

**L. C. BILL No. V OF 2021.**

*A BILL*

*further to amend the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961.*

5 **(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 23rd December 2021.)**

Mah. V  
of 1962.

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

10 **1. This Act may be called the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Amendment) Act, 2021.** Short title.

Amendment of  
section 9 of  
Mah. V of 1962.

**2.** In section 9 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the words “not more than seventy-five and not less than fifty in number” the words “not more than eighty-five and not less than fifty-five in number” shall be substituted. Mah. V  
of 1962.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 9 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961 (Mah. V of 1962) provides that, the *Zilla Parishad* shall consist of Councillors chosen by direct electoral divisions in the District being not more than seventy-five and not less than fifty in number as may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, be determined by the State Election Commission, so however that, ratio between the population of the territorial area of a *Zilla Parishad* and the number of seats in such *Zilla Parishad* to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State.

2. The maximum and minimum number of directly elected Councillors has increased in the year 1990. The population of the rural area in the State has increased in last thirty years. Considering the growth of population in rural area, it is considered expedient to provide adequate representation of rural population in *Zilla Parishad*, and therefore, proposed to increase the number of elected Councillors, which shall not be more than eighty-five and not less than fifty- five in number. It is, therefore, proposed to amend section 9 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, suitably.

3. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objectives.

Mumbai,

Dated the 16th December 2021.

HASAN MUSHRIF,

Minister for Rural Development.



**ANNEXURE TO L.C. BILL NO. V 2021-THE MAHARASHTRA  
ZILLA PARISHADS AND PANCHAYAT SAMITIS (AMENDMENT)  
BILL, 2021**

*(Extracts from the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and  
Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961)*

**(Mah. V of 1962)**

**1. to 8.**                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*

**9. (1)** The Zilla Parishad Consist of –

Constitution  
of Zilla  
Parishads.

(a) Councillors chosen by direct electoral divisions in the District being not more than seventy-five and not less than fifty in number as may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, be determined by the State Election Commission, so however that, ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Zilla Parishad and the number of seats in such Zilla Parishad to be filled by election shall, so far as practicable, be the same throughout the State;

(b)                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*

(2) and (3)           \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*

**9A. to 290.**           \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*

**SCHEDULES.**       \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*                   \*\*

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE  
SECRETARIAT**

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[ SHRI HASAN MUSHRIF,  
Minister for Rural Development.]

**[ As passed by the Legislative Council on  
the 23rd December 2021.]**

RAJENDRA BHAGWAT,  
Principal Secretary,  
Maharashtra Legislative Council.