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Powers:			
3G. Meetings of Gram Sabha. – (1) The Adhyaksha of the Gram Panchayat shall convene the first meeting of all the Gram Sabhas as far as may be within sixty days. Thereafter the next meetings shall be convened on such date as decided by the Gram Sabha, however that not more than six months shall intervene between two meetings. Every meeting of the Gram Sabha shall be presided over by the Adhyaksha of the concerned Gram Panchayat and in his/her absence by the Upadhyaksha and in the	Habitation sabha: – A habitation sabha shall meet at such place as may be decided by the member of ward to transact its business at least once in six months which shall be at least one month ahead of the meeting of the gram sabha. – (8) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) or (2), an emergency meeting of the habitation may be convened by the member of the ward elected from the area of the concerned habitation whenever a natural calamity has occurred or a matter of urgent public importance has arisen and the elected members of the said habitation and the	Amendment of section 145 – 145A. Consolidation and integration of plans – 145B. Dangerous quarrying, bore wells, open wells and ponds – 145C. Biodiversity, social forestry and ecology – 145D. Knowledge management 154. Mode of making contracts.– – (1) every contract or agreement entered into for execution of works or for supply of goods or services on behalf of the taluk panchayat shall be in accordance with this section and the Karnataka transparency in public procurement Act, 1999.	– Amendment of section 178. – In section 178 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following shall be inserted, namely:- – “Provided that Adhyaksha of a Zilla Panchayat shall have the status of a minister of state and shall be entitled to receive such salary or other emoluments as may be prescribed.” – Amendment of section 184. – In section 184 of the principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following shall be inserted, namely: – – "(3) The Zilla Panchayat shall be an unit of local self Government and the state shall endow the

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<p>absence of both Adhyaksha and Upadhyaksha, by any other member elected by the members present at the meeting. If the Adhyaksha of the Gram Panchayat fails to convene the meeting when due or was necessary, the executive officer shall convene such meeting. Such Adhyaksha shall be liable to pay Rs. 1000 and give an explanation for such failure to call the meeting in the next meeting of the Gram Sabha.</p> <p>(2) Notice of the meetings shall be published in public places and other medias such as local channels of the TV, radio and newspapers, the pamphlets about such</p>	<p>Adhyaksha or the Upadhyaksha or any elected members of the concerned Gram Panchayat shall attend such emergency meeting. The Adhyaksha shall preside over such meeting and in his absence, Upadhyaksha shall preside over the meeting.</p> <p>- 3D. Meetings of the Ward Sabha.- (1) A Ward Sabha shall meet to transact its business once in six months which shall be at least one month ahead of the meeting of the gram sabha and the manner of conduct of the meeting shall be as hereinafter provided</p> <p>- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1) a special meeting of the Ward Sabha shall be convened where at least ten percent of the voters of</p>	<p>- (2) The executive officer shall execute the contract or agreements on behalf of the taluk panchayat in respect of matters which he is empowered to carry out under the provisions any law for the time being in force and such contract or agreement shall be executed up to such amount of value of the contract or agreement as may be prescribed, by the Government”.</p>	<p>Zilla Panchayat with the powers, authority, functions, functionaries and subject to availability funds as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of Local self-Government.</p> <p>- (4) It shall be the duty of every Zilla Panchayat to meet the needs of people of the Panchayat area and shall have powers to administer the matters enumerated in schedule-III and also as elaborated in responsibility map in respect of Zilla Panchayats and so far as Zilla Panchayat fund shall allow, to prepare and implement schemes for economic, social, cultural development for the realisation of social justice for all.</p> <p>- (5) The Zilla Panchayat shall</p>

