

# 73<sup>rd</sup> AMENDMENT ACT OF CONSTITUTION



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**THE 73<sup>RD</sup> AMENDMENT  
BILL WAS PASSED IN LOK  
SABHA AND RAJYA  
SABHA IN 1992 .**

***IT BECAME AN ACT ON APRIL  
20, 1993 AFTER THE  
PRESIDENT GAVE HIS ASSENT  
TO THE BILLS .***



# INTRODUCTION

- ▣ *THIS ACT HAS ADDED NEW PART –IX [SCHEDULE 11 ] TO THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.*
- ▣ *THIS ACT GIVES CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS TO PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS.*
- ▣ *IT BROUGHT STATE GOVERNMENT UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO ADOPT NEW PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM.*

- ▣ *IT IS A REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT TO BUILD DEMOCRACY AT GRASSROOT LEVEL IN THE COUNTRY.*
- ▣ *IT TRANSFERS THE REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY TO PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY.*



# *SALIENT FEATURES*

- **GRAM SABHA** - THIS ACT PROVIDES FOR A GRAM SABHA AS THE FOUNDATION OF PANCHAYATI RAJ SYSTEM.
  - **DIRECT ELECTIONS**
  
- **THREE-TIER SYSTEM** - UNIFORMITY IN THE STRUCTURE OF PANCHAYATI RAJ THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

- ▣ PANCHAYAT **AT VILLAGE LEVEL.**
- ▣ PANCHAYAT SAMITI AT **INTERMEDIATE OR BLOCK LEVEL.**
- ▣ ZILA PARISHAD **AT DISTRICT LEVEL.**
  
- ▣ SOME STATES HAVING LESS THAN 20 LAKHS MAY NOT CONSTITUTE PANCHAYAT AT INTERMEDIATE LEVEL.

## ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

- ▣ ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PANCHAYAT AT VILLAGE LEVEL , INTERMEDIATE LEVEL AND DISTRICT LEVEL SHALL BE DIRECTLY ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE .
- ▣ CHAIRPERSONS OF PANCHAYAT AT THE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL SHALL BE ELECTED BY AND FROM THE ELECTED MEMBERS THEREOF.

# RESERVATIONS

- ▣ ONE – *THIRD SEATS FOR SC & ST ARE RESERVED.*
- ▣ ONE – *THIRD SEATS ARE RESERVED FOR WOMEN.*





# TENURE

- ▣ *THE ACT PROVIDES FOR 5 YEARS TERM OF OFFICE TO PANCHAYAT AT EVERY LEVEL .*
- ▣ *IT CAN BE DISSOLVED BEFORE COMPLETION OF ITS TERM .*
- ▣ *IN CASE OF DISSOLUTION ; ELECTIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BEFORE SIX MONTHS EXPIRY.*
- ▣ *ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED BY STATE ELECTION COMMISSION .*

- ▣ *THE STATE LEGISLATURE MAY AUTHORIZE A PANCHAYAT TO LEVY; COLLECT TAXES AND DUTIES .*
- ▣ *THE GOVERNOR OF A STATE SHALL AFTER EVERY FIVE YEAR CONSTITUTE A FINANCE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF PANCHAYAT .*

- ▣ *THE PRESIDENT MAY DIRECT THAT THE PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO ANY UNION TERRITARY.*
- ▣ *EXEMPTED AREA --- ACT DO NOT APPLY TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR , NAGALAND , MEGHALAYA , MIZORAM ETC....*

# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- *DECENTRALISATION OF POWERS .*
- *STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY AT GRASS ROOT LEVELS .*
- *DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES .*
- *PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN .*
- *PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE AT LOCAL LEVEL*
- *CREATE SELF-RESPECT , SELF DEPENDENCE AND CONFIDENCE .*
- *PREPARE PEOPLE FOR LEADERSHIP AT HIGHER LEVELS.*

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