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- (v) Area of a Village Council shall be determined by the Election commission in accordance with the number of tuhet irrespective of the size or where all the original residents of the tuhet may dwell
- (vi) Not less than one-third of the total number of the seats in a Village Council shall be reserved for women,
- (vii) Not less than one-third of the total number of offices of the 1st Captain shall be reserved for women:
- (viii) The number of seats to be reserved under sub-section-{vi} and (vii) shall be determined by the Administrator, by an order published in the Official Gazette;

Provided that the offices reserved under sections (vi) and (vii) shall be allotted by the Election Commission by rotation to different village level tribal councils & constituencies there in such manner as may be prescribed.

- 12.(i) Every member of a Village General Body shall, unless disqualified under this Regulation or any other law for the time being in force, be qualified to vote at an election to the Village level Councillor he elected to fill a seat in the said council including the office or Captain or both.

Provided that if a person is elected to both the offices of a member as well as President, 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 seats in the Village Council shall become vacant.

- (ii) The vacancy caused by the result of such resignation, shall be filled by holding a bye-election for the purpose.

- 13. A person shall be disqualified for being chosen as, and for being, a member of a Village Councillor or its 1st Captain if he

- (a) has failed to pay any tax, fee or other sum due to the Village General Body within three months from the date on or before which such tax, fee or other sum is required to be paid, or
- (b) Holds any salaried office or office of profit under the Village General Body or Village Council, or
- (c) has directly or indirectly any share or monetary interest in any work done by or to the Village Councillor or in any contract or employment with or under or by or on behalf of, the Village General Body, or
- (d) has been dismissed from the service of the Government or Gram Panchayat or Municipality for misconduct, or
- (e) has not attained the age of 35 years, or above
- (f) has been ordered to give security for good behavior under section 109 or 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 or