

## STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

No. SEC-1095/1569/CR-134/PR,  
New Administrative Building, Opp. Mantralaya,  
Madame Cama Road, Bombay 400 032,  
Dated 19th January 1995.

To

The Additional Collector,  
District Dhule,  
At Post Dhule.

*Sub.*—General Elections to Village Panchayats.

*Reference.*—Letter No.       dated the 18th January 1995, from the Additional collector, Dhule.

With reference to the abovementioned letter, the Commission hereby directs that the powers delegated to the Collectors of districts under order No. SEC/VO/EL/118/94, dated the 11th October 1994 of the State election commission, with respect to division of area of a village into Wards, determining the number of members to be elected, reservation of seats, and publication of the particulars as required under rule 5 of the Bombay village Panchayats (Number of members, Division into Wards and Reservation of States) Rules, 1966 shall continue to be valid and remain in force until superseded or modified by the Commission.

2. Although the rules are now enacted by Maharashtra Act No. LII of 16th December 1994, there is no change in the rules in respect of the matters referred to in order No. SEC/VP/EL/118/94, dated the 11th October 1994 by the State Election commission. Since the power of formation of Wards is delegated to the collector of a district, it shall be the collector who shall take decision in respect of the objections and suggestions, if any, received in respect of formation of Wards and thereafter to publish finally the wards in Form. 'A' without referring it to the Commission.

D. N. CHAUDHARI,  
State Election Commissioner,  
Maharashtra.

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The Commissioner (All divisions)

The Collectors (All Districts, except Bombay and B.S.D.)