

**THE ORISSA GRAMA PANCHAYATS (REDUCTION OF TERM OF
OFFICE AND POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS)
ORDINANCE, 1981**

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AN

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF TERM OF OFFICE OF CERTAIN
GRAMA PANCHAYATS AND POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS OF
CERTAIN OTHER GRAMA PANCHAYATS IN THE STATE AND
FOR MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Orissa is not in session ;

AND WHEREAS, the Governor of Orissa is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action to provide for the reduction of the term of office of certain Grama Panchayats and postponement of elections in certain other Grama Panchayats in the State ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Orissa is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance in the Thirty-second Year of the Republic of India :—

Short title
and
commence-
ment.

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Orissa Grama Panchayats (Reduction of Term of Office and Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, 1981.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Definition

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires;—

(a) 'Grama Panchayat Act' means the Orissa Grama Panchayat Act, 1964 ; Orissa Act
I of 1965.

(b) 'Grama Panchayat' means a Grama Panchayat constituted under the Grama Panchayat Act ;

(c) words and expressions used in this Ordinance, but not defined therein, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them, respectively under the Grama Panchayat Act.

Reduction of
term of office
and post-
ponement of
elections in
certain
Grama
Panchayats
and
consequences.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Grama Panchayat Act,—

- (a) the term of office of the members including Sarpanches of all the Grama Panchayats in the State who are continuing in office on the date of commencement of this Ordinance shall expire on and with effect from the said date.
- (b) the election for the reconstitution of all the Grama Panchayats where term of office of the members including Sarpanches expired,—
 - (i) under clause (a), and
 - (ii) before the commencement of this Ordinance under the provisions of the Grama Panchayat Act,

shall be held within the period specified in clause (b) of section 4 of the Orissa Grama Panchayats (Reduction of Term of Office) Act, 1981. Orissa Act 10 of 1981.

- (c) the provisions contained in the Orissa Grama Panchayats (Reduction of Term of Office) Act, 1981, shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Grama Panchayats herein referred to in relation to,— Orissa Act 10 of 1981.
 - (i) their management during the period beginning with the date of commencement of this Ordinance and until the newly elected members of a Grama Panchayat and its Sarpanch assume office,
 - (ii) the election of members including the Sarpanch for reconstitution of the said Grama Panchayats, and
 - (iii) the status of the said Grama Panchayats on reconstitution.

C. M. POONACHA

Governor of Orissa

Dated the 26th August, 1981