



**MINISTER
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Date: 7/12/2023

To,

Shri. Giriraj Singh,
Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development
& Panchayati Raj, Government of India,
Sardar Patel Bhawan
Sansad Marg, New Delhi.

Sub : Regarding release of 15th Central Finance Commission funds.

Ref : 1. Ministry of Finance, department of expenditure File no 15

(2) FC-XV/FCD/2020-2025 Dated 14.07.2021

2. Ministry of Finance, Department of expenditure Finance
Commission division, office memorandum Dt. 02.06.2022

3. Government of India Ministry of Panchayati Raj Letter No. M-
11015/161/2020FD Dt. 07.06.2022

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned letter No. 1 the 15th Central Finance Commission will be disburse RS 22713 crore to the State of Maharashtra for the period of 2021-22 to 2025-26.

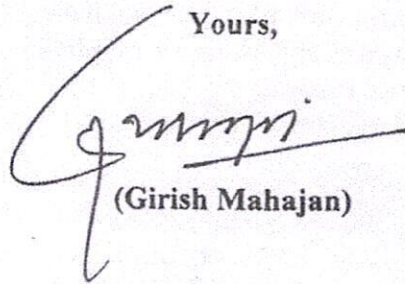
It has been informed by Government of India vide their letters under reference no 2 and 3 that the rural local self-government bodies which are managed through elected public representatives (duty constituted bodies) will be eligible to get the fund of the 15th Finance Commission. 15th Central Finance Commission funds will not be disbursed to rural local self-government bodies in which the administrators are in charge due to no elections.

Due to the filing of a suit No. 1975/2021 in the Supreme Court regarding the reservation of people's representatives in the rural local self-government bodies from other backward class categories, the elections could not be held in the Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samitis since March, 2022 whose tenure got over. At present, administrators are in charge in 26 Zilla Parishads and 289 Panchayat Samitis in the state. Elections for the Gram Panchayats whose tenure got over are being held regularly. Implying that in the year 2022-23 RS 764.299 crore funds was not received due to no elections in such bodies.

Although administrators are in-charge in the rural local self-Government bodies, the development works are going a continuously, these works are done through the administrators. The funds of the 15th Finance Commission are allocated for basic purpose. Due to non-availability of Tied fund, these rural local self-government bodies cannot carry out the basic works like sanitation, drinking water supply, rainwater harvesting and water recycling. Also excluding the staff salary and establishment matters of the rural local self-government bodies, the Untied funds are spent on other local needs.

It is therefore requested that Maharashtra states get full funding of the subsidy recommended for the strengthening of rural local self-government bodies during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 as per the recommendations of the 15th Central Finance Commission vide File No 15 (2) FC-XV/FCD/2020-2025 Dated 14.07.2021.

Yours,

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(Girish Mahajan)