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<p>notice shall be printed and distributed in the Gram Panchayat area.</p> <p>(3) The quorum for an ordinary meeting of the Gram Sabha shall not be less than one-tenth of the total number of voters in the Gram Sabha or one hundred members, whichever is less.</p> <p>Provided that if at the time appointed for the meeting if there is no quorum, the presiding authority shall wait for thirty minutes and thereafter there is no quorum, the presiding authority shall adjourn the meeting to the following day or some</p>	<p>the ward make a request in writing, specifying the subject for the meeting:</p> <p>3G. Meetings of Gram Sabha.-</p> <p>- (1) The Adhyaksha of the Gram Panchayat shall convene the first meeting of all the Gram Sabhas as far as may be within sixty days. Thereafter the next meetings shall be convened on such date as decided by the Gram Sabha, however that not more than six months shall intervene between two meetings.</p> <p>- (2) Without prejudice to anything contained in the other provisions of this section, the Adhyaksha may call for, -</p> <p>(i) meetings of Gram Sabhas for drafting plans and programmes for empowerment, separately, of the scheduled castes and the</p>		<p>meet the requirements of the Panchayat area and respond to the needs and requests of the Gram panchayat and Taluk Panchayats and provide assistance as may be necessary in the area in respect of the matters enumerated in the schedule-III.</p> <p>- (6) It shall be obligatory on the Zilla Panchayat to engage itself in the process of planning as envisaged in the Act.”</p> <p>195. Mode of making contracts.-</p> <p>- (1) Every contract or agreement entered into for execution of works or for supply of goods or services shall on behalf of the zilla panchayat be in accordance with the provisions of this</p>

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<p>other day which is not a public holiday. On such adjourned meeting no quorum shall be required.</p> <p>(4) At least ten members from each Ward Sabha within the panchayat area shall attend the meeting of whom not less than thirty percent of the members attending the Gram Sabha, shall be women and persons belonging to the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes in proportion to their population in the Ward Sabha.</p> <p>(5) The elected members of that area shall be present at every</p>	<p>scheduled tribes, women and the children to discuss issues related to each of them separately, at least once in a year before the Gram Panchayat meetings;</p> <p>(ii) special meetings of the Gram Sabha whenever a request is made by not less than ten percent of the members of the Gram Sabha specifying the subject for discussion in such request, so however that there shall be an interval of at least three months between any two special meetings;</p> <p>(iii) Special budget meetings of the Gram Sabha twice a year in the months of April and October to consider the plans and</p>		<p>section and the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999.</p> <p>– (2) The chief executive officer shall execute the contract or agreements on behalf of the zilla panchayat in respect of matters which he is empowered to carry out under the provisions of law for the time being in force and such contract or agreement shall be executed up to such amount of value of the contract or agreement as may be prescribed by the Government from time to time.</p>

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<p>Gram Sabha meeting.</p> <p>(6) The officers in the Gram Panchayat area shall attend the meetings of the Gram Sabha as may be required by the Adhyaksha and such officer of the panchayat as is specifically nominated as convener of the meeting shall assist in convening and conducting its meetings, recording proceedings in the minutes book and video-graph and all the decisions shall be recorded and shall be authenticated by the Adhyaksha.</p> <p>(7) All resolutions in respect of any subject</p>	<p>finances of the Gram Panchayat;</p> <p>Amendment of section 57.- In section 57 of the principal Act, after sub-section (1), the following shall be inserted, namely: –</p> <p>“Provided that the executive officer of taluk panchayat concerned shall decide as to whether any resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat is in contravention of the provisions of the Act or the rules made there under and submit such resolution to the Adhyaksha of taluk panchayat to take action under section 237 of the Act”.</p> <p>–</p>		

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<p>in the meetings of the Gram Sabha shall be passed by majority of the members present and voting and the Gram Panchayat shall consider such resolutions of the Gram Sabha as if its own and implement them in order of the priority indicated by the Gram Sabha.</p> <p>(8) All meetings of the Gram Sabha shall be held in a free and fair manner, with the active participation of all citizens, especially those belonging to the vulnerable sections of the society.</p> <p>(9) The procedure</p>			

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for convening and conducting the meeting of Gram Sabha shall be such as may be prescribed.			
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3H. Special meeting of the Gram Sabha.- (1) Nothing contained in section 3-G shall be construed as preventing groups of women, the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes, and the farmers and the artisan population, the youth and the senior citizens, within the Gram Sabha come together as often as may be to hold meetings among themselves and outline their needs of the group for development along			-

