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5. **Determination of seats in Island Councils:**

- (1) The number of seats in an Island Council, referred to in sub-section (1) of section 53, and the number of seats reserved therein for women referred to in sub-section (5) of section 53, shall be determined by notification, by the Administrator, published in the Official Gazette.
- (2) The number of Offices of Chief Captain reserved for women referred to in sub-section (5) of section 53, shall be determined by notification, by the Administrator, published in the Official Gazette.
- ✕ (3) Every territorial constituency referred to in sub-section 52 shall be a single member constituency.
- ✓ (4) The number of offices of Chief Captain reserved for women shall as far as practicable, be distributed in Island Councils and they shall be rotated by the Commission by draw of lots, so that it is ensured that seats are so reserved in all the offices of Chief Captain, at least once during three or more consecutive general elections

DELIMITATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND ISLAND COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES.

6. **Delimitation of constituencies:** (1) Subject to the provisions of sections 11 and 53, the area of a Village Council or an Island Council shall be as notified by the Administrator under Section 3 or 52 of the Regulation, as the case may be.
7. With regard to the Village Council and Island Council, the following provisions shall be followed while delimiting the constituencies:-
 - (a) There shall be no delimitation of Village Council.
 - (b) all constituencies of an Island Council shall, as far as practicable, be geographically compact areas, and in delimiting them regard shall be held to physical features, existing boundaries of Administrative units, facilities of communication and public convenience;
 - (c) constituencies in which seats are reserved for women in the Island Council shall as far as practicable, be distributed in the Island Council Constituencies and they shall be rotated by the Commission by draw of lots, so that it is ensured that seats are so reserved in all the constituencies of a Island Council, at least once during three or more consecutive general elections.
- (2) The Commission shall:-
 - (a) publish its proposals for the delimitation of constituencies, in the Official Gazette and also in such other manner as it thinks fit, inviting objections and suggestions in this regard;
 - (b) specify a date by which objection and suggestions to the said proposals could be made;
 - (c) consider all objections and suggestions which may have been received by it by the date so specified under clause (b), and for the purpose of such consideration, hold one or more public sittings at such place or places as it thinks fit; and
 - (d) thereafter, by one or more Orders, determine-
 - (i) the delimitation of Island Council constituencies.