

The West Bengal Panchayat (Second Amendment) Act, 2006.
(Sections 3-6.)

- (2) clause (6) shall be omitted ;
- (3) after clause (8), the following clause shall be inserted :—
'(8a) " Divisional Commissioner" means an officer appointed as such by the State Government ;';
- (4) clause (9) shall be omitted ;
- (5) after clause (15b), the following clause shall be inserted :—
'(15c) " Panchayats Development Officer" means an officer appointed as such by the State Government ;'.

Substitution of new words 'Panchayats Development Officer' for words 'Extension Officer, Panchayats'.

3. In the principal Act, for the words "Extension Officer, *Panchayats*" wherever they occur, the words "*Panchayats Development Officer*" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 16A.

4. In sub-section (2) of section 16A of the principal Act, for the words "local limits of the *Gram*", the words " local limits of the *Gram Sansad*" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 19.

5. In section 19 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), clause (l) shall be omitted.

Substitution of new section for section 35.

6. For section 35 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted:—

Staff of Gram Panchayat.

35. (1) For every *Gram Panchayat* there shall be such number of *Gram Panchayat Karmees*, as may be determined by general or special order, by the State Government and such *Gram Panchayat Karmees* shall be appointed by the Executive Officer of *Panchayat Samiti* having jurisdiction :

Provided that no post of *Gram Panchayat Karmees* shall be created or abolished and no revision of the scale of pay shall be made by the Executive Officer of *Panchayat Samiti* without the prior approval of the State Government.

(2) Subject to such rules as may be made by the State Government in this behalf, and such orders as may be issued by the State Government, a *Gram Panchayat* shall have such other employees in its establishment as may be prescribed and they shall be appointed by the Executive Officer of *Zilla Parishad* having jurisdiction :

Provided that no such post shall be created or abolished and no revision of the scale of pay of any post shall be made by the Executive Officer of *Zilla Parishad* without the prior approval of the State Government.

(3) The State Government shall make rules relating to the method of recruitment and the terms and conditions of service including the pay and allowances, superannuation, provident fund and gratuity of all *Gram Panchayat Karmees* appointed under sub-section (1) and all other employees of the *Gram Panchayat* appointed under sub-section (2).

(4) The State Government may place at the disposal of the *Gram Panchayat* the services of such officers or employees serving under it on such terms and conditions as it may think fit :

Provided that any such officer or employee shall be recalled by the State Government, if a resolution to that effect is passed by the *Garm Panchayat* at a meeting specially convened for the purpose, by a majority of the total number of members holding office for the time being:

Provided further that the State Government shall have disciplinary control over such officers and employees.

Explanation.— The provisions of this Chapter in their application to the areas of the *Darjeeling Gorkh Hill Council* shall have effect as if references to the Executive Officer of *Zilla Parishad* are references to the Principal Secretary of the *Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council*."