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No.13349-I-Legis-1/2015/L.—The following Act of the Odisha Legislative Assembly having been assented to by the Governor on the 21st December, 2015 is hereby published for general information.

ODISHA ACT 16 OF 2015

**THE ODISHA DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ODISHA DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEES ACT, 1998.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the Sixty-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called the Odisha District Planning Committees (Amendment) Act, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification, appoint.

Amendment of section 2.

2. In the Odisha District Planning Committees Act, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 2, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(d) "Municipality" means a Notified Area Council or a Municipal Council constituted under the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950 or a Municipal Corporation constituted under the Odisha Municipal Corporation Act, 2003;"

Odisha Act 8 of 1998.

Odisha Act 23 of 1950.

Odisha Act 11 of 2003.

Amendment  
Of section 3.

3. In the principal Act, in section 3, —

(a) in sub-section (3), —

(i) for clause (i), the following clause shall be substituted namely:—

“(i) a Minister in the Council of Ministers of the State or a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the State representing the constituency which comprise wholly or partly any area of the district, as may be nominated by the Government, who shall be the Chairperson”

(ii) after the proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that as nearly as may be, but not less than one-half of the total number of elected members shall be reserved for women.”

(b) after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3-a) The Vice-Chairperson shall be nominated by the Government from among the elected members:

“Provided that where the Chairperson so nominated is not a woman, the office of the Vice-Chairperson shall be filled up by a woman.”

(c) for sub-section (5), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(5) In absence of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting of the Committee and in case both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson remain absent, the members present in a meeting shall choose one from among themselves to preside over the meeting.”

Amendment  
of section 4.

4. In the principal Act, for section 4 including its marginal heading, the following section shall be substituted namely:—

“Term of  
office of  
members.

4.(1) The term of office of nominated member, referred to in clause (iii) of sub-section (3) of section 3, shall be three years commencing from the date of his nomination unless removed earlier.

(2) The term of office of elected members shall be three years commencing from the date of his election unless removed earlier:

Provided that the term of office of every elected member shall be co-terminus with his membership in the Zilla Parishad or, as the case may be, the Municipality."

Amendment  
of section 5.

5. In the principal Act, in section 5, after sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be added, namely

—  
"Provided that the Committee while preparing the integrated draft development plan for the district shall take assistance of as many as Technical Committees, by whatever name called, to be constituted by the Government at the District level, Panchayats level and Municipalities level, consisting of such members which shall perform such functions as may be prescribed."

By Order of the Governor

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