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Decentralization Act, 1982

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Consolidated Text

Preamble: Whereas it is expedient to ensure wide public participation in the appropriation of resources and balanced distribution of the fruits of development with the objective of establishing a society free from exploitation so as to promote people's welfare as envisioned by the partyless democratic Panchayat system;

Whereas it is expedient to establish an effective system for the formulation and execution of plans at the local level according to the situation of regions and areas, and promote at the local level itself efficiency needed for the performance of such tasks so as to derive maximum advantage out of the country's geographical, economic and cultural diversity in the task of national development, inasmuch as the talent, potential and requirements (of regions and areas) differ according to such diversity;

Whereas it is expedient to develop democratic practice from the lowest levels of the partyless democratic Panchayat system and ensure institutional growth of local Panchayats so as to enable them to think in terms of all-round development of the people of their respective areas and assume responsibilities;

And whereas it is expedient to decentralize authority in order to enable the people to take decisions and make arrangements themselves in matters relating to their day-to-day needs and in matters affecting public life;

Now therefore, His Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev has enacted this law on the advice and with the approval of the National Panchayat.

Chapter 1 Preliminary

1. Short Title and Commencement

- (1) This law may be called the Decentralization Act, 1982.
- (2) Section 1 of this act shall come into force at once, and other Sections shall come into force from the date prescribed by His Majesty's Government by notification in the Nepal Rajapatra.

2. Definitions

Unless otherwise meant with reference to the subject or context, in this act.

- (a) Local Panchayat means the Village, Town and District Panchayats.
- (b) District Development Plan means the development plan mentioned in Section 6.
- (c) Office-bearers mean the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of Village, Town and District Panchayats employees of district level government offices connected with development who function under the general guidance of District Panchayats, and the employees of local Panchayats.
- (d) Member of the National Panchayat means the elected or nominated member of the National Panchayat. The term includes members of the National Panchayat from the concerned districts who occupy the post of Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister, Minister of State, or Assistant Minister or Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the National Panchayat, if any.
- (e) Prescribed or as prescribed means prescribed or in the manner prescribed in rules framed under this act.

Chapter 2
Decentralization of Responsibility and Power

3. Responsibility and Power of Local Panchayats

- (1) The responsibility to operate all district-level development activities to be undertaken in a district for the development of the district and for the general interest and welfare of the local inhabitants shall be vested in the local Panchayat under this act.
- (2) The power to formulate development plans and construction projects of all types to be undertaken or operated at the local level under the district development plan, collect and appropriate resources, supervise, operate and evaluate plans shall vest in the local Panchayat under this act.

4. Functions, Duties and Powers of Local Panchayats

For the purpose of this act, notwithstanding anything contained in current law, the functions, duties and powers of Village, Town, and District Panchayats and Assemblies, Ward Committees of Village and Town Panchayats and of the office-bearers and members of local Panchayats shall be as prescribed.

5. District-Level Offices to Exist as Branch Offices

The district-level development-related offices of His Majesty's Government mentioned in Schedule 1 shall exist as branch offices of the District Panchayat Secretariat.

Provided that the power vested in such offices or in chiefs of such offices under current law, except in matters relating to formulation and operation of development projects, shall not be subject to the control of any other office or office-bearer.

Chapter 3
Development Plans of Local Panchayats

6. District Development Plan

There shall be a district development plan which shall be a combined form of the projects prescribed to be implemented at the local level by the district-level development-related offices of His Majesty's Government through the District Panchayat with the resources received from His Majesty's Government, and the construction and other projects of all categories to be implemented by local Panchayats at the local level through their own resources or the resources and grants received from His Majesty's Government.

In case a dispute arises as to whether or not any plan is to be operated at the local level, it shall be decided on by His Majesty's Government.

7. Periodic Plans to be Formulated

Each District Panchayat shall be required to prepare a periodic plan for the development of the district under its jurisdiction.

