

**UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu**  
**Office of the Joint Secretary (PRI/RD) DNH & DD**  
**Daman – 396220**

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Dated : 12.10.2020

**ORDER**

Whereas the term of District Panchayat of Daman District shall come to an end on 12.10.2020 i.e., five years from the date of appointed for its first meeting and no longer and it is a matter of record that the first meeting of the above District Panchayat was held on 13.10.2015 in terms of sub section (1) of section 64 of Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012;

Whereas due to the expiry of the term of District Panchayat as above, the District Panchayat 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 97 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 District Panchayat have expired and it has not been found feasible for the Election Commission for UTs to hold the elections to reconstitute the new District Panchayat before expiry of the earlier constituted District Panchayat and having completed their terms, there is no occasion for dissolution of any District Panchayat for which notice envisaged under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of section 97 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 District Panchayat are regulated and run smoothly for ensuring the execution of developmental works, implementation of welfare schemes and performance of essential duties cast on the District Panchayat 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 97 of Daman and Diu Panchayat Regulation, 2012, hereby appoints the following Officer to be Officer-In-Charge of the District Panchayat with the authorization that such Officer shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the District Panchayat

indicated against their names. This Order shall come into effect from the date of expiry of the term of the concerned District Panchayats and shall continue to be in operation till the term of newly constituted District Panchayat, after elections starts in terms of sub-section (1) of section 64 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 District Panchayat
1	Shri Rakesh Minhas	Collector, Daman	Daman

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.
- 6) The Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, Daman.
- 7) The Jt. Secretary, Department of Planning and Statistics, DNH & DD, for publishing in Official Gazette.
- 8) The Jt. Secretary, Official Language, DNH & DD, with a request to translate the same in 'HINDI' as mandated for publishing in Official Gazette.
- 9) The Field Publicity Officer, Daman, for wide publicity in Hindi and Gujarati News papers of Daman & Diu.
- 10) The Block Development Officer, Daman.
- 11) The SIO, NIC, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, with a request to upload the same on Official website [www.daman.nic.in](http://www.daman.nic.in).
- 12) Guard File.