

RLB Release No. 02/2024-25
AMOUNT TO BE CREDITED IN THE ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENTS

F.15(4)FC-XV/FCD/2020-25
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
(Finance Commission Division)

Block No. XI, 5th Floor,
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New Delhi-110003.
Dated:- 07-05-2024

To

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

AS (PR)
12/3/5
Subject:- Release of **Rural Local bodies Tied grant** as recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India for the release of FC-XV recommended **Rural Local bodies (RLBs) Tied grant** amounting to **Rs. 85479.03 lakh** (Rupees Eight Hundred, Fifty-Four Crore, Seventy-Nine Lakh and Three Thousand Only) to the State Government(s) as per the State-wise details given below;

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Grant component	Installment	Year
1.	Madhya Pradesh	85479.03*	RLBs Tied Grant	2 nd	2023-24
x	Total	85479.03	x	x	x

(*) Worked on pro-rata basis for eligible bodies only. It includes Rs. 9.0192 crore of the withheld portion of the 1st instalment.

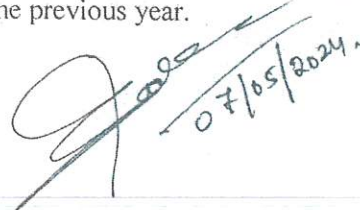
2. The State Government(s) is/are advised to ensure that the amount released is allocated to General Areas and Excluded Areas, if any (where Part IX & IXA of the constitution does not apply) within the State using population of 2011 Census with a weight of 90% and Area with a weight of 10%.

3. Grants apportioned for **Excluded Areas** (if any) as per para 2 above shall be directly transferred by the State Finance Department to the concerned Autonomous District Councils(ADC)/Village Development Boards(VDB)/Gram Sabhas(as the case may be) through the concerned Administrative Departments/nodal Departments looking after Panchayati Raj/ADC/VDB matters.

4. Grants apportioned for **General Areas** shall be distributed to eligible RLBs only 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.

5. The States (State Finance Department) shall transfer grants-in-aid to the concerned RLBs as per the procedure given in para 3 and 4 above within ten working days of receipt from the Union Government without any deduction. 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.

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6. The above FC-XV recommended RLB's Tied Grant can be utilised by the local bodies for the basic services of (a) sanitation and maintenance of open-defecation free status including management and treatment of household waste and human excreta & faecal sludge management and (b) supply of drinking water, rain water harvesting and water recycling. The local bodies shall, as far as possible earmark one half of these tied grants to each of these two critical services. However, if any local body has fully saturated the needs of one category, it can utilise the funds for the other category.

7. 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.

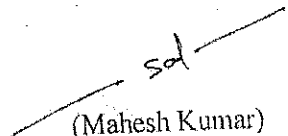
8. The State Governments/ Autonomous District Councils / Excluded Areas shall have to ensure that a separate Account of each Council/entity has been opened in any Scheduled Commercial Bank for FC-XV grant, linked it with PFMS and maintained for every transaction for the full award period.

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 2024-25 under Function Head 3601071020100, Object Head 31, Scheme code 2084 as Grants for Local Bodies(4.01 Rural Bodies).

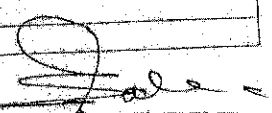
11. As directed by the Election Commission of India vide their letter No. 437/6/CG-HP/ECI/LET/FUNCT/MCC/2024, dated 23th March, 2024, release of grant is subject to the following conditions:

- (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 issued by the Commission shall be strictly followed.
- (v) No new work shall be taken up afresh during MCC period.


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Deputy Director (FCD)

Copy to:-

Sl. No.	Name
1.	Reserve Bank of India, Central office, 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).


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