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<p>with suggestions of redressal, for being placed before the Gram Sabha at its regular meetings.</p> <p>Provided that needs outlined by the habitation sabha and Ward Sabha at their meeting shall be taken up at the meeting of the Gram Sabha and recorded as its own for being forwarded to be placed before Gram Panchayat.</p> <p>Provided that the needs outlined by each of such representative group at their meetings shall be taken up by the Gram Sabha and followed up as its own for being presented to the Gram Panchayat.</p>			

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<p>(2) Without prejudice to anything contained in the other provisions of this section, the Adhyaksha may call for, -</p> <p>(i) meetings of Gram Sabhas for drafting plans and programmes for empowerment, separately, of the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes, women and the children to discuss issues related to each of them separately, at least once in a year before the Gram Panchayat meetings;</p> <p>(ii) special meetings of the Gram Sabha whenever a request is made by not less than ten percent of the members of the Gram Sabha</p>			

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<p>specifying the subject for discussion in such request, so however that there shall be an interval of at least three months between any two special meetings;</p> <p>(iii) Special budget meetings of the Gram Sabha twice a year in the months of April and October to consider the plans and finances of the Gram Panchayat;</p> <p>(3) The budget allocated to the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes shall be in proportion to their population in the given Gram Panchayat and shall be decided in their special meeting of the Gram Sabha;</p>			

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<p>Provided, that the fund which is not utilised by the said Gram Sabha, the fund shall be utilised in accordance with the Karnataka scheduled castes sub-plan and the scheduled tribes sub-plan (planning, allocation and utilization of financial resource) Act, 2013 (Karnataka Act 65 of 2013).</p>			
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<p>3E. Gram Sabha.– (1) The Gram Sabha shall be the basic unit of local self-Government at the village level to ensure the direct participation of all the citizens of the village in the planning, implementation,</p>	<p>“CHAPTER IVA Duties and responsibilities of panchayat members</p> <p>110A. Duties and responsibilities of panchayat members.– It shall be the duty and responsibility of every member of the panchayat to,–</p>	<p>Amendment of section 145, – In section 145 of the principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following shall be inserted, namely:</p> <p>“(3) The taluk panchayat shall be a unit of local self Government and the state shall endow, subject to availability of funds, the taluk</p>	<p>– 175A. Members to declare assets and liabilities</p> <p>– Amendment of Section 191.– In section 191 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), after clause (d), the following shall be inserted, namely:-</p>

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<p>monitoring and evaluation of all economic, social, cultural and environmental development programmes and all central, state and district sector Government schemes implemented in the Gram Panchayat.</p> <p>(2) The functions of Gram Sabha within their respective jurisdiction, shall be to assist the Gram panchayat and shall also include the following functions namely,-</p> <p>(a) to conduct surveys or participate in rural appraisals to collect essential socio-economic data and assess the needs of residents and their requirements for the</p>	<p>(a)effectively represent the interests of every section of panchayat and local constituencies;</p> <p>(b)fairly and impartially, respond to enquiries and representation made by resident in a panchayat;</p> <p>(c)provide community leadership by representing the views of the community;</p> <p>(d)maintain the highest <u>standards of conduct and ethics</u>;</p> <p>(e)serve only in the public interest and shall never discriminate to confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person;</p> <p>(f) promote equality by not discriminating against any person, and by treating people with respect regardless of their race, age, religion, gender, sex</p>	<p>panchayat with the powers, authority, functions, functionaries, as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of local self-Government.</p> <p>(4) It shall be the duty of every taluk panchayat to meet the needs of people of the panchayat area and so far as the funds of the taluk panchayat shall allow have powers to administer the matters enumerated in schedule II and also as specified in the responsibility map in respect of taluk panchayats and to prepare and implement schemes for economic, social, cultural development for the realisation of social justice for all, in addition to the following, namely:-</p> <p>(a) to consolidate, manage and</p>	<p>"(e) carrying out the functions enumerated in schedule-III with the funds allocated by the Government to implement the duties and functions vested in the Zilla Panchayats including the following,-</p> <p>(i) providing assistance to the Taluk panchayat and Gram panchayats to ensure the safety, security, freedom and rights of all residents residing in the village.</p> <p>(ii) maintenance of community health centres and district hospitals at the district level and to perform all the functions required to the care of special categories and the differently abled including programmes for</p>

