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**Subject:** Request for Release of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grants to Rural Local Bodies in Maharashtra.

**Respected Shri. Narendra Modi ji,**

I would like to express my gratitude for the continuous support given to the development of the State and upliftment of the common man of Maharashtra. We are putting our best efforts to build a strong State economy and lead towards a "*Viksit Maharashtra for a Viksit Bharat*".

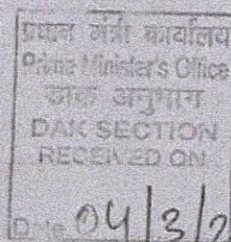
As India aspires to become a fully developed nation by 2047, the call to focus on rural development becomes more urgent than ever. For this, The Finance Commission of India has been playing a crucial role in strengthening grassroot democracy through development of Rural Local Bodies.

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. This issue was brought to the notice of Hon'ble Finance Minister, GOI but since the matter is still pending in Hon'ble Supreme Court, the state could not receive the grant from the Finance Commission.

The state along with the State Election Commission is pursuing the case in the Hon'ble Supreme Court continuously to get the stay order vacated, so that elections to these local bodies can be held. The State is fully committed to restore these RLBs once the matter is cleared by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. I would like to humbly submit that, in the absence of timely release of central funds, the progress of several schemes has been drastically affected.

Considering this exceptional situation, I humbly urge you to kindly resolve this impasse by directing the Finance Commission to release the grants due to the State at the earliest.

With warm regards,



Yours sincerely,

(Devendra Fadnavis)

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