

CHAPTER - V

WORKING OF NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT

Introduction :

In the previous four chapters we have attempted to understand the background to the Mandal Panchayat. As pointed out in the introduction, the Mandal Panchayat institution was a newly established unit/institution through the Act 1983 with more financial powers as it was realized that due to lack of financial power, the process of development was delayed. Hence, in this chapter, the working of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat is studied.

The Act of 1983 provides for the Mandal Panchayat which considers the cluster of villages as a unit for development. In Karnataka the Mandal Panchayats are constituted in place of village Panchayats. The Mandal Panchayat consists a larger population and wider area than the village panchayats. It is the first elected tier of Panchayat Raj System in Karnataka. It is composed of the representatives of the people who are directly elected on the basis of adult franchise. After the introduction of the Act of 1983, the Nidasoshi village panchayat has renamed as Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat including other 5 villages Viz-Amminbhavi, Boragal, Kesti, Akiwat and Alur K.M. Before 1987 Nidasoshi, Amminbhavi, Borgal and Kesti had independent village panchayats..

The Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat covers 9,974-80 acres of total land area, out of which 7,846-26 acres land area is available for cultivation. It has only 722-27 acres of irrigated area. It consists a population of 13,425

out of which 6,960 are male and 6465 are female. In number of scheduled castes and scheduled Tribes population is 2240 and 6 respectively. The Geographical features of different villages of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat are as below :

1) Nidasoshi :

Nidasoshi villlage is a holy place, where Jagaddaguru Shri. Durundishwer Siddha Sanstan Math is situated. This temple attracts the bhaktas from north Karnatak and south Maharashtra. It covers 3043.02 acres of land area, out of which 2861-19 acres is cultivated and 207.17 acres irrigated area. The population o this villages is 5599 out of which 2897 are male and 2702 are female. There are 14 people who get old age pention, 29 people get handicapped allowance and 36 widows who recieve widow pension from the Government. Totally 824 red and 342 green ration cards are distributed to get foodgrains from fir price shops. There are 13 borewells and 7 wells for drinking water facilities. The malaprabha Grameen Bank is also functioning in this village.

2) Amminbhavi :

Amminbhavi is a second village which consists a population of 1738. This number includes 894 male and 844 female members. It covers 1092-26 acres of Land, out of that 1024.20 acres is cultivated and 40-33 acres is under irrigated area. There are 4 borewells and 2 water wells to supply drinking water.

3) Alur K. M. :

This village consists population of 688 out of which 350 are male and 338 are female members. It covers 1028-08 acres of land area, people of this village get drinking water from 3 borewells and 1 well for drinking water.

4) Akkiwat :

This village covers 418-34 acres of land area, out of which 404 acres is cultivated are and only 25.6 acres is irrigated land. The total population of this village is 843 which includes 428 male and 415 female members 62 scheduled castes people also live in this village.

5) Boragall :

Boragall is a second big village in size and population after Nidasoshi village. The population of this village is 2440 out of which 1287 are male and 1153 female members. The total land area of this village is 1976.10 acres. It consists 1304.35 acres of cultivated land which includes 208.04 irrigated area. The people of this village get drinking water from 10 borewells and 4 water wells.

6) Kesti :

The uppradhann of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat represents this village. The total population of this village is 2117 which includes 1104 male and 1013 female members. It has a land area of 1515-8 acres, out of

which 1345-27 acres is cultivated land and 136.05 acres is irrigated area. There are 4 borewells and 3 water wells to supply drinking water¹.

The farmers of all above mentioned villages depend on rain for their Agriculture. Sugarcane, Tobacco, Jwory, Groundnut, Paddy, Wheat, CChilli are the main crops of these villages. The following table indicates the total population of these villages as per the last four census.

Table ' L '

Population of Villages

Sr. No.	Village	1961	1971	1981	1991
1.	Akkiwat	532	622	712	843
2.	Alur K.M.	470	537	598	688
3.	Amminbavi	1,047	1,289	1,449	1,738
4.	Boragall	1,697	2,079	2,329	2,440
5.	Kesti	1,595	1,857	2,059	2,117
6.	Nidasoshi	3,861	4,486	5,256	5,599

Source : Census Register of Hukeri Tahsildar Office

NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT :

Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat has 9544 voters out of which 4963 are male and 4581 are female voters. The village wise voters of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat are as follows :

Table ' M '
Number of voters.

Sr. No.	Village	No. of voters		Total
		Male	Female	
1.	Akkiwat	295	240	535
2.	Alur K.M.	267	234	501
3.	Amminbhavi	607	577	1184
4.	Boragall	939	852	1791
5.	Kesti	763	706	1469
6.	Nidasoshi	2092	1972	4064
Total :		4963	3581	9544

Source : New voter list of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat.

Elections were conducted to constitute 2,471 Mandal Panchayats on 20th January 1987. These bodies started functioning from 1.4.1987. The Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat consists of 28 members, out of which 6 members belong to scheduled castes, 6 for women and 16 members elected from general category. Elections were held on the basis of Adult franchise. These 28 members of the Nidasoshi Mandal are elected from different villages as follows:

Table ' N '

Number of Members elected to Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat.

Sr. No.	Village	No. of members elected from						Total
		S.		T.		Others		
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1.	Akkiwat	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
2.	Alur K.M.	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
3.	Amminabavi	1	-	-	-	1	1	3
4.	Boragall	1	-	-	-	2	2	5
5.	Kesti	1	-	-	-	3	1	5
6.	Nidasoshi	2	1	-	-	8	1	12
Total :		5	1	-	-	16	6	28

Source : Records of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat.

The term of the members of the Mandal Panchayat is five years. The elected members elect among themselves one as Pradhan and one as Uppradhan. The Pradhan will preside over the meetings of the Mandal. In his absence, the Uppradhan presides over the meetings. Elections were held in the office of the Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat on 22.4.1987, under

the chairmanship of Tahasildar, Hukeri, to elect the Pradhan and Uppradhan, Act of 1983 says, a Mandal Panchayat shall meet for the transaction of business atleast once in every month. A sitting fee of Rs. 15/- per day of sitting shall be paid to each member for attending the meeting of the Manda Panchayat.²

The proceedings and records of the Mandal Panchayat are prepared and maintained by the Secretary, who is appointed by the Zilla Parishad. The Secretary has the responsibility of administrative management. The Mandal Panchayat also appoints three temporary employees to collect taxes and to assist the secretary.

