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To

The Chief Executive Officer,
Zilla Parishad,
Ratnagiri.

Sub:-District Village Development Fund
contributions of Village Panchayats
towards the - - -

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. VPC/DVDF/4/13, dated 14th/17th February 1964 on the subject noted above and to clarify the various points raised therein as under:-

Point:(i) Whether the Block grants, Government grants or grant received from any other source for the works constructed with the aid of such contribution which vest in Village Panchayat shall be considered for calculating the share of contribution to the Village Development Fund under section 62(3) of the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1958.

The grants of the type mentioned above received by the Village Panchayat for the works which vest in the Village Panchayat cannot be considered for contribution to the District Village Development Fund.

Point (ii): Whether all income of a Village Panchayat, either periodical or annual, shall be considered for contribution to the District Village Development Fund.

All income of the Village Panchayat including the income mentioned in point (i) above whether periodical or annual, is to be considered for contribution to the District Village Development Fund.

Point (iii): Whether contribution cess be recovered from the payment of Land Revenue and Land Equilization grants in case a Panchayat makes a default in payment of contribution to the fund.

It is the duty of a Village Panchayat under the provision of the Bombay Village Panchayats, Act, 1958 and the Rules made thereunder, to make contributions to the District Village Development Fund established under section 133 of the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1958. If a Village Panchayat fails to perform its duty imposed upon it by the Act, action can be taken against it by the Standing Committee, as provided under section 144 of

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the Act, *ibid.* The contributions from the Village Panchayats to the District Village Development Fund, cannot however be recovered from them, from Land Revenue or Land Equilization grants, as these are Statutory grants and have to be paid to the Village Panchayats.

Yours faithfully,



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Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra,
Co-operation and Rural Development Department.

NO. VPS. 1163/12486-E,

Sachivalaya, Bombay-32,
the 13th June, 1964.

Copy, with a copy of the letter replied to, forwarded to all other Chief Executive Officers all Collectors and Divisional Commissioners for information.



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