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<p>development of the village in order to enable the Gram Panchayat to compile and draw up a vision plan;</p> <p>(b) prioritise the location of installation of street lights, providing community water taps, public wells, public sanitation units, irrigation facilities and such other public amenity schemes and to identify the deficiencies and suggest the remedial measures and to report the satisfactory completion of the work, after considering the suggestions of the Habitation sabhas;</p> <p>(3) The Gram Sabha shall support all activities of the</p>	<p>or disability;</p> <p>(g) make provision to the people to gain access to information to which he is entitled;</p> <p>(h) desist from participating in any discussion, or vote, where he has pecuniary interest in any matter and withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of such matter;</p> <p>(i) scrutinize the performance of the panchayat in achieving the priorities and targets which are set; and</p> <p>(j) attend the priorities set by the Government and to decide how best those priorities can be delivered in a local context;</p> <p>(k) take part in the good governance of the area and actively encourage involvement of residents of Panchayat in</p>	<p>maintain a data base of all relevant socio-economic information and a map of all natural and other resources and assets within the area and update them periodically to include the information obtained as a result of the surveys and rural appraisals conducted in every Gram Panchayat and the surveys and data collection conducted by every taluk panchayat;</p> <p>(b) to render assistance to the Gram Panchayats for ensuring the safety, security, freedom and rights of all citizens and, in particular, the vulnerable sections of the society;</p> <p>(c) to monitor primary health centre's, taluk hospitals, veterinary hospitals and</p>	<p>the development and empowerment of women and children at district level.</p> <p>(iii) Monitor first grade colleges, Pre-University colleges, polytechnics, industrial training institutes, ashram schools, hostels, orphanages, Government industrial, technical and vocational training institutions for youth and rural artisans and education centres and to access to the information required through libraries with internet facilities.</p> <p>(iv) Promote and support Taluk Panchayat and Gram Panchayats to develop and promote tourist destinations khadi and village industries, establish food storage,</p>

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<p>Gram Panchayat in implementing the plans and schemes by, –</p> <p>(a) providing voluntary labour and contributions in cash or kind or both for development works and to supervise such development works through volunteer teams;</p> <p>(b) promoting programmes of adult education, increasing literacy, family counseling, character building and de-addiction of liquor, narcotic drugs among the youth, adults and senior citizens and education levels within the area of village;</p> <p>(c) ensuring that no traditional,</p>	<p>decision making”.</p>	<p>polyclinics in the taluk with special focus on the health needs of women, children, the aged, sick and the infirm, including implementation of child development programmes at taluk level;</p> <p>(d) to monitor Government schools, ashram schools and hostels, orphanages, Government industrial, vocational training institutions and education centre's and to perform all the functions required such as promotion of literacy and access to information through libraries with internet access;</p> <p>(e) to assist the Gram Panchayats in the establishment and development of home stays, tourist destinations, khadi and</p>	<p>processing and marketing outlets and create opportunities for self-employment and the alleviation of poverty through rural enterprises and cooperative societies.</p> <p>(v) promote and support the Taluk Panchayats to manage women's co-operative banks or societies for women separately at the taluk level to promote small business, small and medium scale industries run by woman.</p> <p>(vi) assist the Taluk Panchayat and Gram Panchayats by providing technical and material support to preserve, protect and nurture the biodiversity and ecology of the area and plan</p>

