

THE ORISSA GRAMA PANCHAYATS (REDUCTION OF TERM OF OFFICE) ORDINANCE, 1981

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AN

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE GRAMA PANCHAYATS OF 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 Grama Panchayats of 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, extent and commencement.

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

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the State of Orissa.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions

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

(a) 'Grama Panchayat Act' means the Orissa Grama Panchayat Act, 1964 ;

Orissa Act 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 herein, shall have the same meaning as assigned to them respectively, under the Grama Panchayat Act.

Reduction of term of office.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Grama Panchayat Act, the term of office of the members of all the Grama Panchayats of the State as extended by the State Government, under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 17 of that Act, shall expire on and with effect from the date of commencement of this Ordinance.

Consequences of reduction of term of office.

4. Upon expiration of the term of office of the members of the Grama Panchayats under section 3,—

- (a) during the period beginning with the date of commencement of this Ordinance and until the newly elected members of the Grama Panchayat and its Sarpanch assume office, the powers and functions of the Grama Panchayat and its Sarpanch shall be exercised and discharged by the Grama Panchayat Extension Officer having jurisdiction over the concerned Grama or by any other Officer authorised by the State Government in that behalf;
- (b) the election of members (including the Sarpanch) for the reconstitution of the said Grama Panchayats shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Grama Panchayat Act and the rules made thereunder within a period of six months from the aforesaid date ;
- (c) the Grama Panchayats so reconstituted shall, for all purposes be deemed to have been constituted under and be governed by the provisions of the Grama Panchayat Act and the Rules made thereunder.

C. M. POONACHA

DATED THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1981

GOVERNOR OF ORISSA