

**Chapter - XIII**  
**District Planning Committee**

**Section 123**

- (i) In the light of the Provisions of Articles 243ZD of the constitution of India, there shall be constituted in every district a District Planning committee to consolidate the plans Prepared by the Panchayats and the Municipalities in the district and to prepare a draft development plan for the district as a whole and to exercise such other powers as may be assigned to it from time to time by the State Government.
- (ii) Every Committee shall, in preparing the draft development plan, have regard to :
- (a) Matters of mutual common importance between the municipal bodies and the Panchayats;
  - (b) Planning according to spatial particularity;
  - (c) Sharing of water and other physical and natural resources;
  - (d) Integrated development of infrastructure and environmental conservation;
  - (e) extent and type of available resources whether financial or otherwise;
- (iii) The Committee may obtain advice from such institutions and organisations as the State Government may specify.

**Section 124**

Powers of the Committee -

- (a) The Committee shall, with regard to the functions of the Government, exercise such powers as may be notified or allotted to it by the state Government under this Act;

- (b) The State Government may prescribe and notify the manner in which such powers, as are thus notified or allotted to the committee, may be exercised;
- (c) While exercising the said powers the committee shall be deemed to be body subordinate to the state government and it shall exercise those powers on behalf of and in behalf of the state government.

## **Section 125**

### Composition of the District Planning committee

- (a) The district planning committee of different districts shall consist of such number of members as may be specified by the state government by notification.
- (b)
  - (i) Three - fourth members of the total number of members shall be elected in the prescribed manner by the elected members of the zila parishad and Municipal Bodies as the case may be, of the district from amongst them.
  - (ii) The number of members to be elected from within the rural and urban areas shall bear the same possible nearest proportion, as the population of the rural and urban areas, as the case may be, bears the proportion in the district.
- (c) The remaining members of the committee -
  - (i) A minister of the Jharkhand state, who will be nominated by the State government, shall be the chairman of the committee;
  - (ii) District Magistrate / Deputy commissioner of the district who shall be the Member secretary;
  - (iii) Chief Executive Officer of the zila Parishad, who shall be the member - cum - additional Secretary;

- (iv) Chief Planning Officer - member;
- (v) Where the number of the members specified by the state Government, in the committee is -
  - (a) If 15, then 1 (one) member , and
  - (b) If 20, then 2 (two) members shall be nominated by the state government ;Provided that the tenure of office of such members shall be such as may be determined by the state government.
- (vi) Specially invited permanent members-
  - (a) Such members of the Lok Sabha and the State legislative Assembly whose constituencies fall in that district;
  - (b) Member of the Rajya Sabha, registered as voter in the district.
  - (c) Adhyaksha of the Zila Parishad and the chairman / mayor of the Municipal Bodies shall also be permanent specially invited members on the condition that they have not been elected as member of the committee ;
- (vii) Special invited temporary members the committee may nominate the experts related with its work - area as special invited members;  
Provided that such invited members may give suggestions only in their field of expertise itself and they shall not have the right to vote on any issue.

## **Section 126**

### Tenure of office of the elected members

- (i) As soon as an elected member of the District Planning Committee ceases to be a member of the municipal body or the Zila Parishad, he shall cease to be a member of the committee ;

- (ii) In any vacancy occurs due to the foregoing sub - section (i) or death or resignation, the same shall be filled up in the prescribed manner.

## **Section 127**

Functions of the Committee -

The District Planning Committee shall perform the following functions :-

- (a) Identification of local needs and objectives within the perspective of national and state goal;
- (b) Collection, compilation and updating of statistics of the natural and human resources of the district so that preparation of a decentralized plan on the basis of solid data base and preparing a blueprint of the resources of the district and blocks may be helped;
- (c) Tabulation and Sketch - mapping of the facilities available at village, block and district levels;
- (d) Policy - making and fixing of programmes and priorities for rational exploitation, use and development of the natural and human resources available in the district;
- (e) Preparing blueprints of five year and annual plans for the district, consolidating the plans prepared by the Panchayat and the municipal bodies and assigning the same to the state government for inclusion in the state - plan;
- (f) Preparing employment scheme for the district;
- (g) Estimating financial resources for monetary support to the district plan ;
- (h) Providing for finance of regional and sub - regional plans under the blue print of the entire district development planning;

