

L. C. BILL No. XIII OF 2025.

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 Council on the 9th December, 2025.)

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 10th December, 2025.)

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, 2025, on the 3rd November 2025 ;

III of
1959.
Mah. V
of 1962.
Mah.
Ord. XII
of 2025.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance, by an Act of the State Legislature; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-sixth 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 Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Act, 2025.
(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd November 2025.

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, 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 submitted 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 the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee, within a period of six months from the date on which he is declared elected :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of six 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, 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 submitted 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 the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee, within a period of six months from the date on which he is declared elected:

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of six 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, 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 submitted 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 the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee, within a period of six months from the date on which he is declared elected :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of six 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, 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 submitted 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 the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee within a period of six months from the date on which he is declared elected :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of six 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, 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 submitted 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 the Validity Certificate issued by the Scrutiny Committee, within a period of six months from the date on which he is declared elected :

Provided further that, if such person fails to produce the Validity Certificate within a period of six 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.”.

Repeal of
Mah. Ord. XII
of 2025 and
saving.

7. (1) The Maharashtra Village *Panchayats* and the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads* and *Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, is hereby repealed.

Mah.
Ord. XII
of 2025.

(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 and 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.

III of
1959.
Mah. V
of 1962.

**MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE
SECRETARIAT**

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[JAYKUMAR GORE,
Minister for Rural Development.]

**[As passed by the Legislative Council
on the 9th December, 2025.]**

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on the 10th December, 2025.]**

JITENDRA BHOLE,
Secretary-1,
Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.