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Grant-in-aid to Village Panchayats
in lieu of Pilgrim Tax.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Rural Development Department
Resolution No. VPF 1378/1277/(CR 144)/XXIII-A
Mantralaya, Bombay - 400 032
Dated the 5th May 1981.

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RESOLUTION: The question of payment of grant-in-aid to Village Panchayats in lieu of Pilgrim Tax levied by them was under the consideration of Government. The issue has since been considered and decided by Government that all those Village Panchayats whose net income (i.e., after deducting the cost of Collection from the gross income) by levy of pilgrim tax is not less than Rs. 5,000/- per annum will be eligible to receive from Government, grant-in-aid equivalent to 75% of their net collection from the financial year 1981-82. Further it is also decided by Government that the Village Panchayats who are held eligible to receive the grant-in-aid will not be permitted to levy pilgrim tax and they shall ensure that atleast 50% of the amount of grant-in-aid so received by them shall be spent on the welfare of the pilgrims coming to that area. The Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Parishads are accordingly requested to bring this decision of the Government to the notice of all the concerned Village Panchayats, in their Districts.

2. The Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Parishads are also requested to communicate to Government, the amount of grant-in-aid every year payable to the Village Panchayats in their Districts through the Commissioners of Divisions concerned for making necessary provision in the Budget Estimates. The amount of grant-in-aid will be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Divisions who will, in their turn release to the Zilla Parishads for payment of grant-in-aid to Village Panchayats. The Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Panchayats) of Zilla Parishad is declared as the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for this purpose. The Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad should countersign the Bills on this account.

ISSUED ON.....

Despatch Clerk,

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(B. B. Joshi)
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To

All Commissioners of Divisions,