



# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधि व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord XIV of 2025), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

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

SATISH WAGHOLE,  
Secretary (Legislation) to Government,  
Law and Judiciary Department.

(Translation in English of the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 (Mah. Ord. XIV of 2025), published under the authority of the Governor).

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Bhandhkam Bhavan, 25, Marzban Path, Fort, Mumbai 400 001,

dated the 26th December 2025.

### MAHARASHTRA ORDINANCE No. XIV OF 2025.

#### AN ORDINANCE

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that  
Mah. V circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action  
of further to amend the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act,*  
1962. 1961, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:-

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis* (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 14 of Mah. V of 1962.

2. In section 14 of the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis* Act, 1961, for sub-section (2), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely:- Mah. V of 1962.

“(2) The State Government shall make rules for the conduct of such elections and the election shall be conducted in accordance with those rules.

(3) The decision of a returning officer accepting or rejecting the nomination papers shall be final and it shall not be called in question in any Court.”.

## STATEMENT

Article 243K of the Constitution of India and section 9A of the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961* (Mah. V of 1962) provides that the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis shall be vested in the State Election Commission.

2. Section 14(2) of the said Act provides that, the State Government shall make rules for the conduct of such elections including for an appeal to the District Court against the decision of returning officer, accepting or rejecting nomination papers. Accordingly, rule 20 of the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads (Electoral Divisions and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1962 and rule 19A of the Maharashtra Panchayat Samitis (Electoral Colleges and Conduct of Election) Rules, 1962 provides for filing an appeal before the District Court against the decision of the returning officer of accepting or rejecting a nomination papers and District Court is required to hear such appeals on day to day basis and dispose off the same as expeditiously as possible.

3. The State Election Commission has communicated to the State Government that such appeals remain pending in different District Courts for different period and it is also not certain when such appeals will be disposed off. The Commission has also communicated that article 243O of the Constitution provides for bar to interference by Courts in electoral matters. Therefore, the Commission has with a view to complete elections in time bound manner forwarded to the State Government a proposal to make suitable amendments in aboveresferred Rules for deleting the provisions relating to such appeals. It is, therefore, considered expedient to amend section 14 of the said Act suitably.

4. As both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra *Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961*, for the purposes aforesaid, this Ordinance is promulgated.

Mumbai,  
Dated the 25th December 2025.

ACHARYA DEVVRAT,  
Governor of Maharashtra.

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

EKNATH DAWALE,  
Principal Secretary to Government.