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- (a) the annual statement of accounts;
- (b) the report of the administration of the preceding financial year;
- (c) the development and other programmes of work proposed for that financial year; and
- (d) the previous audit notes and replies made thereto.

(2) It shall be open to the Village General Body to discuss any or all the matters placed before it under sub-section (1) and the Village Council shall consider the suggestions, if any, so made by the Village General Body.

(3) A Village General Body shall carry out such other functions as the Administrator may, by a general or special order, require.

CHAPTER – III **VILLAGE COUNCIL**

11. (1) As soon as may be after the constitution of Village General Body under Section 3, every such Village General Body shall elect from amongst themselves the First Captain and the members of the Village Council through direct elections.

Constitution of
Village Council.

(2) A Village Council shall consist of such number of seats, including the First Captain, not being less than five and more than nine, as the Deputy Commissioner may determine.

(3) The ratio between the population of the territorial area of a Village Council and the number of seats in that Council to be filled by election shall, as far as practicable, be the same throughout the District.

(4) Not less than one-third of the total number of seats in a Village Council shall be reserved for women.

(5) Not less than one-third of the total number of offices of the First Captain shall be reserved for women.

(6) The number of seats to be reserved under sub-sections (4) and (5) shall be determined by the Administrator, by an Order published in the Official Gazette :

Provided that the offices reserved under sub-section (5) shall be allotted by the Election Commission by rotation to different Village Councils and different constituencies in a Village Council in such manner as may be prescribed.

12. (1) Every member of a Village General Body shall, unless disqualified under proviso to section 4 or any other law for the time being in force, be qualified to vote at an election to the Village Council or at a meeting of the Village General Body.

Persons
competent to vote
and be elected.

(2) Every member of a Village General Body shall, unless disqualified under proviso to section 4 or under any other law, for the time being in force, be qualified to be elected to fill up a seat in the Village Council as a member or as its First Captain or as both:

Provided that where a person is elected to both the offices of a member as well as the office of the First Captain, he shall resign either of the two offices within a period of fourteen days from the date of the publication of the result in the Official Gazette, failing which his seat in the Village Council shall become vacant.

(3) The vacancy so caused under the proviso to sub-section (2) shall be filled by holding a bye-election for the purpose.