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Finance Department – Drawal of XV Finance Commission Grant by Local Governments (RLBs and ULBs) – Revised Guidelines - orders issued

FINANCE (SFC Cell - A) DEPARTMENT

GO (P) No.50/2021/Fin.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12th March 2021

Read:

- (1) GO (P) No. 119/2015/Fin Dated 21/03/2015
- (2) D.O.No.N-19011(16)/8/2016-e-Panchayat dated 07/01/2021 from the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt of India
- (3) D.O.NoN-11025-01/2018-AMRUT-II B dated 19/02/2021 from the Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Govt of India

ORDER

The guidelines regarding the withdrawal of funds from the Consolidated Fund of the State by the Local Governments (LGs) were issued vide Government order read as 1st paper above.

- 2) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been monitoring Central Finance Commission Grants for bringing transparency in the activities of Panchayats to ensure optimal and targeted utilization of funds. The Ministry vide letter read as 2nd paper above has requested to facilitate data sharing by State Treasury software with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) application to capture fund flow of XV Finance Commission funds by sharing fund flows through Unique Agency IDs captured by PFMS. In order to increase the transparency in accounting system and better management of funds at ULB level the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs vide letter read as 3rd paper above has informed that decision was taken to link ULB accounts for 15th Finance Commission Grants with PFMS
- 3) Government, after having examined the matter in detail, are pleased to modify the present system of withdrawal of XV Finance Commission Grants by Local Governments in the following manner. The XV Finance Commission Grants would be authorized to LGs through a Government Order as is done presently and the LGs, in turn, would transfer this amount from the Consolidated Fund to the PFMS Bank account opened for the purpose within 10 working days from the date of release by the Govt of India. If the amount is not transferred by any LG within this time limit and if any interest gets charged on account of the delayed transfer, that may be made the personal liability of the Secretary of the LG concerned.

4) The Government order read as 1st paper above stands modified to that extent.

(By Order of the Governor)

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The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Accountant General (E&RSA), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department

All Secretaries Municipal Corporations and Municipalities

All Secretaries of Grama Panchayats, Block Panchayats and District Panchayats

The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director, State Audit Department, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram

The Commissioner of Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram

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