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PART III— Acts of the West Bengal Legislature

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NOTIFICATION

No.312-L.—16th March, 2006.—The following Act of the West Bengal Legislature, having been assented to by the Governor, is hereby published for general information :—

West Bengal Act I of 2006
THE WEST BENGAL PANCHAYAT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2006.

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

[Assent of the Governor was first published in the *Kolkata Gazette, Extraordinary*, of the 16th March, 2006.]

An Act to amend the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal *Panchayat Act, 1973*, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

West Ben.
Act XLI of
1973.

It is hereby enacted in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the West Bengal *Panchayat (Amendment) Act, 2006*.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th day of September, 2005.

2. In section 7 of the West Bengal *Panchayat Act, 1973*, (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the proviso to sub-section (2), the following proviso shall be substituted:—

“Provided that if the first meeting of the newly-formed *Gram Panchayat* cannot be held before the expiry of the period of five years under sub-section (1), the State Government may, by order, appoint any authority, person or persons to exercise and perform, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order, the powers and functions of the *Gram Panchayat* under this Act or any other law for the time being in force, for a period not exceeding three months at a time or until the date on which such first meeting of the newly-formed *Gram Panchayat* is held, whichever is earlier.”

Short title and commencement.

Amendment of section 7 of West Ben. Act XLI of 1973.