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#### **UNIT IV**

##### **GRAMA SABHA :**

- **Grama Sabha** is the **Sabha** of the electorate. All other institutions of the Panchayati Raj like the **Grama Panchayat**, Block **Panchayat** and Zilla Parishad are constituted by elected representatives.
- The decisions taken by the **Grama Sabha** cannot be annulled by any other body.

##### **PANCHAYAT :**

**Panchayat Union** council consists of elected ward members from the villages.

It is headed by a **panchayat union** chairperson, who is elected indirectly by the ward members of the council.

District **panchayats** in this state form the cream of the **panchayat** raj system.

##### **DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL :**

- The new system effectively **replaces the District Planning and Development Boards** in all districts and will prepare and approve district plans and capital expenditure.
- **Number and Composition-** The number of DDCs has been specified at 14 elected members per district representing its rural areas, alongside the Members of Legislative Assembly chairpersons of all Block Development Councils within the district.

##### **BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICIER :**

(i) Block Development Officer is to see that the plans and programmes approved by the appropriate authorities are executed efficiently.

(ii) He signs contracts and authenticates all letters and documents for and on behalf of the Panchayat Samiti subject to the prior approval of the appropriate authority.

(iii) He draws and disburses money out of the Panchayat Samiti Fund.

(iv) He takes steps to remove any irregularity pointed out by the auditors about Panchayat Samiti accounts.

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