8. Formulation of District Development Plan

- (1) Each year every District Panchayat shall be required to formulate a district development plan for the next fiscal year within the prescribed time-limit on the basis of the periodic plan prepared under Section 7.
- (2) The district development plan mentioned in Sub-Section (1) shall be formulated as an integrated district development plan by combining the resources and materials available from the following sources:
 - (a) District Panchayat's own labor, resources and materials.
 - (b) Grants to be obtained by the District Panchayat from His Majesty's Government or other institutions.
 - (c) The amount of expenses to be incurred and investments to be made in various sectors by His Majesty's Government in the concerned district for the implementation of district-level development plans.
- (3) Subject to the policies and guidelines prescribed by His Majesty's Government as those to be followed while formulating plans for different sectors, the plans received from Village and Town Panchayats shall be regarded as the main basis while formulating the district development plan under Sub-Section (2).
- (4) It shall be the responsibility of the National Planning Commission to ensure the cooperation of the concerned circles in formulating or directing the formulation of the district development plan in each district.
- (5) The appropriate organ of His Majesty's Government shall be required to make available to District Panchayats the policies and guidelines to be provided by His Majesty's Government under Sub-Section (3), and particulars of expenditure and investment to be made by His Majesty's Government for the next fiscal year under Clause (c) of Sub-Section (2), within the prescribed time-limit during the current fiscal year.

- (6) The National Planning Commission shall ~~not~~ approve any plan or program which has been formulated by any institution in any district for the purpose of district-level development works without preparing a district development plan, or in such a way that it contradicts the district development plan, and the expenditure to be incurred thereon.

Provided that:

- (a) In case the National Planning Commission is satisfied that local Panchayats have failed to formulate the district development plan in time, it may approve the district development plan presented by the appropriate organ for the concerned year, and the expenditure to be incurred thereon.
- (b) In case the district development plan submitted by any District Panchayat is considered inadequate from the viewpoint of the overall development of the district, the National Planning Commission may approve additional projects.

9. Priorities to be Followed While Formulating District Development Plan

The district development plan shall be ordinarily formulated on the basis of the following priorities:

- (a) Projects which provide direct benefits to the general public, and which fulfill minimum needs.
- (b) Projects which help in increasing agricultural production.
- (c) Projects which can be implemented through local resources and skills.
- (d) Projects which help in increasing productivity and employment opportunities.
- (e) Projects which have been assigned priority in national-level plans.
- (f) Projects which help to protect the environment.

10. Plan Formulation Committee

Every District Panchayat shall be required to form committees as mentioned in Schedule 2 for the purpose of formulating district development plans. The functions, duties and powers of such committees shall be as prescribed.

11. Formulation of Final Draft of Projects

- (1) After the committees formed under Section 10 have formulated their respective programs, the Local Development Officer shall convene a joint meeting of all committees in order to prepare a balanced and integrated district development plan by comparing the program formulated by one committee with the one formulated by another and reviewing the programs.
- (2) The meeting convened under Sub-Section (1) shall be presided over by the member of the National Panchayat representing the concerned district. In the case of the district which has more than one National Panchayat member, it shall be presided over by each of them for one year by rotation according to the alphabetical order. The National Panchayat members who are not presiding over the meeting shall attend joint meetings of committee as members. In the absence of the National Panchayat member who is required to preside over joint meetings of committees, another National Panchayat member shall preside over it according to the alphabetical order.

Provided that in case any National Panchayat member cannot attend any joint meeting of committees because of National Panchayat session, or any other factor, the Chairman of the concerned District Panchayat shall preside over joint meetings of committees.

- (3) Once a plan is finalized and decision made accordingly at a joint meeting of committees, the draft of such plan shall be forwarded to the District Panchayat.
- (4) After holding necessary debate on the draft of the plan presented before the meeting of the District Panchayat under Sub-Section (3), and also determining the order of priorities of projects, it shall forward it to the District Assembly for final approval. Such plan shall be deemed to have been approved once it is approved by a meeting of the District Assembly.

11A. Finalization of District Development Plan

- (1) The District Panchayat must convene a meeting of the District Assembly in time for approving the district development plan. In case it does not do so, the appropriate organ may issue necessary directives to the District Panchayat to convene a meeting of the District Assembly. If a meeting of the District Assembly cannot be held even in accordance with such directives, the appropriate organ may draft the district development plan with the plan passed by the District Assembly during the previous year as the main basis.

- (2) In case the district development plan passed by the District Assembly exceeds the budgetary limit, or is in contravention of Sub-Section (3) of Section 8, the appropriate organ may finalize the district development plan in such a way that it remains within the budgetary limit if it exceeds that limit, or is consistent with the policy prescribed for the appropriate sector if it is in contravention of Sub-Section (3) of Section 8.

12. To Function as Executive Officer

The Local Development Officer shall be required to function as executive officer of the District Panchayat in respect to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of the district development plan.