According to the Act of 1983, every Mandal Panchayat is required to constitute three sub-committees by election to carry on the functions entrusted to them. These sub-committees are production committee, social Justice committee and Amenities committee. The sub-committees are constituted by the Nidasoshi MandalPanchayat in the meeting which was held on 28.9.1987. Every committee has members. The social Justice committee and production committee are headed by Pradhan and theAmenities committee is headed by the Uppradhan. All the members of the committees are paid a daily allowance of Rs. 15/- per day and per head to attend the meetings of the sub-committees.

The Pradhan of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat was a very young and a literate person. He took more interest in the development of the Mandal

Panchayat area. He attended almost all meetings of the Mandal and presided over them. He has been paid an honorarium of Rs. 300/- per month. The Uppradhan is older in age and experienced person in administrative matter than the Pradhan, as he is the retired Revenue Circle Inspector. In the absence of Pradhan he presided the meetings of the Mandal Panchayat and also the meetings of Gram Sabha. He has been paid Rs. 150/- as honorarium per month. Both Pradhan and Uppradhan are responsible for the development of the Mandal Panchayat.

In the five years period, the Mandal Panchayat met 45 times for the transaction of business. First meeting was held on 22.4.1987 in which Pradhan and Uppradhan were elected and the last meeting of the elected members of the Mandal Panchayat was held on 24.1.1992. The meetings of 28.12.1988 and 31.5.1990 were dissolved due to the requirement of quorum. In the five years period of Mandal Panchayat, totally 13 months had passed off without the meetings. Totally 3 meetings were presided by the Uppradhan and one meeting by a senior member. According to Deputy commissioner's notification No. R.T. E.L.S.M.P : C.R.5 : 1991-92 dated 19.2.1992 the Pradhan gave charge to Administrator on 23.2.1992.

The functions and the decisions of the Mandal Panchayat can be understood on the basis of its resolutions. The important proceedings which are collected from 22.4.1987 to 24.1.1992 of Nadasoshi Mandal Panchayat are given below.

Sr. No.	Subject	Date	Res., No.
1.	2.	3.	4.

I. SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER.

1.	Drilling new borewells within the Mandal. - Repair of Borewells.	29.5.1987.	3
2.	- Supply of drinking water to Amminbhavi Village.	30.7.1987.	5
3.	- To put on the pulleys to the drinking water wells.	30.7.1987.	11
4.	- To remove the pits from the surrounding the drinking water well of schedule caste area.	28.9.1987.	7
5.	- National Rural Water Scheme at Boragall Village.	27.2.1988.	7
6.	- Repair of Borewells of all Villages of Mandal.	30.5.1988.	5
7.	- Complete the work of drinking water scheme of Boragall village.	30.5.1988.	8
8.	- Repair of all damaged borewells within the Mandals.	29.6.1988.	6
9.	- Implimentation of Rural water scheme in Nidasoshi. Akiwat and Allur K.M. Villages.	29.6.1988.	12
10.	- Supply of drinking water and Roadlights to all villages within the Mandal.	27.7.1988.	11
11.	- To construct pond near Nidasoshi Polytechnic College.	27.7.1988.	16
12.	- To transfer the G.H.P. Submarcible Moter to another Borewell in Boragall Village.	10.9.1988.	4

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13.	- Regarding the rural water scheme of Nidasoshi and Kesti Village.	26.5.1989.	3(1)
14.	- To put submarcible moter to Borewell in Borogall Village.	26.5.1989.	3(3)
15.	- To supply the drinking water to Boragall Janata Houses area.	14.6.1989.	4(6)
16.	- Repair of 10 Borewells of Nidasoshi, Boragall, Amminbavi Villages.	13.6.1990.	5
17.	- Drilling new borewells within the Mandal Villages.	13.6.1990.	9
18.	- To regulate Mini water scheme of Aminbhavi Village.	27.9.1990.	10
19.	- To regulate mini water scheme of Allur K.M. Village.	27.9.1990.	11
20.	- To put public tap in scheduled caste area at Nidasoshi.	30.1.1991.	5(7)
21.	- To reparaire the Borewell of Borgall Village.	12.7.1991.	10
22.	- To repair the Submarciable Pump of Nidasoshi Village.	18.12.1991.	5(28)

II ROADS AND PUBLIC WORK :

1.	- To repair the road and drainage of Nidasoshi village.	30.7.1987.	4
2.	- Repair of the roads of all villages.	29.6.1988.	14
3.	- Main Roads and Sub-Roads of Nidasoshi, Kesti and Borogal villages should be repair and prepare tar roads.	22.10.1988.	6
4.	- To open Public Libraries in all villages of Mandal.	27.9.1989.	3
5.	- To construct the bridge on the Nidasoshi Borgal road.	29.1.1990.	