- (i) Persuasion, evaluation and review of plans of the central domain, centre sponsored plan, plan of the State domain and the local area development schemes on the legislators, account, in the district;
- (j) Submission of progress reports of the plans within the district to the State Government;
- (k) Ensuring cooperation of non government organisations in the process of allround development of the district;
- (l) Identifying institutional finance related plans and programmes and tagging them with the district development plan and providing necessary financial support;
- (m) Advising the State Government regarding the important plans of the State domain in the process of the overall development of the district;
- (n) Other functions assigned by the State Government, if any.

## **Section 128**

Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Committee -

- (a) District Magistrate / Deputy Commissioner shall be the ex-officio secretary of the District Planning Committee, who will be responsible for preparing records of important matters to be laid before the Committee, for presenting the same, for issuing notices of decision and for doing causal ancillary functions;
  
- (b) The State Government may appoint the Chief Executive officer of the Zila parishad as Assistant Secretary who will discharge the functions and liabilities according to the director of the Secretary and, in his absence, that of the Secretary.

## Section 129

### Constitution of Sub- Committees -

(i) Keeping the functions of the District Planning Committee in view, the following Sub- Committees consisting of members from amongst the members of the District Planning Committee shall be constituted in the prescribed manner :

- (a) Rural development programme Sub- Committee;
- (b) Agricultural Development Programme Sub- Committee;
- (c) Urban Development Sub-Committee;
- (d) Irrigation Development Programme Sub-Committee;
- (e) Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes, other backward classes and weaker section development and women and child development programme persuasion Sub-Committee;
- (f) Employment generation and availability Sub-Committee;
- (g) Public Health and family welfare Sub-Committee;
- (h) Education Sub-Committee;
- (i) Water supply Sub-Committee;
- (j) Road and Transport, development Sub-Committee;
- (k) Sub Committee for determining use of land situated in investment area;
- (l) Sub-Committee for persuasion of the development work of the M.Ps. and Legislators Area Development Schemes;

(ii) The District Planning Committee may nominate as member in the Sub-Committee an expert of the particular field;

(iii) Every Sub-Committee may give suggestions only to the District Planning Committee on the subjects concerned;

## Section 130

### Meeting of the Committee -

- (a) The Committee shall hold meetings at least once every two months or as the State Government may specify;
- (b) The Committee shall hold meetings at district head quarters at appointed time and on appointed date;
- (c) The Chairman or in his absence the member elected by a majority of votes by the members shall preside over the meeting';
- (d) The Committee may invite the experts in the meeting;
- (e) Non - Government expert members may be given transit and other allowances as prescribed by the State Government;
- (f) The Committee may determine its own working procedure subject to the rules made therefor by the State Government and the guide - lines issued by the State Government;
- (g) Briefs of the matters to be produced before the Committee shall be Prepared by the district heads of the concerned departments like one done for cabinet meetings;
- (h) District level officers / district heads of all department must participate in the meeting of the district Planning Committee and shall perform the functions and duties specified by the State Government;
- (i) The orders issued on behalf of the State Government on the decisions taken by the district Planning Committee should be issued at the district level itself, the State Government may make appropriate rules in this regard and may also withdraw the rights delegated accordingly if it thinks proper in the interest of the nation and the State;
- (j) A cell / unit shall be set up under the control of the chief planning officer for conduct of the business concerning the District Planning Committee;

(k) The State Government, under the process of administrative decentralization and with the object of removing the intricacy of administrative work, may, besides the functions, liabilities and rights transferred to the three - tier Panchayats and Municipal bodies, delegate such functions, liabilities and rights of the State Government as it (the State Government,) deems proper, and may make rules in this behalf;

(b) An executive Committee of the District Planning Committee shall be constituted in the prescribed manner for prescribed functions, which will be headed by the District officer who happens to be the Secretary of the District Planning Committee, and the said Committee shall have as members the heads of all the departments posted in the district and others as may be prescribed. The Chief Planning officer shall be the member-Secretary of the said executive Committee.