

LOCAL BODIES

Issues on which detailed Notes are required

1. What is the status of setting up of SFCs? The award period may be specified. The principles laid down by the last SFC (for which recommendations are being currently implemented or have been implemented) for assignment of taxes/devolution/grants-in-aid to PRIs and ULBs and the implementation of these SFC recommendations may be given in detail. (See Schedule-1) If any of the recommendations have not been accepted, please provide reasons.
2. The amounts recommended by SFCs under different categories of transfers (such as assignments of taxes, devolution, grants-in-aid) and on own tax and non-tax domain.
3. The impact on the Consolidated Fund of the State on account of implementation of SFC recommendations. Annual financial implication of accepting each of the recommendations. The impact on the Consolidated Fund of the SFC recommendations accepted by the State Government. Efforts made to raise revenues to meet the additional requirement and results thereof.
4. Are adjustments made by the State Governments against the funds to be devolved to local bodies as per State Finance Commission recommendations for any reason, including recovery of arrears of dues for electricity and water supply. How many such instances have there been since 2002-03? Details may be given.
5. What is the status of implementation of recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission? Efforts made to raise resources of Local Bodies for pursuance and results thereof – Utilisation of grants recommended by EFC – Arrangements for maintenance of accounts of Village level Panchayats and Intermediate level Panchayats – Status of creation of data base relating to the finances of local bodies – Arrangements made for audit of Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies and status thereof.
6. What is the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission? Has a permanent SFC Cell been seated? On how many occasions was interest paid by the State Government on account of delays in passing on TFC grants to local bodies? What is the status of recovery of O&M costs related to water supply? The number of water supply schemes taken over by Panchayats since 2005-06? Details of PPP/other mechanisms to develop and enhance services for solid waste management in ULBs. Whether any methods like GIS have been used for mapping of properties in urban areas and use of computerisation in financial management? Whether suggestions made by TFC in respect of SFCs in paras 8.29 to 8.37 and 8.54 of the Report have been adopted? Details may be given.
7. Market borrowing by local bodies – whether permitted? If so, borrowings and outstanding liabilities during the last five years may be furnished. Details of Guarantees given to Local Bodies over this period may also be given. Have there been any defaults requiring budgetary support? If so, details may be given.