

**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,  
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New Delhi-110003.  
Dated: 22/08/2024

To

The Sr. 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 (Tied grant) as recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) during 2024-25.

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.1001.33 Lakh (Rupees Ten Crore, One Lakh and Thirty Three Thousand Only)** to the State Government as per the details given below;

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	State	Amount	Grant Component	Installment /year
1.	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>1001.33</b>	RLBs Tied grant	1 <sup>st</sup> installment for 2024-25
x	<b>Total</b>	<b>1001.33</b>	x	x

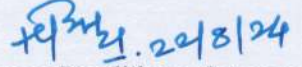
2. The State Government (State Finance Department) is advised to ensure that the amount as per the table above is allocated to General Areas and Excluded Areas, if any (where Part IX & IXA of the constitution does not apply) within the State using population of 2011 Census with a weight of 90% and Area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

4. 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.

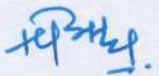
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5. Grants apportioned for **General Areas** shall be distributed to eligible RLBs only as per the inter se share finalized for all tiers of Panchayats and distributed within each tier across the State on the basis of accepted recommendations of the 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
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 Rural Local Bodies.

  
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1.	The Central office, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.
2.	The Manager, RBI, Central Accounts Section, Nagpur.
3.	The PAO (State Loan), Department of Expenditure (DOE), North Block, New Delhi.
4.	The Budget Division (States Section), DEA, North Block, New Delhi.
5.	The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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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