

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

West Bengal Act XXIII of 1979

**THE WEST BENGAL PANCHAYAT (SECOND
AMENDMENT) ACT, 1979.**

[Passed by the West Bengal Legislature.]

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[4th October, 1979.]

An Act to amend the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973.

West Ben.
Act XLI of
1973.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the West Bengal *Panchayat* Act, 1973, for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted in the Thirtieth Year of the Republic of India, by the Legislature of West Bengal, as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the West Bengal *Panchayat* (Second Amendment) Act, 1979. Short title.

2. In sub-section (2) of section 94 of the West Bengal *Panchayat* Act, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for clause (iii), the following clause shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been substituted:— Amendment of section 94 of West Ben. Act XLI of 1973.

“(iii) (a) members of the House of the People and the Legislative Assembly of the State elected thereto from a constituency comprising the Block or any part thereof, not being Ministers, and

(b) members of the Council of States, not being Ministers, having a place of residence in the Block.”.

3. After sub-section (1) of section 119 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be inserted and shall be deemed always to have been inserted:— Amendment of section 119.

“(1A) There shall be a Secretary for every *Panchayat Samiti* and the Extension Officer, Panchayats shall be the *ex-officio* Secretary.”.

4. For sub-section (3) of section 125 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been substituted:— Amendment of section 125.

“(3) (a) The Extension Officer, Panchayats shall act as the Secretary to the *Artha O Sanstha Sthayee Samiti*.

(Section 5.)

(b) The members of a *Sthayee Samiti* appointed under clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 124, other than the *Artha O Sanstha Sthayee Samiti*, shall select in such manner as may be determined by the *Karmadhyaksha* one of such members to act as the Secretary to such *Sthayee Samiti*.”.

Repeal and
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5. (1) The West Bengal *Panchayat* (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979 is hereby repealed.

West Ben.
Ord. I of
1979.

(2) Anything done or any action taken under the principal Act as amended by the West Bengal *Panchayat* (Amendment) Ordinance, 1979 shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act as if this Act had commenced on the 14th day of April, 1979.
