

No.-M-11015/165/2021-FD
Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Government of India

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Dated : 6th October, 2023

To
Principal Secretary / Secretary
Panchayati Raj Department
All States

Subject:- Recommendation of Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants for FY 2023-24 onwards

The undersigned is directed to refer to the OM of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) No. 15(1)/FC-XV/FCD/2020-25 dated 29-09-2023 (copy enclosed) wherein it has been advised to recommend for release of grant only for RLBs having provisional accounts of the previous year and audited accounts for the year before previous available online.

2. Considering that the data displays in respect of “Year books closed” in eGramSwaraj and “Audit Reports Generated” in AuditOnline portals have different time lags to the acquirement of basic data, and also due to variations of figures appearing in these portal displays, MoPR has so far been recommending grants for FY 2023-24 as the total amount due to all RLBs in the State when the respective displays in the portals for these indicators reach 96% or more of the total RLBs in the State.

3. In view of the stipulation of MoF as at para 1 above, here afterwards, the following procedure is proposed to be followed at Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) for making recommendations of XV FC Untied Grans for FY 2023-24 onwards to Ministry of Finance:

For 1st instalment of the Grants

- The status of the eligibility conditions of will be checked for the States who have submitted the GTC for the previous instalment and other information in respect of compliance to XIV FC unspent balance grants etc, and will be recorded as those figures appearing in the respective portals at 12.00 Hours on 10th of every month. If these figures are more than 95%, the recommendation for the State will be processed on pro-rata basis only for that percent of RLBs which are lower of the two, namely percentage of “Year books closed for the FY” in eGramSwaraj portal and percentage of “Audit Reports Generated” in AuditOnline portal.

For 2nd instalment of the Grants

- As for First instalment with additional condition 50 % expenditure of grants received during the previous year.

For the withheld portion of the Grants

- Any withheld portion of the first and second instalments to the States for additionally qualifying RLBs will be recommended based communication from the state intimating the increased number to be corroborated by the data displayed in the eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline portals at 12.00 Hours on 10th of March of the financial year, provided more RLBs in the State have qualified by that time, compared to the initial recommendations made for the State.


(Ajay Kumar) 06/10/2023

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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F. No. 15(2)FC-XV/FCD/ 2020-25

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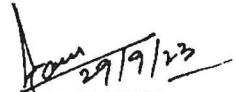
Office Memorandum

Subject:- Recommendation for release of first instalment of 15th Finance Commission Rural Local bodies grant for the FY 2023-24 to the States of Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

This is in reference to O. M. No. G-11015/150/2020-FD, dated 15th September, 2023 regarding the above mentioned subject.

2. 15th Finance Commission (15th F. C.) in Table 7.8: of its Final Report has recommended the eligibility Criteria for Rural Local Bodies to Avail Grants for the FY 2023-24 onwards which stipulates that, '*From the third year (2023-24) onwards, States will receive total grants due to the rural local bodies having both provisional accounts of the previous year and audited accounts for the year before previous and making these available online. For example, if for a particular State only 35 per cent of rural local bodies have both provisional accounts for the year 2022-23 and audited accounts for the year 2021-22 and these are available online in 2023-24, then in 2023-24, the State will receive total amount due to these 35 per cent of rural local bodies for the year 2023-24.*'

3. In the light of above criteria set up by the 15th F. C., release of grant may be recommended for the Rural Local bodies having provisional accounts of the previous year and audited accounts for the year before previous available online. In case of any discrepancy in between the eGramswaraj and Auditoronline portals, as mentioned in para 3 of the above mentioned O. M., number of Rural Local bodies as mentioned against item no. 1 or 2 or both (as the case may be) of the GTC may be taken as the actual number of bodies in existence.


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