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6.	- To construct the bridge on the Nidasoshi-Nerali road near K.B. School.	29.1.1990.	22(2)
7.	- To put stone slab tiles on the roads of Nidasoshi village.	27.9.1990.	13(9)
8.	- To construct new roads : - Nidasoshi to Nidasoshiwadi. 3 K.M. - Aproach road Kesti. 2 K.M.	8.11.1990.	2(2)
9.	- Construct of Samaj Mandir at all villages of the Mandal.	30.1.1988.	11
10.	- To repair the office of the Panchayat Building.	30.4.1988.	13
11.	- Request to social welfare Department to repair the samaja mandirs of Nidasoshi, Amminabhavi, Kesti, and Borgall villages.	8.8.1991.	6

III SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY :

1.	- To number the electricity poles of the Mandal.	29.5.1987.	4
2.	- Extention of street light among the villages of the Mandal.	30.6.1987.	5
3.	- Purchase of Bulbs and tubes.	30.6.1987.	7
4.	- To put Sodium bulb at Nidasoshi.	30.7.1987.	20
5.	- Extention of street light at Nidasoshi and Boragall villages.	30.7.1987.	24
6.	- Extention of street lights among all the villages of Mandal Panchayat.	29.6.1988.	13

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7.	- Purchase of Electrical Materials like Tubes, bulbs etc.,	22.10.1988.	7
8.	- Purchase of electrical materials of streetlight of Akkiwat, Kesti, Amminbhavi & Nidasoshi villages.	13.6.1990.	5
9.	- To supply the Electricity to scheduled caste area of villages in the Mandal.	31.12.1990.	6
IV <u>AGRICULTURE</u> :			
1.	To purchase Tractor to the Mandal for Agriculture purpose.	30.5.1988.	7
2.	- To supply of Maize seeds.	26.6.1989.	3
3.	- Purchase of chemicals for seed treatment.	12.7.1991.	5.
4.	- Supply of good type of seeds to the farmers.	8.5.1991.	8
V <u>SANITATION</u> :			
1.	- Repair of drainage of Nidasoshi village	30.7.1989.	4
2.	- To appoint road sweepers on daily wages.	27.8.1987.	2
3.	- To put 'L' Type drainage in Nidasoshi village.	27.9.1990.	13(8)
4.	- Prepare list to construct latrines under ' Nirmal Gram ' Scheme.	24.11.1990.	4
5.	- Construction of Latrines for women.	12.7.1991.	8
6.	- To put 'V' type drainages in all the villages.	28.6.1989.	5(1)

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VI EDUCATION : A : Primary :

1.	- To appoint Balawadi Teachers	30.6.1987.	9
2.	- To start Anganwadi at Boragall village	30.6.1987.	16
3.	- To start Anganwadi in all the villages of Mandal.	8.8.1991.	10
4.	- To supply stone & firewood to Anganwadi all villages of Mandal.	8.12.1991.	5(3)
5.	- Provide Plots to construct of Anganwadies in all villages of Mandal.	8.12.1991.	5(4)

B : Primary :

1.	- To repair school buildings of all villages.	29.5.1987.	11
2.	- To repair the school buildings of all villages in the Mandal.	30.7.1987.	10
3.	- Regarding No.2 School building of Nidasoshi village.	30.1.1988.	5
4.	- Proper conduct and management of Primary schools in all villages of Mandal.	30.4.1988.	10
5.	- To give co-operation to prepare school garden Boragall Primary School.	20.6.1988.	8
6.	- To construct school building at Nidasoshi Akiwat roadside.	29.1.1990.	4
7.	- To construct compound wall of Nidasoshi Kannada Girls school in 1991-92 Budget.	8.8.1991.	25

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VII : HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE PROGRAMMES :

1.	- To start Primary Health Centre at Borgall village.	30.6.1987.	12
2.	- Implementation of family welfare programme.	28.11.1987.	6
3.	- Supply of nutritious food to children.	27.2.1989.	13
4.	- To start ' Akshar Shene' at Borgall village	30.6.1987.	16
5.	- To take preventive measures for cholera and gastro-enteris.	12.7.1991.	9

VIII : HOUSING :

1.	- To sanction Janata Housing sites to houseless labours in Amminabhavi.	30.6.1987.	16
2.	- Distribution of housing sites for landless and houseless labourers.	28.11.1987.	6
3.	- To provide Janata Houses.	18.12.1987.	6
4.	- Implementation of low cost housing scheme.	29.6.1988.	10
5.	- Acquiring land for the preparation of sites.	12.7.1991.	8
6.	- Distribution of housing sites for landless and houseless people of the Mandal area.	3.10.1991.	6

XI : WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES :

1.	- To provide graveyard and Janata Housing plots to Scheduled caste people.	30.6.1987.	17
2.	- To supply drinking water to the area of scheduled caste.	28.9.1987.	7

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3. - Sanction the Loan to devadasi and scheduled caste people under I.R.DP. Scheme. 18.12.1987. 8
4. - Distribute the utensils to scheduled caste people of Alir K.M. village. 30.5.1988. 11
5. - To provide graveyard to Korava people. 28.6.1989. 5(6)
6. - Drilling new borewell at Harizankeri area at Nidasoshi. 30.1.1991. 5(7)

X : SOCIAL FORESTRY :

1. - To supply plants to the farmers to develop the social forestry. 18.12.1987. 5
2. - To plant trees on the both sides of of Nidasoshi, Sankeshwar Road. 27.7.1988. 15
3. - Demand for supply of coconut plants for Janata Colonies. 29.6.1988. 5
4. - Plantation of trees beside the roads of Mandal. 28.8.1989. 5(8)

XI : FIRE AND OTHER RELIFE MEASURES :

1. - Rs. 100 Relief Assistance to a person expired due to Electricity shock in Borogall village. 30.5.1988. 6
2. - Fire Relief assistance to 1 victim of Nidasoshi village. 29.1.1990. 9(1)
3. - Relief to a victim who died because of of colapse of a wall due to Rain in Kesti village. 29.1.1990. 9(2)

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4.	- Fire Relief assistance to a victim of Nidasoshi village.	13.6.1990.	12
5.	- Fire Relief assistance to 3 victims of Nidasoshi and Boragall village.	8.5.1991.	7

XII : SELECTION OF BENEFICIARES FOR DIFFERENT SCHEMES :

1.	- One beneficiary for special component under Agricultural Department.	30.6.1987.	18
2.	- Five beneficiaries under Horticulture Department.	30.7.1987.	8
3.	- Six beneficiaries for Astravale Scheme.	28.9.1987.	11
4.	- 5 Beneficiaries for social forestry.	9.11.1987.	6
5.	- 3 beneficiaries under Horticulture department.	28.12.1987.	9
6.	6 beneficiaries for social forestry.	30.1.1988.	7
7.	3 beneficiaries for low caste housing scheme.	29.6.1988.	10(4)
8.	2 beneficiaries for special component under Agriculture department.	9.11.1989.	4
9.	Two beneficiaries under Animal Husbandry for breeding sheeps.	9.11.1989.	6
10.	5 beneficiaries under 15 % subsidy by department.	29.1.1990.	23
11.	Selection of beneficiaries to supply electricity under ' Kutter Jyoti' scheme.	29.3.1990.	7
12.	Selection of beneficiaries under I.R.D.P. Scheme.	6.6.1991.	2