13. Formulation of Town Development Plan

- (1) Every Town Panchayat shall be required to formulate a periodic plan for the development of the town under its jurisdiction.
- (2) Each year every Town Panchayat shall be required to formulate a town development plan for the next fiscal year within the prescribed time-limit on the basis of the periodic plan prepared under Sub-Section (1).
- (3) The Town Panchayat shall formulate the town development plan mentioned in Sub-Section (1) treating the projects demanded by each ward as the main basis subject to guidelines given by His Majesty's Government from time to time, with due consideration to the Town Panchayat's own labor, resources and materials, and the grants to be obtained from His Majesty's Government. The priorities indicated in Section 9 shall be taken into consideration while formulating a plan in this manner.
- (4) For the purpose of formulating the town development plan under this section, the Town Panchayat may form necessary committees including, as far as possible, experts in relevant subjects.

14. Formulation of Village Development Plan

- (1) Every Village Panchayat shall formulate a periodic plan for the development of the village under its jurisdiction.
- (2) Each year every Village Panchayat shall formulate a village development plan for the next fiscal year within the prescribed time-limit on the basis of the periodic plan prepared under Sub-Section (1).

- (3) Subject to the guidelines and directives received from the District Panchayat, every Village Panchayat shall prepare a village development plan under Sub-Section (1), with due consideration to its own labor, resources and materials, and the economic, material and technical cooperation to be available from His Majesty's Government, treating the projects demanded by each ward as the main basis, and keeping in view the priorities indicated in Section 9.

15. Scrutiny and Clearance Committee

A Scrutiny and Clearance Committee shall be formed in the prescribed manner for the purpose of scrutinizing and clearing construction - related projects under the development plan of the local Panchayats.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section, the term "scrutiny and clearance" includes performance audit.

16. District Supervision Committee

- (1) A District Supervision Committee, consisting of National Panchayat members, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the District Panchayat, the Chief District Officer, the Local Development Officer, and an Engineer from the Public Work Section, or, in his absence, a person who performs his functions, shall be formed in each district. The Local Development Officer shall also function as Secretary of the District Supervision Committee. The appropriate Zonal Commissioner must also be invited to meetings of the (District) Supervision Committee.
- (2) Every meeting of the Supervision Committee formed under Sub-Section (1) shall be presided over by the National Panchayat member representing the concerned district. In the case of the district which has more than one National Panchayat member, it shall be presided over by each of them for one year by rotation according to the alphabetical order. The National Panchayat members who are not to preside over meetings of the Supervision Committee shall remain therein as members. In the absence of the National Panchayat member who is required to preside over a meeting, it shall be presided over by another National Panchayat member according to the alphabetical order.

Provided that in case National Panchayat members cannot attend any meeting because of the National Panchayat session, or any other factor, the Chairman of ~~the concerned~~ District Panchayat shall preside over it.

- (3) For the purpose of supervision of the district development plan and ensuring economy and fiscal discipline in the course of its implementation as well as of initiating appropriate action in the event of any errors being detected in the execution (of the district development plan), the District Supervision Committee shall have such functions, duties and powers as may be prescribed.

17. Service Centers.

- (1) For the purpose of making available material and technical cooperation in regard to the development work of Village Panchayats lying within each area of the District Panchayat, His Majesty's Government may establish one Service Center in such a way that it is located generally in the center of such area.
- (2) The Service Center established under Sub-Section (1) shall be the lowest organ of His Majesty's Government responsible for providing assistance to Village Panchayats in matters relating to local development.
- (3) The functions and duties of the Service Centers shall be as follows:
 - (a) To provide necessary services in the formulation, implementation and review of plans for the development of Village Panchayats.
 - (b) To help in the establishment and smooth operation of consumers' committees in Village Panchayat areas.
 - (c) To make available such technical services as may be necessary to enable Village Panchayats to operate their development programs.
 - (d) To help ensure the availability of necessary financial and material resources to Village Panchayats.
 - (e) To make periodic reviews of the development efforts of Village Panchayats.
 - (f) To take the problems and needs of Village Panchayats to the higher level, and arrange for their inclusion in plans.
 - (g) To encourage competition among Village Panchayats lying within the area (of the District Panchayat) in developmental matters and arrange area-level meetings, conferences, and seminars of Panchayats and inspection visits to enable them to exchange views on each others' experiences and problems and on ways to solve them.
- (4) Other functions, duties and powers of the Service Centers shall be as prescribed.

