

UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
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Dated :- 28.09.2020

ORDER

Whereas the term of Gram Panchayats of Diu District namely Bhucharwada, Saudwadi, Vanakbara and Zolawadi shall come to an end on 28.09.2020, i.e., five years from the date appointed for its first meeting and no longer and it is a matter of record that the first meeting of the above Gram Panchayats was held on 29.09.2015 in terms of sub section (1) of section 19 of Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012;

Whereas due to the expiry of the term of Gram Panchayats as above, the Gram Panchayats named above shall not continue any longer. Moreover the Election Commission for UTs vide their letter No. 7-2/EC/DDD/2020 dated 10.08.2020 has advised that the general elections to the Gram Panchayats and District Panchayat of the UT cannot be held till further orders, due to COVID-19 situation and further vide their letter No. 7-2/EC/DD/2020 dated 15.09.2020 the Election Commission for UTs has advised that it is the sole prerogative of the UT Administration to regulate the functioning of Village Panchayats and District Panchayats due to COVID-19 situation;

Whereas the notice envisaged under sub-section (2) of Section 51 of the Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012 cannot and need not be given in the peculiar circumstances of the case where the term of elected Gram Panchayats have expired and it has not been found feasible for the Election Commission for UTs to hold the elections to reconstitute the new Gram Panchayats before expiry of the earlier constituted Gram Panchayats and having completed their terms, there is no occasion for dissolution of any Gram Panchayats for which notice envisaged under clause (b) of sub-section (3) is mandatory. Hence such a notice cannot be legally given in the peculiar circumstances of the case;

Whereas it is in the public interest that the affairs of the Gram Panchayats are regulated and run smoothly for ensuring the execution of developmental works, implementation of welfare schemes and performance of essential duties cast on the Gram Panchayats by Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012;

Now, therefore, the Administrator of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu in exercise of the powers vested under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 51 of Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012, hereby appoints the following Officers to be Officer-In-Charge of the Gram Panchayats indicated against each with the authorization that such Officers shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the Gram Panchayats indicated against their names. This Order shall come into

effect from the date of expiry of the term of the concerned Gram Panchayats and shall continue to be in operation till the term of newly constituted Gram Panchayats, after elections starts in terms of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012 or till further orders, whichever is earlier:

Sr No.	Name of Official	Designation	Officer-In-Charge of Gram Panchayat
1	Shri D. B. Ahir	Superintendent(G)	Bhucharwada
2	Shri Nitin Gajwani	Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Diu	Saudwadi
3	Shri Nitin Gajwani	Principal, Govt. Polytechnic, Diu	Vanakbara
4	Shri D. B. Ahir	Superintendent(G)	Zolawadi

By Order and in the name of
Administrator of Dadra and Nagar
Haveli & Daman and Diu.

(Ashish Mohan)
Joint. Secretary (PRI),
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and
Daman & Diu

To,
The Concerned Officials.

Copy for information to:-

- 1) PS to the Hon'ble Administrator, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- 2) PA to the Advisor to Hon'ble Administrator, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- 3) PA to the Secretary PRI, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- 4) PA to the Special Secretary (PRI), Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- 5) The Collector, Daman / Diu.
- 6) The Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, Diu.
- 7) The Jt. Secretary, Department of Planning and Statistics, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, for printing in Official Gazette.
- 8) The Field Publicity Officer, Diu, for wide publicity in Hindi and Gujarati News papers of Diu.
- 9) The Block Development Officer, Diu.
- 10) Guard File.