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XIII : IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF TAXES :

1.	- Imposition of tax on new shops.	29.5.1987.	6
2.	- To increase the Marriage Tax .	30.1.1987.	19
3.	- To levy tax on lifting sand from Nidasoshi brokke.	30.7.1987.	22
4.	- To collect tax in the Nidasoshi fair	27.8.1987.	3
5.	- Increase of taxes on houses, shops, bicycles professions, water lighting etc.	28.9.1987.	8
6.	- Imposition of tax on the construction of new buildings.	9.11.1987.	5
7.	- To increase the house tax.	28.11.1987.	4
8.	-Imposition of tax on water supply.	14.8.1989.	6
9.	- Imposition of tax on the transfer of immovable property.	29.3.1990.	9

XIV : MATTERS CONCERNING THE MANDAL :

1.	- To get Panchayat office building on rent.	29.5.1987.	5
2.	- To appoint employees for Mandal Panchayat office.	30.7.1987.	6
3.	- To bring Kisan Vikas weekly for the office.	30.7.1987.	7
4.	- To select the members for the standing committees.	28.9.1987.	9
5.	- Approval of the 1988-89 Budget.	30.1.1988.	12
6.	- To repair the Panchayat office building.	30.11.1988.	13
7.	- Unanimous Resolution to transfer the secretary due to his irregularity to attend the office.	10.9.1988.	11

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8.	- Not to conduct the Gram Sabhas due to many reasons.	6.6.1991.	2
9.	- To seek permission from chief-Secretary, Zilla Parishad, Belgaum to buy 29 brief case for the members of the Panchayat.	8.7.1991.	28

XV : OTHER MATTERS :

1.	- To with draw the T.A. & D.A. amount of the members.	30.7.1987.	3
2.	-, Arrangements regarding the Nidasoshi Fair.	30.7.1987.	25
3.	- To appoint Security guards for the villages of the Mandal.	27.8.1987.	2
4.	- To request for more buses during Nidasoshi fair.	27.8.1987.	5
5.	- To eradicate the Public dogs.	27.8.1987.	6
6.	- To implement the famine works.	28.9.1987.	5
7.	-Members should participate in the inaugural function of Nidasoshi Polytechnique College.	9.11.1987.	2
8.	- To implement the works under I.R.D.P. scheme.		
9.	- Regarding extention of Gaonthana area of Aminbhavi village.	30.5.1988.	8
10.	- For regular supply of food grain by the Co-operative societies.	29.6.1988.	6
11.	- To reserve the place for the construction of the complex in Nidasoshi.	9.11.1989.	3

The above mentioned resolutions are concerned with the rural life. The problems like drinking water, agriculture, electricity, health and sanitation are local in nature. These problems are better known by the local people and they feel the pinch of the problem. To solve the local problems, only the local people are eligible. It is not possible to solve these problems by the state or union government because of lack of time and lack of knowledge about the local problems. The representatives of the local people can serve the locality better and they are the right persons to solve the basic problems of rural people and same has been done by the Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat.

The matters which were discussed in the meeting are concerned with health and family welfare, housing, water supply, electricity, education, sanitation, forestry, agriculture and small savings. The development schemes like IRDP, Nigila-Bhagya, Antyodaya, 100 wells programme, construction and repair of roads, Anganwadi, Balwadi, Samaj Mandir, Library and temple have been discussed in length. In all most meetings the problems relating to the registration and entry of private property has also been discussed.

Discussion over the problems of imposition, increasing and collection of taxes, appointment of temporary employees to collect taxes, repairing the Mandal office and other matters relating to Mandal office were also the subjects in the meetings. Mandal has discussed the promotion of the welfare of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, backward communities,

women and children, supply of utensils and school bags for children belonging to scheduled caste and scheduled tribes are also on the table for discussion.

The members of the Mandal Panchayat took a unanimous decision to transfer the secretary due to his irregularity to attend the office duties. Pertaining to this issue a discussion was held in the meeting of 10.9.1988 and the Secretary was transferred to other Mandal Panchayat. In the five year period of the Mandal Panchayat five Secretaries have been changed.

Table ' O '

Change of Secretaries.

Sr.No.	Name of the Secretary	D u r a t i o n	
		From	To
1.	Shri. S.H. Sarvannauer	1.4.1987.	10.1.1990.
2.	Shri. B.S. Gotekar	10.1.1990.	28.2.1990.
3.	Shri. M.K. Bolishetti	28.2.1990.	24.11.1990.
4.	Shri. P.V. Malshetti	24.11.1990.	30.11.1991.
5.	Shri. A.M. Bassayya	30.11.1991	22.2.1992.

Source - Records of the Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat.

But, from the administrative point of view, it is not fair, because the Secretary has the responsibility of administration and if he is changed oftenly, then it would definitely affect the administration of the Mandal.

The 1983 Act, under section 50 (1) provides that, a Mandal Panchayat shall meet for the transaction of business at least once in a month in the office of the Mandal panchayat. But, this provision is violated by the Mandal by avoiding many monthly meetings. In the five years period, the Mandal had not conducted meeting for 13 months. The monthly meeting of March 1991 and April 1991 were not held, which indicates continuously two monthly meetings were not held. If, meetings are not held, the power to take action against such Mandal Panchayat, what type of action is to be taken is not mentioned any where in the Act of 1983.

