

AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS

F.8(1)FCD/2023(Pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Finance Commission Division

Block No. XI, 5th Floor,
CGO Complex,
New Delhi-110003.
Dated: **29/03/2024**

To,
✓ The Accounts Officer (State- Loan),
O/o the Chief Controller of Accounts,
Department of Expenditure,
Ministry of Finance, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Release of **Rural Local bodies Basic grant (untied)** as recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV).

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of Competent Authority in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India for release of FC-XV recommended Rural Local Bodies basic grant (**untied**) amounting to a total of **Rs.6591.70 Lakh (Rupees Sixty Five Crore, Ninety One Lakh and Seventy Thousand Only)** to the State Government as per details given below;

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount	Grant component	Installment/ Year
1.	Himachal Pradesh	6591.70	RLB's Basic grant (untied)	2nd of 2023-24
x	Total	6591.70	x	x

2. The State Government (State Finance Department) is advised to ensure that the amount as per the table above is allocated to General Areas and Excluded Areas, if any (where Part IX & IXA of the constitution does not apply) within the State using population of 2011 Census with a weight of 90% and Area with a weight of 10%.

3. The States (State Finance Department) shall transfer grants-in-aid to the concerned entities within ten working days of receipt from the Union Government without any deduction.

4. Any delay beyond ten working days will require the State Government(s) to release the above grant installment(s) with interest as per the effective rate of average interest on market borrowings/State Development Loans (SDLs) for the previous year.

5. The above release of grant is based on the recommendation of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) vide their O.M. No.G-11015/150/2020-FD dated 16.10.2023. Based on the compliance to the stipulated conditions, MoPR has recommended release of grant to eligible GPs/BPs/DPs, therefore, the above grant should be distributed among the eligible GPs/BPs/DPs only.

6. Grants apportioned for **General Areas** shall be distributed as per the inter se share finalized for all tiers of Panchayats and distributed within each tier across the State on the basis of accepted recommendations of the latest State Finance Commission (SFC). However, in case of non-availability of SFC recommendation for distribution, the allocations should be on the basis of population and area in the ratio of 90:10.

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7. The above basic grants are untied and can be used by the local bodies for location-specific felt needs under the twenty nine subjects enshrined in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution, except for salary or other establishment expenditure. However, expenditure required for auditing of accounts by State Government approved external agencies may be borne from this grant.


8. The above local body grant shall be governed as per the recommendations of the FC-XV[Final Report], contained in Chapter-7 'Empowering Local Governments' and the provisions contained in the Operational Guidelines on the subject issued by the Department of Expenditure vide OM No. F. 15 (2) FC-XV/FCD/2020-25, dated 14 /07/2021.

9. PAO-State Loan, O/o the Chief Controller of Accounts, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi is requested to advise the Reserve Bank of India, Nagpur to **credit** the above amount to the accounts of the respective State Government(s).

10. The payments are adjustable in the accounts of the Ministry of Finance in Demand Grant **No. 42 - Transfers to State Government(s) for the year 2023-24** under Function Head **3601071020100, Object Head 31**, Scheme code 2084 as Grants for Local Bodies(4.01 Rural Bodies).

11. **As directed by Election Commission of India, Model Code of Conduct is in force on account of General Elections of Lok Sabha, 2024; therefore, the release of above grant will be governed by the following conditions:**

- (i) There shall be no publicity in this regard in electronic, print, radio, internet or any other media, in any form whatsoever.
- (ii) No political functionary shall make any reference in this regard during any public speech or communication to the press or public.
- (iii) These restrictions on publicity will be applicable to the Central Government as well as the State Governments concerned.
- (iv) The relevant provisions of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) issued by the Commission shall be strictly followed.
- (v) No new work shall be taken up afresh during MCC period.


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1.	The Central office, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.
2.	The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3.	The Manager, RBI, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur.
4.	The Budget Division (States Section), DEA, North Block, New Delhi.
5.	The PAO, Department of Expenditure (DOE).
6.	The Accountant General (A&E), concerned State Government(s).
7.	The Accountant General (Audit), concerned State Government(s).
8.	The Secretary (Finance), concerned State Government(s).
9.	The Secretary (Panchayati Raj Department), concerned State Government(s).
10.	Asstt. Director (Hindi Section), D/o Expenditure, North Block, N.D. for Hindi version.

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