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Haryana Constitution of District Planning Committee Rules, 1997Published vide Notification No. G.S.R. 57/H.A. 24/73/Sections 203B and 257/97 dated 5th August 1977No. G.S.R. 57/H.A. 24/73/Sections 203B and 257/97. - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 203B and clauses (zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv) of sub-section (1) of Section 257 of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973, and all other powers enabling him in this behalf, and with reference to Haryana Government, Local Government Department, Notification No. G.S.R. 57/H.A. 24/73/Sections 203B and 257/97, dated the 12th March, 1997, the Governor of Haryana hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

1. Short title.

- These rules may be called the Haryana Constitution of District Planning Committee Rules, 1997.

2. Definitions.

- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :-(i)"Act" means the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973;(ii)"Committee" means the District Planning Committee constituted under sub-section (1) of Section 203B;(iii)"District Planning Unit" means the District Planning Unit functioning under respective Additional Deputy Commissioner of District;(iv)"Member" means the elected or nominated member;(v)"Section" means the Section of the Act.

3. Composition.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1), (zxii)]. - (1) A Committee in each district shall be constituted to consolidate the plans prepared by the Panchayats and Municipalities in the district and to prepare a draft development plan for the district as a whole and submit these plans to State Government;(2)The membership of such Committee in district having population upto ten lacs shall

be twenty and in the districts having population more than ten lacs each, it will be twenty five :Provided that not less than four fifth of the total number of members of such Committee shall be elected by and from amongst, the elected members of the Panchayat at the district level and of the Municipalities in the district in proportion to the ratio between population of the rural areas and of the urban areas in the district.(3)In twenty five members Committee, five members to be nominated by the State Government, shall include Commissioner of the concerned division, Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District and two persons out of eminent economists and professional having experience in planning. In the case of twenty members Committee, four members shall be nominated by the State Government and shall include Commissioner of the concerned Division, Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner and one person out of eminent economists or professionals having experience in planning. Members of the House of People and Council of State and the Members of the Haryana Legislative Assembly shall be special invites to the meetings of the Committee but they shall be special invites only in one such Committee. Members of the House of People and Council of States and the members of the Haryana Legislative Assembly whose constituencies fall in more than one district shall have the option to choose one such Committee, in the meeting of which they shall be special invitees. The District Officers who will be assisting in preparation of the district plans may be taken as consultants in the Committee.(4)In every Committee the Additional Deputy Commissioner shall be nominated as ex-officio Member-Secretary of such Committee.

4. Tenure.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1), (zxii)]. - (1) The tenure of the elected members of the Committee shall run concurrently with that of Zila Parishad or a Municipality of which he is a member. The tenure of nominated member shall also run concurrently with that of Zila Parishad or Municipality, as the case may be.(2)Casual Vacancy in the Committee arising out of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled in by election or nomination, as the case may be, and any member elected or nominated to fill such a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder period.(3)Whenever a casual vacancy occurs due to death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the same shall be filled in within six months from the date of occurrence of the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these rules :Provided that when the remainder period is less than six months, it shall not be necessary to hold any election.

5. Resignation of the member.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii)]. - An elected or nominated member may resign from his seat from a Committee by writing under his hand addressed to the Chair-person.

6. Chairperson of Committee.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii)]. - (1) The Chairperson of such Committee shall be chosen by the State Government from amongst the nominated members.(2)If the Chairperson for any reason is unable to act, members shall choose from amongst other nominated members a Chairperson who shall act as Chairperson for that meeting.

7. Abolition of District Planning Board.

[Section 203B(2)]. - After the constitution of a Committee in each district the existing District Planning Board shall be abolished.

8. Providing of Secretariat Services.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii)]. - The District Planning Units headed by the Chief Planning and Development Officer will provide secretariat services to the newly constituted Committee. However, if need be, these units will be strengthened at a later stage when the planning process is initiated.

9. Quorum.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting shall be 1/3rd of the total number of members, the fraction, if any, being ignored :Provided that if at any meeting there is no quorum, the Chairperson shall adjourn the meeting to such other day as he may think fit, and the business which would have been brought before the original meeting if there had been a quorum shall be brought before, and transacted at, the adjourned meeting, whether there be quorum or not.

10. Voting.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii) and (zxiv)]. - All questions at any sitting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

11. Casting vote of Chairpersons.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - In the case of an equality of votes on any matter, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

12. Time for holding meetings.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - Every Committee shall meet for the transaction of business at least once in three months within the jurisdiction of the respective district.

13. Reports of Committee.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - (1) The Chairperson of every Committee shall forward the development plan, as recommended by such Committee, to the State Government.(2)The report of every Committee shall be signed by the Chairperson and the Member-Secretary on behalf of such Committee.

14. Power of State Government to give directions.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - (1) The State Government may from time to time issue directions to such a Committee as it may consider necessary for regulating its procedure and the organisation of its work.(2)If any doubt arises on any point of procedure or otherwise, the Chairperson may if he thinks fit, refer the point to the State Government whose decision shall be final.

15. Functions of the Committee.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - Every Committee shall, while preparing the draft development plan shall also include the following sectors :-(i)Agricultural Production.(ii)Soil Conservation.(iii)Forests.(iv)Fisheries.(v)Animal Husbandry.(vi)Marketing and Storage.(vii)Minor Irrigation.(viii)Primary and Secondary Education.(ix)District and Village Roads.(x)Health.(xi)Water Supply and Sanitation.(xii)Urban Development.(xiii)Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.(xiv)Social Welfare.(xv)Housing.(xvi)Co-operation.(xvii)Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Programmes.

16. Role of Committee.

[Sections 203B(2) and 257(1)(zxii), (zxiii) and (zxiv)]. - Since the role of this Committee in Planning process is to be indicative in nature, and real assessment of area needs are to be made by local people for the purpose of planning, this Committee shall give emphasis on infrastructure and human resource development alongwith the provision of basic socio-economic facilities with the available resources. The existing level of current expenditure be met from current revenue and additional resources provided or generated.