18. Review Room to be Maintained.

- (1) Every local Panchayat shall be required to make arrangements for a review room. Charts of the annual programs relating to the development plan of the concerned Panchayat, detailed particulars relating to progress report, etc., shall be prepared and displayed on an up-to-date basis in such a review room.
- (2) Every six months, the office-bearers, members and employees of the concerned Panchayat shall sit down at the review-room and review the development work of their respective areas.
- (3) In the course of review of district level development projects under Sub-section (2), the Zonal Commissioner or a person designated by him may also participate in the review meeting.

19. Consumers' Committees.

- (1) In case any project to be implemented by the local Panchayat is located in a single ward, the appropriate Panchayat shall form a Consumers' Committee consisting of not more than seven persons from among those expected to benefit from such project under the chairmanship of the chairman of the local ward committee.
- (2) In case any project to be implemented by the local Panchayat is located in more than one ward, the appropriate Panchayat shall form a Consumers' Committee consisting of not more than nine persons from among those expected to benefit from such project under the chairmanship of one of the concerned ward committee chairmen.
- (3) In case any project to be implemented by the local Panchayat is located in more than one Village or Town Panchayat, the appropriate District Panchayat shall form a Consumers' Committee consisting of not more than eleven persons from among those expected to benefit from such project under the chairmanship of chairman of one of the concerned Panchayats.
- (4) The functions, duties and powers of Consumers Committees shall be as prescribed.

Chapter 4

Financial Arrangements

20. Collection of Panchayat Development and Land Tax.

- (1) Every Village or Town Panchayat shall write to the District Panchayat asking for the collection of Panchayat development and land tax in the village or Town Panchayat area under its jurisdiction subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) It must have prepared the plan or scheme concerning

the purpose for which the amount collected in the form of such tax will be spent.

- (b) It must have worked out approximate estimates of the total expenditure required for completing the plan.
 - (c) It must explicitly mention the sources from which the total amount of expenditure required for the plan is to be obtained and the estimated percentage of such expenditure required to be met through the Panchayat development and land tax.
 - (d) It must explicitly indicate what arrangements have been made for maintaining accurate accounts and records of the proceeds of such tax.
 - (e) A two-thirds majority of the total membership of the concerned Village and Town Assembly must have approved the proposal for raising such tax.
- (2) In case the District Panchayat receives a written request under Sub-Section (1), it shall conduct investigations, and if it is satisfied that the concerned Panchayat has fulfilled all the conditions mentioned therein, it shall write to His Majesty's Government asking for the imposition of such tax in such Village or Town Panchayat area.
- (3) While raising the Panchayat development and land tax, the concerned Village or Town Panchayat shall prepare and maintain records of lands within its area, as well as correct statistical records regarding the yields of lands of particular categories, and forward a copy thereof to the District Panchayat.
- (4) Out of the amount raised as Panchayat development and land tax under this section, five percent shall be deposited with the consolidated Fund, ten percent with the District Panchayat Fund, and the remaining eighty-five percent with the concerned Village or Town Panchayat Fund.

21. Power to Raise Contributions.

- (1) The local Panchayat may, subject to Sub-Section (2), raise contributions.

Provided that such contributions shall not be raised in the form of taxes.

- (2) A detailed plan and program on which the amount of contribution is to be spent shall be prepared, and passed by a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the concerned Village or Town Assembly, and then approved by the District Panchayat, if contributions are to be raised in the Village or Town Panchayat area; and in case the contributions are to be raised by a District Panchayat, this must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the total membership of the District Assembly. The amount of contributions raised in this manner shall be spent only on such plans or programs, and accounts of income and expenditure shall be published for the information of the public.

Provided that in case it becomes necessary for any Village or Town Panchayat to raise contributions up to Rs. 5,000, the Village or Town Panchayat itself, and in case it becomes necessary for a District Panchayat to raise Contributions up to Rs. 10,000, the District Panchayat itself, may decide to do so.

22. Collection of Dues as Government Arrears.

In case any person fails to pay any tax, charges, fees, etc., prescribed or imposed by the local Panchayat, the same shall be recovered by the District Office as if these were government arrears.

23. Allocation of Grant by Local Panchayat.

The local Panchayat itself shall allocate the amount of the grant received from His Majesty's Government for different purposes.

24. Amounts to be Spent in Specified Sectors.

The amount sent by His Majesty's Government for the purpose of district level work shall not be spent in any sectors other than the one for which it is actually meant, nor shall it be spent in such a way that it falls short of the amount specified for that sector.

25. Limitation on Administrative Expenses.

Local Panchayats shall not spend on administrative work more than the specified percentage of the amount raised from taxes, charges, fees, duties, contracts, etc., or the amount of contributions or the amount granted by His Majesty's Government for development purposes.

