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Bombay District Village Development  
Fund rules, 1960-  
Instructions in respect of audit  
of accounts of the fund.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,  
Rural Development Department.  
Circular No. VPA.1165/37467/P,  
Sachivalaya, Bombay, dated the  
21st September 1965.

C I R C U L A R

The District village Development Fund is a statutory fund constituted under section 133 of the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1958. Under clause (xxxvi) of sub section (2) of section 176 read with section 133 of the Act, Government has framed rules entitled the Bombay Village Development Fund Rules, 1960, prescribing the authority in whom the District Village Development Fund shall vest, the manner of the investment of the fund, the rate of interest to be paid on the contributions made to the fund by Panchayats, the purpose for which, and the terms and conditions on which, loans may be granted, and all matters incidental to the grant and repayment of such loans. These rules were amended by Government from time to time. However, no provision was made in the rules for the audit of accounts of the fund. These rules have been further amended recently and provision has been made for the audit of accounts of the Fund by the auditors working under the direction and control of the Chief Auditor, Local Fund Accounts, Maharashtra State, Bombay. (vide Government Notification, Rural Development Department No. VPA.1165/31752/P, dated the 18th June 1965). Government is now pleased to issue the following instructions in the matter:-

- (1) The audit report in respect of the District Village Development Fund prepared by the auditors shall invariably be addressed to the District Village Panchayat Officer, through the Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Parishad with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer concerned.
- (2) On receipt of the report from the auditor, the District Village Panchayat Officer shall ensure that adequate action is taken on the audit report expeditiously. For this purpose, the District Village Panchayat Officer, on receipt of the report, should remedy the defects and irregularities pointed out in the report and place it before the Standing Committee for further action. The replies to the Audit report Communicating the action taken by the District Village Panchayat Officer and the Standing Committee should be sent to the Chief Auditor within 3 months of the receipt of the report by the District Village Panchayat Officer.
- (3) The Chief Auditor shall be responsible for watching the compliance of the Audit report and shall send his remarks to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall ensure that expeditious and adequate action is taken by the District Village Panchayat Officer and the Standing Committee.

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- (4) The audit of accounts of the District Village Development Funds in all the districts shall be conducted free of charge.

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

  
( A.V. VAZ )

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra,  
Rural Development Department.

To

All Commissioners of Divisions,  
All Collectors,  
All Chief Executive Officers of the Zilla Parishads,  
All the District Village Panchayat Officers,  
The Chief Auditor, Local Fund Accounts, Maharashtra State, Bombay  
The Deputy Chief Auditor, Local Fund Accounts, Poona/Aurangabad  
The Director, Local Self Government Institute, Bombay (by letter)

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