

8.2 Alteration in the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat - Instructions to ensure that while constituting or re-constituting or bi-furcating, the Village Panchyat so notified shall lie within the boundary of single Parliamentary/Assembly Constituency

Rural Development (C1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 146

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Read :

From the Commissioner of Rural Development, Letter Roc.No. 88788/2000/PCA-4, Dated :03.04.2001.

ORDER

In the reference read above, the Commissioner of Rural Development has stated that instructions issued in Government Memo No.72644-L1/61-1, L.A., Dated :22.04.1967 regarding alteration in jurisdiction of Village Panchayats may be modified suitably to suit the present context and requested to issue necessary instructions issued in this regard.

2. The Government after careful consideration accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and direct as follows:

- (i) Changes in the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat are made at times for administrative purposes and that such changes in administrative boundaries affect the description of the extent of the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies since the proposals for such changes are made without any reference to the boundaries of the Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies involved.
- (ii) It is also imperative that the jurisdiction of a Village Panchayat should be within a single Development Block forming a Panchayat Union. In order to avoid administrative difficulties in this regard, it is considered that while constituting, or reconstituting, or bifurcating or otherwise re-defining the jurisdiction of Village Panchayats, the Village Panchayat so notified shall lie within the boundary of a single Parliamentary Constituency and Assembly Constituency existing at that time.
- (iii) Further while constituting Village Panchayats or for changing the jurisdiction of Village Panchayats or grouping of Villages for purpose of constituting Village Panchayats, the Inspector of Panchayat shall invariably consider the information inter alia whether the proposal affects the boundaries of the Parliamentary or Assembly Constituencies existing in the area at that time and if so the extent to which they are affected. Such information should also include the details of area and income etc., besides the latest published census code units and the population according to latest published census.

(By order of the Governor)

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