Chapter 5
Arrangements Regarding Audit

26. Audit of Account of Local Panchayats.

- (1) Accounts of income and expenditure of local Panchayats shall be audited every year.
- (2) Town Panchayats and District Panchayats must conduct an internal audit of the accounts of their entire income and expenditure every three months.
- (3) For the purpose of internal audit as mentioned in Sub-Section (2), the appropriate Panchayat shall make arrangement for an internal auditor, and may establish an Internal Audit Division in its Secretariat or office.
- (4) Final Audit of the accounts of Village Panchayats, Town Panchayats, and District Panchayats shall be conducted by a person designated by the Auditor-General.

- (5) Every District Panchayat, Town Panchayat, and Village Panchayat must prepare a financial statement within three months after the expiry of the fiscal year and hand it over to the person who audits the accounts. The obligation to furnish such a statement shall belong to the Chairman of the appropriate Panchayat and the Secretary or Chief Officer.
- (6) In case the financial statement mentioned in Sub-Section (5) is not furnished, the office - bearer mentioned in Sub-Section (4) of Section 27 may take reasonable action against the person who is under obligation to furnish it.

27. Audit Report.

- (1) The person who audits the accounts of a local Panchayat shall submit one copy of the preliminary audit report to the Auditor-General's Department, and another copy to the appropriate Panchayat.
- (1A) The Auditor-General shall prepare a report on the basis of the reports received under Sub-Section (1) and submit it to His Majesty. In case His Majesty sends such report to the appropriate Ministry, the Ministry shall send the relevant portions thereof to the appropriate Panchayat.
- (2) After the preliminary report of the person who audits accounts is received according to Sub Section (1), in case it appears that among the irregularities mentioned therein, certain amounts cannot be realized from the concerned person if not realized immediately, the appropriate Panchayat shall request the appropriate office-bearer to take action according to Sub-Section (4) in respect to such amount.
- (2A) After the audit report mentioned in Sub-Section (1A) is received, the appropriate Panchayat must convene a meeting of the appropriate assembly within a maximum period of three months, present the report at the meeting and have it discussed.
- (3) After the audit report is submitted, the meeting of the concerned assembly shall regularise such cases of irregularity pointed out in the report as it can regularize to the extent it can do so according to current law. In the case of other irregularities which it cannot clear in this manner, the secretary of the concerned Panchayat shall refer them to the appropriate person for appropriate action to ensure clearance thereof.
- (4) All such irregularities as cannot be cleared under Sub-Section (3) shall be referred to the Zonal Commissioner in the case of the District Panchayat or Town Panchayat, and to the Chief District Officer in the case of Village Panchayats for the purpose of recovery (of amounts involved in such irregularities).
- (5) After receiving a request for the clearance of irregularities under Sub-Section (4), the concerned Zonal Commissioner or Chief District Officer shall act as follows :-

- (a) In case of corruption, initiate action according to the provisions of the anti-corruption law.
- (b) In the case of need to recover arrears from any person, initiate action to recover the same as if these were government arrears.

Chapter 6
Miscellaneous

28. Power of His Majesty's Government.

In case it so deems necessary in public interest, His Majesty's Government may order or direct the reduction, withdrawal or rescission of any tax, charge, fee, duty, raised or levied, or any contract entered into by any local Panchayat, after obtaining a clarification from the local Panchayat, and, if it so deems appropriate, explaining the reasons for doing so. It shall be the duty of the concerned Panchayat to comply with such order or directive.

29. Delegation of Powers.

- (1) His Majesty's Government may, by notification in the Nepal Rajapatra, delegate all or any of the powers vested in it under this act to any office-bearer, institution, committee or employee.
- (2) The District Panchayat may delegate any of the powers vested in it under this act to any Village Panchayat or Town Panchayat with or without prescribing any conditions. The District Panchayat may withdraw at any time the power so delegated.
- (3) The District Panchayat, the Town Panchayat or the Village Panchayat may delegate any of the powers vested in it to any member of the concerned Panchayat or to any committee or sub-committee of members or to any employee. The concerned Panchayat may withdraw at any time the power so delegated.
- (4) The Chairman of the District Panchayat or of the Village or Town Panchayat may delegate any of the powers vested in him to the Vice Chairman of the concerned Panchayat, and, in his absence, to the member or Secretary of the concerned Panchayat. The Chairman of the District Panchayat or of the Village or Town Panchayat may withdraw at any time the power so delegated.

