

CHAPTER - XV

INTERNAL CONTROLS

SECTION 135: INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION.

(1) The Zila Nazim may designate Inspecting Officers to objectively examine the performance of a Taluka Municipal Administration, Town Municipal Administration and Union Administration in relation to service delivery as may be prescribed.

(2) The inspection reports shall be prepared on the specified format and forwarded to the Zila Nazim within the time fixed by him.

(3) Zila Nazim shall advise the concerned Nazim to take appropriate action on the report and inform the respective Council about the action taken thereon within thirty days.

(4) If any action is required to be taken against the concerned Nazim, the Zila Nazim may¹⁸⁰ [refer the matter to the Provincial Local Government Commission for appropriate action].

SECTION 136: ENQUIRIES.

(1) The Zila Nazim may require any Taluka Nazim, Town Nazim or Union Nazim in the District to conduct an enquiry into any matter concerning respective Local Government and submit the report alongwith the proceedings of the enquiry to the Zila Nazim.

¹⁸¹ [(1-A) Where the Zila Nazim is not satisfied with the conduct of enquiry carried out under sub-section (1), he may arrange for an independent enquiry by an officer of the District Government.]

(2) On the basis of the findings of the enquiry, the Zila Nazim shall advise the concerned Nazim to take appropriate action on the report within thirty days and place it before the respective Council for information.

SECTION 137: TRANSPARENCY.

(1) Every citizen shall have the right to information about any office of the District Government, Taluka Municipal Administration and Union Administration.

(2) Every office shall provide requisite information, if not restricted under any law for the time being in force, on the prescribed forms and on payment of such fee as may be prescribed.

(3) Information about the staffing and the performance of the office of a Local Government during the preceding month shall, as far as possible, be displayed at a prominent place within the premises of the office for access by the citizens.

SECTION 138: MONITORING BY COMMITTEES.

(1) The Monitoring Committees elected by the Zila Council shall be responsible for monitoring the functioning of the offices of the District Government and preparing quarterly evaluation reports on the prescribed format.

(2) The Monitoring Committees of Taluka Council and Town Council shall be responsible for monitoring the functioning of the offices of the Taluka Municipal Administration or Town Municipal Administration and preparing quarterly evaluation reports on the prescribed format.

(3) The Monitoring Committees of Union Council shall be responsible for monitoring the functioning of all offices of the District Government, Taluka Municipal Administration, Town Municipal Administration and Union Administration for delivery of services within its area and preparing quarterly evaluation reports on the prescribed format.

(4) The reports referred to in sub-sections (1) to (3) shall, in particular, contain evaluation of the performance of each office in relation to -

- (a) achievement of its targets;
- (b) responsiveness to citizens difficulties;
- (c) efficiency in the delivery of services; and
- (d) transparent functioning.

(5) The Monitoring Committees shall submit their quarterly reports to the respective Councils which may through a resolution require the respective Nazim to take necessary action.

(6) The Monitoring Committees shall function without intruding and interfering in the day to day working of the offices of the Local Governments and shall not cause any harassment to the functionaries thereof, nor shall assume command and control of such offices.

(7) Notwithstanding any punishment provided in any law for the time being in force, any member of the Monitoring Committee violating the provisions of sub-sections (5) and sub-section (6) shall be removed from the Monitoring Committee by the respective Council.

(8) Any functionary being aggrieved of any misbehavior, undue interference, harassment or misconduct by a member or members of a Monitoring Committee may report to the Ethics Committee of the concerned Council and may invoke disqualification proceedings against such member or members.

(9) The concerned Monitoring Committee may recommend to the competent authority the payment of bonuses or performance pay to the functionaries of the Local Governments in recognition of their efficient performance, subject to availability of funds for this purpose.

(10) The Monitoring Committee may identify inefficiency or corruption of functionaries of Local Governments and report to the concerned Nazim for appropriate action and remedial measures and the Nazim shall inform the concerned Council within thirty days of the action taken by him.

SECTION 139: ETHICS COMMITTEES (CODE OF CONDUCT COMMITTEES) OF THE COUNCILS.

(1) There shall be an Ethics Committee in each Council consisting of such number of members as the Council may determine.

(2) The Ethics Committee shall ensure adherence of all members of the Councils, Nazims and Naib Nazims to the prescribed code of ethics for promoting their honest, responsible and efficient functioning and behaviour.

(3) The Ethics Committee shall monitor the conduct of the elected representatives and report to the concerned Council the incidents of inefficiency and corruption.

(4) On receipt of a report under sub-section (3), a Council may, by resolution of the majority of its members, invoke proceedings of disqualification against such member.

SECTION 140: ZILA MUSHAVIRAT COMMITTEE.

(1) There shall be constituted a Zila Mushavirat Committee consisting of the Zila Nazim, Naib Zila Nazim and all Taluka Nazims and Town Nazims in the District.

(2) The Zila Nazim shall be the Chairman of the Zila Mushavirat Committee and the District Coordination Officer shall act as its Secretary.

(3) The Zila Mushavirat Committee shall meet at least once in every three months or as and when called into meeting by the Zila Nazim or on the request of any two members of the Committee.

(4) The functions of the Zila Mushavirat Committee shall be-

- (a) to crystalline vision for integrated development of the District,
- (b) to prioritize and co-ordinate inter-Taluka development plans,
- (c) to resolve intra-District disputes;
- (d) to muster resources for crisis management; and
- (e) to set directions for realizing economic potential of the District.