GRAMSABHA :

Gramsabha means meeting of villagers. The Act of 1983, highlights the role of Gramsabha te village level. All persons whose names are included in the electoral roll of the Zilla Parishad pertaining to the village, constitutes Gramsabha. All persons above 18 years old in the village are eligible to attend the Gramsabha. It is required by law to meet frequently but six monthsshall not intervene between any two meetings. The Gramsabha is presided by the Pradhan and in his absense by the Uppradhan of the Mandala Panchayat. Gramsabha has power to disuss and prepare plans for the development of the village and integration of all sections of society in the village. Gramsabha is eligible to constitute the Land Army of villagers who are able to work and who have a good physique. It is entitled to discuss

the matters like sanitation, supply of drinking water, adult education, welfare of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. It selects all beneficiaries for all beneficiary oriented programmes transferred to the Panchayat Raj System. In short, the Gramsabha has power to discuss all matters pertaining to the development of the village. It acts as a feedback to Mandal Panchayat.

The Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat consists of six villages and in all villages Gramsabha meetings are conducted. The subjects which are discussed in the Gramsabha meetings of the different villages are as below:

Date	Time	Attendance of the People	Presiding Officer	Subject discussed
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.

I. NIDASOSHI

10.6.87	10.00 A.M.	73	Pradhan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To repair the borewells. 2) Extension of Electricity pole in the village. 3) To construct the school building get the permission. 4) All roads of the village should be repaired. 5) Permanent solution of drinking water of Nidasoshiwadi. 6) Selection of 8 beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme. 7) Selection of 4 beneficiaries under Antyodaya Programme. 8) Selection of 10 beneficiaries for Austravale.
27.12.87	4.00 P.M.	63	Pradhan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Repair of drainages and Roads. 2) Mini-water Scheme for drinking water purpose. 3) To repair the samaja mandir of Harizenkeri. 4) To Repair the roads of Nidasoshi-wadi. 5) Extention of 8 Electricity pole in Nidasoshi and Nidasoshi-wadi.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
				6) To prepare compound road around the village.
				7) To increase the height of the bridge which is constructed on the Nidasoshi-Sankeshwar Road.
29.4.88	3.00 P.M.	37	Pradhan	1) Repair the bridge of Harizan-Keri Road.
				2) Repair of Samaja Mandir which constructed in Harizankeri.
				3) Repair of Pandavkeri Road.
				4) Acquire the land of R.S. No. 267 for Janata Plots.
				5) All Roads of the village should be repaired immediately.
				6) Selection of 24 beneficiaries under I.R.D.P.
				7) Selection of 5 beneficiaries under TRYSEM.
19.12.88	5.00 P.M.	63	Pradhan	1) Review of progress of the projects of the previous year.
				2) Selection of 126 beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme.
				3) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for Gobar Gas Plant.
				4) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for 100 wells scheme.
				5) Selection of 5 beneficiaries under TRYSEM.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
30.4.90	3.00 P.M.	49	Pradhan	1) Regarding bus facilities. 2) Drinking water. 3) Repair of Primary School Building. 4) Selection of 35 beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme.

II. BORAGAL

11.6.87	3.00 P.M.	47	Villager	1) Repair of Sub-marcible Moter. 2) Sanction of Primary Health Centre. 3) Repair the Roads. 4) Construction of Laterines. 5) Supply of tiles to the Primary School Building. 6) Supply of Electricity to the Primary School. 7) Construct the Pond which is sanctioned by Zilla Parishad. 8) Selection of 2 beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme. 9) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antyodaya. 10) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for low cost housing scheme. 11) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for Janata Housing Scheme. 12) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for Gobar Gas Plant. 13) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for Negila Bhagya Scheme.
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28.12.87	9.00 A.M.	42	Pradhan	1) Review of previous year projects. 2) To put slabs in Samaja Mandir. 3) Repair of all Roads. 4) To construct the Library.
29.4.88	2.00 P.M.	31	Pradhan	1) Selection of 8 beneficiaries under I.R.D.P. 2) Selection of 1 beneficiaries for Antyodaya. 3) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for L.C.H. 4) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for Janata Housing.
19.12.88	3.00 P.M.	33	Pradhan	1) Selection of 16 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 2) Selection of 5 beneficiaries for Janata Plots.
9.5.90	11.00 A.M.	30	Uppradhan	Postponed.

III. AMMINABHAVI

10.6.87	3.00 P.M.	46	Villager	1) Problem of Drinking water. 2) Supply of Electricity. 3) Repair of Roads. 4) Construction of Samaja Mandir and Resaling School. 5) Construction of Laterines. 6) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P.
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
				7) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antaya.
				8) Selection of 1 beneficiary for L.C.H.
28.12.87	12.00 Noon	30	Pradhan	1) Tar for approach road of Sankeshwar Chikodi.
				2) Repair of Ammangi-Amminbhavi Road.
				3) Drinking water.
				4) 5 Primary School Rooms should be repair.
				5) Supply of drinking water by tankers.
29.4.88	4.00 P.M.	31	Pradhan	1) Review of Previous year works.
				2) Supply of drinking water.
				3) Construction of Samaja Mandir.
				4) Repair of Main roads of the Village.
				5) Selection of 7 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P.
				6) Selection of 1 beneciary for Trysem.
				7) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antyadaya.
				8) Selection of 3 beneficiary for L.C.H.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
19.12.88	4.00 P.M.	35	Pradhan	1) Construction of Janata Houses. 2) Construction of 2 Laterines. 3) Implimentation of Mini-water Scheme. 4) Repair of Roads. 5) Repair of Drainage System. 6) Selection of 28 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 7) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for L.C.H. 8) Selection of 28 beneficiaries for Janata Sites.
9.5.88	12.00 Noon	30	Pradhan	1) Review of work done by the Mandal Panchayat. 2) Drinking water. 3) Supply of foodgraines.
IV. <u>KESTI.</u>				
11.6.87	11.00 A.M.	37	Pradhan	1) Scarcity of 3 Teachers in Primary School. 2) Construction of 3 rooms for Primary School. 3) Provide building to Government High-School. 4) Repair the Main Road and put the Tar. 5) Construction of Drainage. 6) Social Forestry. 7) To start Veternery Hospital in the village. 8) Free supply of seeds to the farmers.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 10) Selection of 1 beneficiaries for Antyadaya. 11) Selection of 4 beneficiaries for L.C.H.
27.12.87	4.00 P.M.	54	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of developmental Programmes and work of Mandal Panchayat. 2) Implementation of Mini-water Scheme. 3) Adult Education. 4) Supply of essential comodities.
29.4.88	12.00 Noon	44	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Selection of 24 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 2) Selection of 3 L.C.H. 3) Selection of beneficiary for Gobar Gas. 4) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for Astravalle.
19.12.88	2.00 P.M.	39	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Supply of drinking water. 2) Selection of 1 beneficiary for TRYSEM. 3) Selection of 7 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 4) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antayan. 5) Social Forestry. 6) Drinking water.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
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3.5.90	12.00 Noon	46	Pradhan	1) Review of Mandal Panchayat work done in previous year. 2) Bus facilities. 3) Repair of all Roads.
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V. AKKIWAT