30. Delegation of Powers Under Other Current Law.

His Majesty's Government may, by notification in the Nepal Rajapatra, delegate any of the powers vested in it under other current law to any local Panchayat or to any office-bearer of the local Panchayat.

31. (Repealed on December 9, 1984).

32. Employees to be Under the Administrative Control of District Panchayat.

The Local Development Officer and the chiefs of the offices mentioned in Schedule 1 shall function under the general administrative control of the District Panchayat and the arrangements in respect to such administrative control shall be as prescribed.

33. Government Attorney to Tender Advice.

The Government attorney shall tender advice if sought by the District Panchayat in the event of any legal hitch arising in the course of performance of its functions.

34. Power to Frame Rules.

His Majesty's Government may frame rules to implement the objectives of this act.

35. Power to Remove Obstacles.

If any obstacle arises in the implementation of this act, His Majesty's Government may, by notification in the Nepal Rajapatra, issue an order to remove such obstacle, and such order shall be deemed to be part of this act.

36. Action to be Taken Under This Act.

In matters provided for in this act or the rules framed hereunder, action shall be taken accordingly, and in other matters, action shall be taken in accordance with current Nepal law.

37. Changes in Schedules.

His Majesty's Government may, if so necessary, effect changes in the schedules to this act by notification in the Nepal Rajapatra.

Schedule 1
(Pertaining to Section 5)

District-Level Development-Related Offices.

1. Offices relating to education and culture.
2. do. health and population.
3. do. agriculture and irrigation.
4. do. works and transport.
5. do. Water supply and hydro-electricity.
6. do. forest and soil conservation, and environment.
7. do. industry, commerce and tourism.
8. do. fuel.
9. do. local development and social welfare.
10. do. Sajha and cooperatives.
11. Other offices connected with development.

Schedule 2(Pertaining to Section 10)
Plan Formulation Committee(a) Agriculture and Irrigation Committee.

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| (1) | Two persons designated by the District Panchayat from among its members. | ... Member. |
| (2) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Peasants' Organization. | ... Member . |
| (3) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Women's Organization. | ... Member . |
| (4) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Elders' Organization. | ... Member . |
| (5) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Ex-Service men's Organization. | ... Member . |
| (6) | District Chief of the Agriculture Development Bank. | ... Member . |
| (7) | Land Reform Officer. | ... Member . |
| (8) | District Chief of the Agricultural Inputs Corporation. | ... Member . |
| (9) | Livestock Development Officer. | ... Member . |
| (10) | District Irrigation Officer. | ... Member . |
| (11) | District Cooperative Officer. | ... Member . |
| (12) | Agricultural Development Officer. | ... Member-Secretary. |

(b) Works and Maintenance Committee.

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| (1) | Two persons designated by the District Panchayat from among its members. | ... Members. |
| (2) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Youth Organization. | ... Member . |
| (3) | Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Elders' Organization. | ... Member . |

- (4) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Ex-Servicemen's Organization. ... Member .
- (5) Officer of the District Public Works Section. ... Member -secretary.

(c) Industry, Forest and Soil Conservation Committee.

- (1) Two persons designated by the District Panchayat from among its members. ... Members.
- (2) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Ex-Service-men's Organization. ... Member.
- (3) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Workers Organization. ... Member .
- (4) District Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. ... Member.
- (5) District Industry or Cottage Industry Officer ... Members.
- (5A) Soil Conservation Officer. ... Member.
- (6) District Forest Officer or District Cottage Industry Officer designated by the District Panchayat. ... Member-Secretary.

(d) Health and Population Committee.

- (1) Two Persons designated by the District Panchayat from among its members. ... Members.
- (2) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Women's Organization. ... Member.
- (3) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Youth Organization. ... Members.
- (4) Chairman of the District Working Committee of the Nepal Ex-Servicemen's Organization. ... Members.
- (5) District Chairman of the Nepal Red Cross Society. ... Member .
- (6) District Chairman of the Nepal Children's Organization. ... Member .
- (7) Officer of the District Family Planning Office. ... Member .
- (8) District Health Officer. ... Member-Secretary.

(e) Education Committee.

The District Education Committee formed under the 1971 Education Act shall be regarded as the Education Committee for the purpose of this act.

Note:

- (1) National Panchayat members, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the District Panchayat, the Chief District Officer and the Local Development Officer of the concerned district shall be the members of each of the aforesaid Committees.
- (2) Meetings of each Committee shall be presided over by District Panchayat members for one year each by rotation according to the alphabetical order.