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<p>social and religious practices that denigrate the rights, dignity and freedom of any individual, especially women and children from the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes and all weaker sections, are performed in the village;</p> <p>(d) assisting in the activities of school betterment committees, Anganwadis, Mahila Samaja, Youth associations, self-help groups and organisations working for the development of the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes, other backward classes, senior citizens, the differently abled, women, children and youth in</p>		<p>village industries, food storage, processing and marketing outlets to create opportunities for self-employment and the alleviation of poverty through rural enterprises and cooperative societies including the management of the public distribution system;</p> <p>(f) to assist cooperative banks for women at the taluk level for encouraging small business, home and cottage industries by offering loans and promoting savings and to nominate three of its women members ex-officio on its committee of directors of whom one shall be a member belonging to the scheduled castes or the scheduled tribes;</p> <p>(g) to assist the Gram Panchayats</p>	<p>for social forestry and the maintenance of multi village solid and liquid waste management plants and the prevention of drilling of irrigation bore wells in the vicinity of drinking water wells to ensure adequate drinking water, especially in dry season.</p> <p>(vii) promote trade of rural agricultural and industrial products, produce and livestock, organising thoroughfares, melas, and exhibitions at the district level.</p> <p>(viii) enable the Taluk and Gram Panchayats to provide clean drinking water, toilets and power supply and provide the infrastructure required</p>

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<p>the panchayat area;</p> <p>(e) co-ordinating the activities of public health centre's in the panchayat area, especially in prevention of disease and promotion of family welfare, population control and prevention of cattle diseases and report the incidence of epidemics and natural calamities immediately to the concerned functionaries;</p> <p>(4) The Gram Sabha shall, –</p> <p>(a) ensure social justice especially for people of the vulnerable sections of the society to exercise their rights in a free and fair manner and suggest measures to the Gram</p>		<p>by providing material support to preserve, protect and nurture the bio-diversity and ecology of the area and plan for social forestry and maintenance of multi village solid and liquid waste management plants;</p> <p>(h) to promote trade of rural products, produce and livestock thoroughfares, melas, exhibitions and taluk level public markets and to perform all the attendant functions required;</p> <p>(i) to enable Gram Panchayats to provide clean drinking water and regular power supply and establish the infrastructure required to ensure the same including providing of technical assistance;</p>	<p>including the providing of technical assistance for the following, namely:-</p> <p>(a) construction of underground water re-charging structures to ensure availability of water in the drinking water wells;</p> <p>(b) the management of drinking water projects, setting up water testing labs and the development of ground water resources; and</p> <p>(c) maintain of minor irrigation schemes and the conventional and non-conventional energy units including the sale of conventional and non-conventional energy.</p> <p>(ix) identification, documentation and</p>

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<p>Panchayat and their elected members or officials of the departments, or both, so that appropriate action is taken to protect them from abuse and exploitation;</p> <p>(b) organize cultural festivals, literary activities and sporting events that promote and nurture local games, athletics, the literature, arts and culture of the area and provide opportunities for the residents to express their talents; and</p> <p>(c) impart awareness among the citizens in matters of public interest such as cleanliness, preservation of the environment and ecology, prevention of public nuisance,</p>		<p>(j) to ensure preparedness in the taluk for any disaster management by assessing the risks and developing disaster documenting and disseminating this knowledge to provide medical and other requirements for all types of possible disasters and enlisting the cooperation and participation of the Gram Panchayats and zilla panchayats, non-Government organisations and men of expertise in the relevant fields;</p> <p>(k) to promote and preserve social and cultural art forums, sports, crafts, skills and practices of all sections of the society at the taluk level;</p> <p>(l) to meet the requirements of</p>	<p>dissemination of low cost, indigenous, viable and sustainable technologies for construction of housing, schools and all public works for the use in zilla, taluk and Gram Panchayats and the planning, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, culverts, drains etc.; and the maintenance of boats, ferries and water ways at the district level.</p> <p>(x) to assist concerned authorities to implement epidemic and disaster management systems and disaster preparedness in all taluks for disaster management and villages of the district, assessing the risks and developing</p>