9.6.87	11.00 A.M.	34	Pradhan	1) Repair of all borewells of the village. 2) To implement the miniwater scheme. 3) Construction of two Rooms for Primary School. 4) Extension of Electricity Poles. 5) Arrangement should be made for the visit of veterernery. Doctor and Medical Officer to the village once in a week. 6) Repair of Roads and drainages. 7) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 8) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for Antyadaya.
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27.12.87	9.00 A.M.	49	Pradhan	1) Review of work done by Mandal Panchayat Previous year. 2) To appoint lady Teacher to Balawadi. 3) Immidiata distribution of Ration cards to the people. 4) Construction of Samaja Mandir in Harizenkeri. 5) Supply of drinking water.
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
29.4.88	8.00 A.M.	20	Pradhan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Immediate implimentation of Miniwater Scheme. 2) Arrangement for 3 Rooms on Rent base for Primary School. 3) Permanent appointment of Lady Teacher of Balawadi. 4) Supply of Elcectricity. 5) The veterernery Doctor should visit the village once in a week. 6) Drilling of new borewell at the side of brooke. 7) Selection of 13 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 8) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antegodaya
9.12.88	9.30 A.M.	23	Pradhan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review the work of M.P. 2) Selection of 8 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 3) Selection of 3 beneficiaries for L.C.H.
9.5.90	3.00 P.M.	18	Villager	The meeting is dissolved by the people to protest the absence of Pradhan of Mandal Panchayat and Member of Zilla Parishad.

VI. ALUR K.M.

9.6.87	3.00 P.M.	36	Pradhan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Repair of borewells. 2) Implementation of Miniwater Scheme in the village. 3) Extention of Electricity Pools in the village.
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) To take Action to start Balawadi and Anganwadi. 5) Repair of all Roads of the Village. 6) Construction of Samaja Mandir 7) Provide the Gaonthana to construct the Janata Houses.
27.12.87	12.00 Noon	31	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One Room should be construct for the Primary School. 2) Construction of Samaja Mandir 3) Construction of compound Road for the Village.
29.4.88	11.00 A.M.	22	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review of work done by the Mandal Panchayat. 2) Selection of 2 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 3) Selection of 1 beneficiary for L.C.H. 4) Selection of 1 beneficiary for Antgodoba.
19.12.88	11.00 A.M.	24	Pradhan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Construction of Samaja Mandir 2) Construction of School Rooms. 3) Arrangement of Drinking water. 4) Give colour to school building. 5) Selection of 7 beneficiaries for I.R.D.P. 6) Selection of 1 beneficiary for L.C.H.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
30.4.90	9.00 A.M.	18	Pradhan	1) Regarding street light. 2) Joint water scheme for Alur and Akkiwat. 3) Repair the Roads.

Source: Gramsabha Tharav Pustak 1987, 1988 and 1990.

By observing the above Gramsabha meetings and subjects which are discussed, it is clear that, Gramsabha meetings are not conducted regularly and the participation of the people in the meeting is very very poor. Only few Gramsabha meetings are conducted and in the last two years, no meeting of Gramsabha was held in all six villages. In the first two meetings of Gramsabha different matters were discussed and in the last 3 meetings they selected only the beneficiaries for different beneficiary programmes of the government. The Gramsabha meetings which were held in above mentioned villages followed the provisions of the Act of 1983 only partially.

The success of the Panchayat Raj system very much depends on the financial conditions of the different bodies. Because no democratic institution will serve the people better without resources. Therefore, the

Act of 1983, establishes the " Mandal Panchayat Fund " under Section 114(1) which consists the items of taxes and fees collected by the Mandal panchayat.

According to section 114 (2) of the Act, 1983, the government shall make a grant at the rate of ten ruppees per person residing in the Mandal calculated on the basis of the last preceding census provided 25 % of the amount so granted shall be paid by the government to Zilla Parisahd. Section 116 makes a new source of income to Mandal Panchayat Fund by inserting duty on immovable property.

