombay Village  
Panchayat Samitis Act 1958  
Clarification regarding

Section 14(i) of the Bombay Village Panchayats 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. A point was raised whether a person who is in the service of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation is an employee of the Local authority and whether he can be a member of the Panchayat. Government has been advised that the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation is not a "Local Authority" within the meaning of clause (26) of section 3 of the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1904 (see V. M. Soneji vs. State of Maharashtra AIR 1963 SC 1890) since the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation is not a local authority, an employee of that Corporation can be a member of the Panchayat.

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