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<p>pollution and ensure public peace, safety and security of all people within the area of the village;</p> <p>(d) promote at village level small and medium industries, business and commercial enterprises in discussion with associations of women, youth and senior citizens and provide training and capacity building opportunities for employment and present proposals before the Gram Panchayat;</p> <p>(e) promote the revival and growth of folk arts, handicrafts, home industries and cottage industries in the village area;</p> <p>(f) be able to safeguard and preserve the traditions and</p>		<p>the taluk panchayat area and respond to the needs and requests of the Gram Panchayats and provide assistance as necessary in respect of the matters enumerated in schedule-II;</p> <p>(m) to conduct along with the urban local bodies concerned, a survey once in five years to collect essential socio-economic data, crop census and cattle census, census of unemployed persons and persons below poverty line within the area of the taluk;</p> <p>(n) to draw up with the assistance of the Gram Panchayats, its own vision plan based on its survey held consolidating the plans of all the Gram Panchayats within its area and</p>	<p>disaster protocols that include capacity building and resource availability such as medical and other requirements for all types of possible disasters and enlisting the cooperation and participation of taluk panchayats and Gram Panchayats, Non Government and experts in the relevant fields.</p> <p>(xi) promote, preserve and showcase traditional social and cultural art forms, sports, crafts, skills and practices of all sections of society at the district level.</p> <p>(xii) consolidation, management and maintenance of data base of all relevant socio-economic information and a</p>

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<p>customs of the people, their cultural identity, community resources and the customary mode of dispute resolution;</p> <p>(j) initiate action to prevent discrimination among people on the basis of caste, creed, religion and gender etc.; and</p> <p>(5) The Gram Sabha may, –</p> <p>(a) discuss and prepare the budgetary provisions, the details of plan outlay and the subject wise allocation of funds and also the details of the estimate and cost of materials of the works executed or proposed to be executed in the village area in a special meeting of all the Gram Sabhas in the</p>		<p>adding to it its own development plan covering area other than the areas covered by the Gram Panchayats in the taluk;</p> <p>(o) to implement and administer schemes subject to availability of funds such as the construction of roads and bridges and water channels, lift irrigation and minor irrigation schemes that the Gram Panchayats cannot by themselves undertake;</p> <p>(p) to promote the health, safety, education or social and economic well- being of the inhabitants, for the protection of the environment within the panchayat area and to carry out any other work or programme necessary or</p>	<p>map of all natural and other resources and assets within the area and updating them periodically to include the information obtained as a result of the surveys and participatory rural appraisals conducted in every Gram Panchayat and the surveys and data collection conducted by every taluk and zilla panchayat.</p> <p>(xiii) incur expenditure on education or medical relief within its jurisdiction;</p> <p>(xiv) provide for carrying out any work or measure likely to promote the health, safety, education, comfort, convenience or social or economic or cultural well-</p>

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<p>month of October each year;</p> <p>(b) discuss and prepare the annual statement of accounts of the preceding financial year, the last audit report and replies thereto and the panchayat jama-bandi report, action taken, in a special meeting of all the Gram Sabhas in the month of April each year;</p> <p>(6) Gram Sabha may get information from,-</p> <p>(a) the Gram Panchayat on the rationale of every decision of the Gram Panchayat concerning the panchayat area;</p> <p>(b) the Gram Panchayat on the follow up action taken on the decisions of the Gram Sabha;</p>		<p>incidental thereto;</p>	<p>being of the inhabitants of the district;</p> <p>(xv) contribute to associations of all national, state or inter-state level, concerned with the promotion of local self Government and to conduct exhibition, seminars and conferences within the district related to the activities of Gram Panchayat, taluk panchayat and zilla panchayat; and</p> <p>(xvi) render financial or other assistance to any person for carrying on in the district any such activity specified above which is related to any of the functions of the said institution.</p> <p>(xvii) to report to the concerned</p>

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<p>and</p> <p>(c) the officers of the Gram Panchayat as to the services they will render and the works proposed to be done during the next six months after the meeting of the Gram Sabha;</p> <p>(7) The decisions, views, recommendations or suggestions taken at the meetings of the Gram Sabhas shall be communicated to the Gram Panchayat for implementation subject to availability of funds and guidelines issued by the Government. The priorities set by the Gram Sabha normally shall not be changed”.</p>			<p>authority acts of illegal quarrying, drilling bore wells, excavating open wells or ponds causing nuisance or danger to the inhabitants of the area.</p>