

Revenue Areas

3. For the purpose of this Code, the State shall be divided into divisions which shall consist of one or more districts ¹[(including the City of Bombay)], and each district may consist of one or more sub-divisions and each sub-division may consist of one or more talukas, and each taluka may consist of certain villages.

Division of State into revenue areas.

4. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the *Official Gazette*, specify—

Constitution of revenue areas.

(i) the districts ¹[(including the City of Bombay)] which constitute a division ;

(ii) the sub-divisions which constitute a district ;

(iii) the talukas which constitute a sub-division ;

(iv) the villages which constitute a *taluka* ;

(v) the local area which constitutes a village ; and

(vi) alter the limits of any such revenue area so constituted by amalgamation, division or in any manner whatsoever, or abolish any such revenue area and may name and alter the name of any such revenue area ; and in any case where any area is renamed, then all references in any law or instrument or other document to the area under its original name shall be deemed to be references to the area as renamed, unless expressly otherwise provided :

Provided that, the State Government shall, as soon as possible after the commencement of this Code, constitute by like notification every *wadi*, and any area outside the limits of the *gaathan* of a village having a separate habitation (such *wadi* or area having a population of not less than ²[three hundred, as ascertained such by a revenue officer not below the rank of a Tahsildar] to be a village ; and specify therein the limits of the village so constituted.

(2) The Collector may by an order published in the prescribed manner arrange the villages in a *taluka* which shall constitute a *saza* ; and the the *sazas* in a *taluka* which shall constitute a circle, and may alter the limits of, or abolish any *saza* or circle, so constituted.

(3) The divisions, districts, sub-division, talukas, circles, *sazas* and villages existing at the commencement of this Code shall continue under the names they bear respectively to be the divisions, districts, sub-divisions, talukas, circles, *sazas* and villages, unless otherwise altered under this section.

(4) Every notification or order made under this section shall be subject to the condition of previous publication ; and the provisions of section 24 of the Bombay General Clauses Act, 1904, shall, so far as may be, apply in relation to such notification or order, as they apply in relation to rules to be made after previous publication.

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of
1904.

¹ These brackets and words were substituted for the brackets and words "(excluding the City of Bombay)" by Mah. 47 of 1981, ss. 3 and 4.

² These words were substituted for the words " three hundred " by Mah. 8 of 1969, s. 2.