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Part IV—Section 2

Tamil Nadu Acts and Ordinances.

The following Ordinance which was promulgated by the Governor on the 12th June 2004 is hereby published for general information:—

TAMIL NADU ORDINANCE No. 7 OF 2004.

An Ordinance further to amend the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920.

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the State is not in session and the Governor of Tamil Nadu is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 213 of the Constitution, the Governor hereby promulgates the following Ordinance:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities (Amendment) Ordinance, 2004.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu Act
V of 1920.

2. In the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act),—

(a) for the expression "town panchayat", wherever it occurs, the expression "Third Grade municipality" shall be substituted;

(b) for the expression "panchayat town", wherever it occurs, the expression "transitional area" shall be substituted;

(c) for the expression "TOWN PANCHAYATS", wherever it occurs, the expression "THIRD GRADE MUNICIPALITIES" shall be substituted;

(d) for the expression "town panchayats", wherever it occurs, the expression "Third Grade municipalities" shall be substituted;

(e) for the expression "panchayat towns", wherever it occurs, the expression "transitional areas" shall be substituted.

Short title and commencement.

Substitution of expressions in Tamil Nadu Act V of 1920.

Amendment of
section 3-B.

3. In section 3-B of the principal Act,—

(a) In sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the expression "population estimated at not less than five thousand and an annual income of not less than one lakh of rupees", the expression "population estimated at not less than thirty thousand" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (3), for the expression "five thousand", wherever it occurs, the expression "thirty thousand" shall be substituted.

Amendment of
section 4.

4. In section 4 of the principal Act, after sub-section (5), the following sub-section shall be added, namely:—

"(6) The State Government may, by notification, classify municipalities into Special Grade, Selection Grade, First Grade and Second Grade, for the purpose of effective administration of the said municipalities, in accordance with such norms as may be prescribed."

12th June 2004.

P.S. RAMAMOHAN RAO,
Governor of Tamil Nadu.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

According to sub-section (1) of section 3-B of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 (Tamil Nadu Act V of 1920), the Governor may, by notification, classify and declare every local area comprising a revenue village or villages or any portion of a revenue village or contiguous portions of two or more revenue villages and having a population estimated at not less than five thousand and an annual income of not less than one lakh of rupees as panchayat town for the purpose of that Act. According to sub-section (2) of the said section 3-B, in every panchayat town there shall be established a town panchayat.

2. The Government have decided that the nomenclature "panchayat town" and "town panchayat" shall be changed as "transitional area" and "Third Grade municipality" respectively. The Government have further decided that only a local area having population estimated at not less than thirty thousand shall be classified and declared as a transitional area and that in every such transitional area there shall be established a Third Grade municipality. The Government have also decided that the municipalities constituted under section 4 of the said Act be classified as Special Grade, Selection Grade, First Grade and Second Grade for the purpose of effective administration of the said municipalities, in accordance with the norms to be prescribed in the rules. To give effect to the above decisions, it has been decided to amend the said Act.

3. The Ordinance seeks to give effect to the above decisions.

(By order of the Governor)

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