The following income and expenditure statements of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat from 1987-88 to 1991-92 shows, the taxes and fees collected by the Mandal Panchayat and different grants of the government and Zilla Parishad at the income side. The total funds spent for various purposes by Mandal Panchayat in the same year shows its expenditure side.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT
FOR THE YEAR 1987-88.**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	
1)	Rural Development Grant 29,500.00	Bank to Treasury	4,960.00
2)	Individual Grant 63,400.00	Repair of Roads	2,460.00
3)	Special unit Scheme Grand 820.00	Balwadi Teachers Salary	1,561.00
4)	For Akshar Sena 1,100.00	Electricity Bill	29,175.00
5)	For Astarvale 1,522.60	Others	500.00
6)	Low cost Housing 2,000.00	Honararium to Pradhan	3,090.00
7)	For Adult Education 830.00	Honararium to Uppradhan.	1,545.00
8)	To purchase wheat 50,000.00	Staff Salary	8,396.65
9)	Balance transferred from village Panchayats. 17,075.00	T.A. to Pradhan	100.00
10)	Grameen bank balance 4,960.00	T.A. to Staff	3,741.00
11)	House Tax 11,116.00	Members meeting allowance.	4,765.00
12)	Land Tax 66.00	Tea bill of meeting	425.00
13)	Light Tax 101.00	Printing & Stationary	826.00
14)	Other Tax 25.00	Electricity Deposit	14,742.00
15)	Health Tax 1,849.47	Public Sanitation	3,127.00
16)	Education Tax 1,233.49	Repair of Schools	3,731.10
17)	Library 121.60	Welcome function	522.00
18)	Tax on shops 472.65	National Flag	220.00
19)	Marriage Tax 20.00	Phone bill	1,497.00
	-----	Wheat Purchase	50,000.00
	1,86,112.84	Purchase of Electric Material	30,094.00
		Miscellaneous	2,802.20
	Opening balance 18,427.22	-----	1,68,232.70
		Closing balance	36,257.36
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	Rs. 2,04,540.06	Rs.	2,04,540.06
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT
FOR THE YEAR 1988-89**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
House tax	13,949.67	T.A.	2,442.40
Health tax	3,519.99	K.E.B. Bill	31,667.00
Education tax	2,346.66	Staff payment	17,424.00
Library tax	1,173.33	Honararium to Pradhan	2,250.00
Other tax	754.00	Members meeting allowance	4,539.00
Industrial Grant	92,900.00	Compensation	500.00
N.R.E.P.	19,000.00	Low cost housing	2,000.00
Registration fee	8,358.00	20 %	8,376.90
Fair tax	1,051.00	Miscellenous	6,768.90
Professional tax	326.00	Tea bill	80.00
Light tax	346.00	Public works	5,550.00
	-----	Purchase of Electric materials	20,994.00
	1,43,724.65	Phone bill	819.00
Opening balance	18,734.19	N.R.E.P.	14,866.00
		Deposit	827.00
		For Mahila Mandal	250.00

			1,37,144.95
		Closing balance	25,313.89

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Rs.	1,62,458.84	Rs.	1,62,458.84
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT
DURING THE YEAR 1989-90**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
House tax	30,545.55	Staff payment	21,296.60
Health tax	6,510.15	Dailywages payment	8,005.00
Education tax	3,455.10	Salary to Balwadi Teacher.	7,200.00
Library tax	2,560.50	Honorarium to Pradhan and Uppradhan	1,300.00
Individual Grant	86,500.00	K.E.B. Bill	49,694.40
Registration fee	12,527.00	Purchase of Electric Material	31,169.00
Other fees	2,791.25	Public works	16,382.00
	1,44,890.55	Phone bill	4,532.00
Opening balance	25,313.89	Paper bill	1,669.00
		Purchase of Nove. flag	1,600.00
		Office materials	4,030.00
		Other	3,012.00
			1,49,890.00
		Closing Balance	20,314.44
	Rs. 1,70,204.44		Rs. 1,70,204.44

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF NIDASOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT
DURING THE YEAR 1990-91.**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
House & Land tax	16,088.22	Administrative Expenditure	17,880.00
Water tax	2,913.00	Public works	3,870.00
Light tax	1,905.75	Civil facilities	1,02,548.00
Income of Mandal Panchayat	5,570.73	Donations	1,051.00
Grant & Donations	1,17,684.00	Others	14,434.15
Deposits	15,500.00	Special Grant	7,200.00
Special Grant	7,200.00		-----
Health tax	552.70		1,46,983.15
Education tax	220.25	Closing Balance	41,171.24
Library tax	205.30		

	1,67,839.95		
Opening balance	20,314.44		
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Rs.	1,88,153.39	Rs.	1,88,154.39
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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE NIDADOSHI MANDAL PANCHAYAT
DURING THE YEAR 1991-92.**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
House tax	5,460.00	Administrative Expenditure.	33,098.15
Light tax	700.00	Public Sanitation	49,207.50
Water tax	2,160.00	Public works	4,504.00
Grants & Donations	1,04,561.00	Civil facilities	16,852.60
Others	1,378.80	Donations	630.50
Deposits	7,200.00	Others	1,102.25
Special Grants	21,000.00	Special Grand	21,000.00
Health tax	820.00		
Education tax	546.00		
Library tax	273.00		
	----- 1,44,098.80		----- 1,26,396.00
Opening balance	41,171.24	Closing balance	58,874.04
	----- Rs. 1,85,270.04 =====		----- Rs. 1,85,270.04 =====

By observing the above income and expenditure statements of Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat from 1987-88 to 1991-92, it can be said that, the financial condition of the Mandal Panchayat was very sound. In the five year i.e. from 1987-88 to 1991-92 the income of the Mandal Panchayat from all sources including grants of government is Rs. 7,86,666.79. The average income is Rs. 1,57,333.35 per year. It collected taxes and fees every year from different items like House, Library tax and Registration fee, within five years it collected Rs. 1,58,442.43 from different taxes and fees with an average of Rs. 31,688.48 per year. In the same way it has spent huge amount for the development of area and to provide civic facilities. It has spent money for the purpose of water supply, electricity, public works, honorarium of office bearers, members meeting allowances, their T.A. and D.A. and it purchased many materials. Totally, within five years period it spent Rs. 7,28,696.80 with the average of Rs. 1,45,739.36 and at the end of five years period it has cash balance of Rs. 58,874.04. It shows clearly that the Mandal Panchayat had many financial sources, which seemed essential to spend for the progress of the area.

Although the meetings held were not regular yet one could analyse that the Mandal Panchayats were able to serve the rural people better than the former village panchayats because the number of sources of income and expenditure of the Mandal Panchayat increased considerably than village panchayat. This is clear by studying the statements of income and expenditure of 4 village panchayats which were included in the Nidasoshi Mandal

Panchayat in the year 1987. The following income and expenditure statements show the sources of income and expenditure of the former village panchayats for the year 1986-87 and how much funds they collected from different items and on what items money they spent.

