

**L. A. BILL No. XIX OF 2023.**

*A BILL*

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

**(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 18th July, 2023.)**

**(As passed by the Legislative Council on the 18th July, 2023.)**

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; and therefore, promulgated the Maharashtra Village Panchayats and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, on the 28th April 2023 ;

III of  
1959.  
Mah. V  
of 1962.  
Mah.  
Ord. I of  
2023.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature ; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

## CHAPTER I

### PRELIMINARY.

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Maharashtra Village Panchayats and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th April 2023.

## CHAPTER II

### AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA VILLAGE PANCHAYATS ACT.

Amendment of section 10-1A of III of 1959.

2. In section 10-1A of the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act (hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as “the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act”), for the existing provisos, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely :—

III of 1959.

“Provided that, for the General or bye-elections for which the last date of filing of nomination falls on or before the 31st December 2023, in accordance with the election programme declared by the State Election Commission, a person who has applied to the Scrutiny Committee for verification of his Caste Certificate before the date of filing of the nomination papers but who has not received the Validity Certificate on the date of filing of the nomination papers shall submit, alongwith the nomination papers,—

(i) a true copy of the application preferred by him to the Scrutiny Committee for issuance of the Validity Certificate or any other proof of having made such application to the Scrutiny Committee ; and

(ii) an undertaking that he shall submit, within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, his election shall be deemed to have been terminated retrospectively and he shall be disqualified for being a member.”.

Amendment of section 30-1A of III of 1959.

3. In section 30-1A of the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act, for the existing provisos, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely :—

“Provided that, for the elections for the post of *Sarpanch* for which the last date of filing of nomination falls on or before the 31st December 2023, in accordance with the election programme declared by the State Election Commission, a person who has applied to the Scrutiny Committee for verification of his Caste Certificate before the date of filing of the nomination papers but who has not received the Validity Certificate on the date of filing of the nomination papers shall submit, alongwith the nomination papers,—

(i) a true copy of the application preferred by him to the Scrutiny Committee for issuance of the Validity Certificate or any

other proof of having made such application to the Scrutiny Committee ; and

(ii) an undertaking that he shall submit, within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, his election shall be deemed to have been terminated retrospectively and he shall be disqualified for being a *Sarpanch*.”.

### CHAPTER III

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE MAHARASHTRA ZILLA PARISHADS AND PANCHAYAT SAMITIS ACT, 1961.

Mah. V  
of 1962.

4. In section 12A of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961 (hereinafter in this Chapter referred to as “the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act”), for the existing provisos, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely :—

Amendment  
of section 12A  
of Mah. V of  
1962.

“Provided that, for the General or bye-elections for which the last date of filing of nomination falls on or before the 31st December 2023, in accordance with the election programme declared by the State Election Commission, a person who has applied to the Scrutiny Committee for verification of his Caste Certificate before the date of filing of the nomination papers but who has not received the Validity Certificate on the date of filing of the nomination papers shall submit, alongwith the nomination papers,—

(i) a true copy of the application preferred by him to the Scrutiny Committee for issuance of the Validity Certificate or any other proof of having made such application to the Scrutiny Committee ; and

(ii) an undertaking that he shall submit, within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, his election shall be deemed to have been terminated retrospectively and he shall be disqualified for being a Councillor.”.

5. In section 42 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, in sub-section (6A), for the existing provisos, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely :—

Amendment  
of section 42  
of Mah. V of  
1962.

“Provided that, for the elections for the post of President for which the last date of filing of nomination falls on or before the 31st December 2023, in accordance with the election programme declared, a person who has applied to the Scrutiny Committee for verification of his Caste Certificate before the date of filing of the nomination papers but who has not received the Validity Certificate on the date of filing of the nomination papers shall submit, alongwith the nomination papers,—

(i) a true copy of the application preferred by him to the Scrutiny Committee for issuance of the Validity Certificate or any other proof of having made such application to the Scrutiny Committee ; and

(ii) an undertaking that he shall submit within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, his election shall be deemed to have been terminated retrospectively and he shall be disqualified for being a President.”.

Amendment  
of section 67  
of Mah. V of  
1962.

**6.** In section 67 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, in sub-section (7A), for the existing provisos, the following provisos shall be substituted, namely :—

“Provided that, for the elections for the post of Chairman for which the last date of filing of nomination falls on or before the 31st December 2023, in accordance with the election programme declared, a person who has applied to the Scrutiny Committee for verification of his Caste Certificate before the date of filing of the nomination papers but who has not received the Validity Certificate on the date of filing of the nomination papers shall submit, alongwith the nomination papers,—

(i) a true copy of the application preferred by him to the Scrutiny Committee for issuance of the Validity Certificate or any other proof of having made such application to the Scrutiny Committee ; and

(ii) an undertaking that he shall submit within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of twelve months from the date on which he is declared elected, his election shall be deemed to have been terminated retrospectively and he shall be disqualified for being a Chairman.”.

Mah. Ord. I of 2023. **7. (1) The Maharashtra Village Panchayats and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 is hereby repealed.** Repeal of Mah. Ord. I of 2023 and saving.

III of 1959. Mah. V of 1962. (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification or order issued) under the corresponding provisions of the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done, taken or issued, as the case may be, under the corresponding provisions of the relevant Acts, as amended by this Act.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE  
SECRETARIAT**

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**[SHRI GIRISH MAHAJAN,  
Minister for Rural Development.]**

**[As passed by the Legislative Assembly  
on the 18th July, 2023.]**

**[As passed by the Legislative Council  
on the 18th July, 2023.]**

**JITENDRA BHOLE,  
Secretary (1) (I/C),  
Maharashtra Legislative Council.**