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Subject: Request for Release of 15th Finance Commission Grants to Rural Local Bodies in Maharashtra.

Respected Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman ji,

As per the Fifteenth Finance Commission's final report for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 (paragraph 7.62 of Chapter 7), grants were recommended only for duly constituted Rural Local Bodies (RLBs). However, local body elections for 26 Zilla Parishads and 289 Panchayat Samitis in Maharashtra have been delayed due to a stay order issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. As a result, these rural local bodies have not received Rs. 2453 crore grant from the Fifteenth Finance Commission since 2021-22.

During a review meeting, the Rural Development Department brought to my attention that, in the absence of timely release of central funds, the progress of several schemes has been drastically affected. The lack of funds is a serious obstacle to undertaking development works by these rural local bodies.

Considering the situation, I request you to kindly review the matter and initiate the release of the 15th Finance Commission grants to Rural Local Bodies in Maharashtra.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Devendra Fadnavis)

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