I : Nidasoshi Village Panchayat (1986-87)

Income		Expenditure	
1) House Tax	9,754.00	1) General Administration	2,275.00
2) Land Tax	699.80	2) Paper Bill	335.00
3) Light Tax	1,338.20	3) Contingency	807.00
4) Professional Tax	942.25	4) T.A.	510.00
5) Health Tax	1,596.37	5) General facilities	9,667.90
6) Education Tax	1,044.13	6) Public works	1,959.00
7) Library Tax	36.16	7) National festivals	49.50
8) Other Taxes	117.02	8) 18 %	4,676.00
		9) Donations	200.00
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	15,527.93		20,480.10
Opening balance	20,354.37	Closing balance	15,402.20
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	35,882.30		35,882.30
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II: Boragall Village Panchayat (1986-87)

Income		Expenditure	
1) House Tax	3,510.99	1) General Administration	1,350.00
2) Shop Tax	280.00	2) Public facilities	5,550.00
3) Health Tax	531.63	3) Public Health	1,005.15
4) Education Tax	353.85	4) Donations	200.00
5) Library Tax	106.97	5) National Festivals	50.00
6) Other Tax	83.00		
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	4,866.44		8,155.15
Opening balance	3,970.15	Closing balance	681.44
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	8,836.59		8,836.59
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III: Kesti Village Panchayat (1986-87)

Income		Expenditure	
1) House Tax	1,391.00	1) General Administration	850.00
2) Health Tax	298.33	2) Public facilities	1,180.00
3) Education Tax	204.74	3) Public Health	312.80
4) Library Tax	93.37	4) Others	50.00
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	1,987.44		2,392.80
Opening balance	1,010.56	Closing balance	605.20
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	2,998.00		2,998.00
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IV: Amminbhavi Village Panchayat (1986-87)

Income		Expenditure	
1) House Tax	2,498.27	1) General Administration	1,208.00
2) Land Tax	1,080.00	2) Public works	650.00
3) Health Tax	1,090.72	3) Electricity bill	555.70
4) Education Tax	549.86	4) Public facilities	2,652.00
5) Library Tax	270.80	5) T.A.	515.00
		6) Sundries	362.40
		7) National festivals	25.00
		8) Donations	200.00
		9) 18 % expenditure	2,000.00
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	5,498.65		8,148.10
Opening balance	4,387.83	Closing balance	1,738.38
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	9,886.48		9,886.48
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In the year 1987 the above four village panchayats, which merged in Nidasoshi mandal panchayat in 1987, collected Rs.27,880.46 taxes and fees. They collected this amount by the way of taxes of house, land, light, health, library, education and professional tax. The above statements do not include any grants of government to the village panchayats. These panchayats spent Rs. 39,176.05 for the different purposes to develop the villages. The total cash balance of the village panchayats at the end of 1987-88 is 18,427.22

and this was the opening balance of the Mandal Panchayat for the year 1987-88. By observing the above all figures of income and expenditure of Mandal Panchayat and Village Panchayat, one could observe that, the financial conditions of the Mandal Panchayat were more sound than the former village panchayats. Because, the income of all the four village panchayats which were merged in Nidasoshi Mandal Panchayat was only Rs. 27,880.46 but the average income of the Mandal Panchayat was Rs. 1,57,333.35 and in the same way the expenditure made by the village panchayats in one year is Rs. 39,176.05 but the average expenditure of Mandal Panchayat is Rs. 1,45,739.36 per year. The total cash balance of all panchayats is Rs. 18,427.22 whereas the cash balance of the Mandal Panchayat at the end of the 5 year period was Rs.58,874.04 which is much more than village panchayat. It shows, that the financial position of the Mandal Panchayat far better than former village panchayat. It has more powers to collect money and to spend the same amount for the development of the Mandal area. The former Mysore village panchayat and Local Boards Act, 1959 had not given such financial autonomy to the village panchayat as given by the act of 1983, to Mandal Panchayats.

The Government of Karnataka has provided more sources of income to Mandal Panchayats to provide civic facilities and basic necessities of human life, for this purpose, Government has given more grants like Rural Development Grant, individual grant and grants for special schemes for the development of the locality. Due to expansion of more sources of income to Mandal Panchayat, it is possible to spend more money for constructive purpose and development/^{of} the area. Water, Shelter, and electricity are very

essential for human beings. To meet these basic facilities, the Mandal has spent huge funds within the five years period. It has constructed roads and primary school buildings. It has solved the problem of drinking water of all villages. Totally the Mandal Panchayat has been satisfactory in the around development of its area.

In 1993, the Government of Karnataka has passed a new Act that is. Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, 1993. According to 1983, Act the Mandal Panchayats which were in existence do not find any place in Act 1993. But as per the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act 1993 once again the gram panchayats have been revived. The election of Gram Panchayat will be held on 29th December, 1993. But about the work of Mandal Panchayats, their financial system will remain for long time in the minds of people in Karnataka.

Concludingly one can analyse that the Mandal Panchayat at the grass-root level of the Panchayat Raj System seemed to be a fairly successful model for the progress of the rural area. Financially it was much stronger than the former village panchayat, besides it did materialise the objective of greater participation of the local people and hence it could tackle the local problems more effectively and efficiently. Despite the success of Mandal Panchayat to such an extent, the "Mandal Panchayat" has now been replaced by "Gram Panchayat" as per the new act of 1993. In this case as the interviews conducted points out that even the public opinion with the exception of corruption charge againsts the members of Mandal Panchayat and Office bearers, the overall working of Mandal Panchayats was accepted to be satisfactory as far as overall rural development is concerned. Hence the change of this institution through the Act, 1993 does not seem to be on the basis of unsatisfactory functioning but due to a certain political reason.

The Act of 1983 was enacted by the Janata Government which was then, strongly opposed by the then opposition Congress party, within the legislature and outside too. Yet this was passed and implemented in January 1987, which continued only upto 1992. This was because in 1989 the Congress returned to power and this as a ruling party in Karnataka replaced the Act of 1983 with the enactment of Act of 1993 (Panchayat Raj Act). Hence despite its satisfactory functioning the Mandal Panchayat System was replaced purely for political reasons as stated above.

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