

Minutes of the first High Level Committee meeting held on 23.02.2006 at the conference hall in block -C , III rd Floor for Local Bodies under the award Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC).

The list of officers present in the meeting appended herewith.

As desired by Chief Secretary the meeting was presided over by the Additional Chief Secretary, Shri P.C Sarma . The Commissioner & Secretary , Finance Department Shri H.S.Das welcomed the Chairman and others participants . He initiated the discussion by giving a brief account of amount of the grants recommended by the Twelfth Finance Commission and the guidelines for utilization of the same as received from M.O.F, Govt, of India. The Chairman impressed upon all for timely utilization of the grants for the purpose of which they have been given strictly in accordance with the guidelines given by the M.O.F , G.O.I.

After detail discussion of the schemes and the programme formulated by the concerned Departments for Utilization of the TFC grants, the High Level Committee approved the following action plans for the year 2005-06 and for the period 2006-07 to 2009-10 between General Areas and VI th schedules areas for both Rural and Urban local bodies .

(A) Rural Local Bodies (Rs. 105.20 Crores)

Allocation of fund against the Rural Local Bodies under the award of the Twelfth Finance Commission during the year 2005-06 are shown as follows :

Sl No	Schemes	General Areas	Sixth Schedule (i) BTC Areas	Sixth Schedule (ii) Hills Areas
1	For Maintenance of Accounts	@ Rs. 15,000/ for each GP	@ Rs. 50,000/ each Block	@ Rs. 50,000/ each Block
2	For Maintenance of Accounts	@ Rs.50000/ for each ZP		
3	For Maintenance of Accounts	@ Rs.15,000/ for each AP		
4	For Creation of Data Base (Computerization)	@ Rs.25,000/ for each ZP/AP/GP	@ Rs 1.00 lakh each Block	Rs. 1.00 lakh each Block
5	Construction of the Blocks Building for computers rooms		@ Rs.2.00 for each Block	@ Rs.3.00 for each Block
6	Restructuring of the hats, ghats and other income-generating source.	@ Rs 5.00 lakh for each AP.	@ Rs 10.00 lakh for each Block	Rs. 3.00 lakh for each Block
7	Expenditure on the O& M costs of Water Supply and sanitation			

The High Level committee suggested that the P& R Development Deptt. may transfer the fund through banking systems in ZPs/APs /GPs level and blocks in VI Schedule Areas. The H.L.C also suggested the C.E.O, Zilla Parishad to submit information in time as and when Finance Department require.

The High Level Committee suggested the P&RD Department to implement the Swajaldhara programme though activating mapping with the concerning Department. The PHE Department has already constituted the bodies in the interest

of implementation of Swajaldhara programme vide Notification PHED 27/2003/Pt II/8 dated 31.12.2005. The H.L.C also suggested that Finance Department released the fund in respect of database under the award of EFC to make it freely available through V-SAT. So Finance Department requested the concerning Department to arrange infrastructure in case of database to continue the fund of the Twelfth Finance Commission as per allocation.

(B) Urban Local Bodies (Rs. 11.00 crore)

Allocation of fund against the Urban Local Bodies under the award of the Twelfth Finance Commission during the year 2005-06 are shown as follows:

Sl No	Items/ Schemes	Normal (69 nos of ULBs and one MC)	Sixth Schedule (i) BTC (6 Nos of ULBs)	Areas (ii) Hills Districts (10 Nos of ULBs)
1.	Maintenance Accounts	@ Rs.20, 000/ for each ULBs and GMC @ Rs.10.00 lakh	@ Rs.20, 000/ for each ULBs	@ Rs.20, 000/ for each ULBs
2.	Creation Data base	@ Rs 1.00 lakh each ULBs and GMC @ Rs.50.00 lakh .	@ Rs 1.00 lakh each ULBs	@ Rs 1.00 lakh each ULBs
3.	Solid waste management through public – private partnership and transportation of solid waste / Other income generating sources			

The Commissioner & Secretary, UDD pointed out that there is a Supreme Court order for dispensing with manual scavenging. The H.L.C advised that UDD may formulate appropriate schemes to implement the Supreme Court's order within the admit of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of finance, G.O.I for utilization of the TFC grants. The UDD may purchase the Tractor with trailer, chess pool and among the ULBs from their allocation fund under the award of TFC.

The Commissioner & Secretary UDD requested to include Teok, TC in the list of ULBs and the allocation is to be made out of the fund from Jorhat M. B. The HLC also approved the additional schemes in respect of GMC (i) procurement of a Bulldozer for garbage disposal, (ii) Purchase of materials for repairing / replacement of all exiting street lights under GMC, (iii) Improve of Adabari Bus parking yard and installation of 14 Nos 250 watts HPSV light there (iv) Purchase and repair of equipment for conservancy and drainage one excavator-cum loader and one tipper truck.

Sixth Schedule Areas

(i) Hills Areas

The Chairman, High Level Committee has requested the Commissioner & Secretary, Hills Areas Department to revive the Traditional Village Council so as to entrust the fund of TFC for utilization.

(ii) BTC

The Chairman, HLC also requested the Commissioner & Secretary, WPT & BC Department to elect Village Development Committee by the Gram Sabhas for implementing the award of the TFC against Rural Local Bodies in BTC areas.

The BDOs may be nominated the Member -Secretary of the committee for distribution of the fund. The H.L.C also instructed the fund that may be released after constitution of the bodies by both BTC and Hill Districts as per allocation against their schemes. Regarding the process of release of fund, the fund should be released to the Principal secretary of the Sixth schedules areas by the State Govt. and they will release to the Village Development Committee by the Gram Sabhas and Traditional Village Council for Rural local bodies.

The Commission & Secretary, Finance Department stated in the meeting that the concerning Department may submit the proposal directly to Finance (Economic Affairs) Department for concurrence, followed by ceiling proposals.

The meeting ended with Vote of thanks from the chair.

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(Shri P.C Sarma)
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1. The Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. The Joint Secretary Ministry of Urban development and poverty Alleviation, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi
4. The Principal Secretary Accountant General, Assam, Maidamgoan, Beltola, Ghy -29.
5. The Commissioner & secretary to the Govt. of Assam, WPT & BC Department
6. The Commissioner & secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Hills Areas Deptt
7. The Commissioner & secretary/ Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, U.D/GD Deptt
8. The Commissioner & secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Dev. Deptt
9. The Director, Panchayat & Rural Development Panzabari, Guwahati-37.
10. The Director, Urban Development Department, Assam, Guwahati
11. The Commissioner Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Panbazar, Guwahati
12. The Principal Secretary, Bodo Land Territorial Council, Kokrajhar
13. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu
14. The Principal Secretary, NC Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong
15. The S.O to the Chief Secretary for favour of information of C.S.
16. The P.S. to the Addl. C.S.(I) (Block-C, 3rd floor) for favour of information of Addl. C.S.
17. The P.S. to the Financial Commissioner for favour of information of F.C
18. All C.E.O of Zilla Parishad

By order etc.

P. Sarma
Director,
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Finance (EA) Department

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Signature of Officers present in the 1st High Level Committee Meeting on
23/02/2005 under the award of TFC against Local Bodies

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Sri P.C. Sarma, IAS	Addl. Chief Secretary (I)
2	Sri H.S. Das, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, Finance
3	Dr. Prem Saran, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary Hills Areas
4	Shri Shyam Mewara, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, P&R D Department
5	Sri Biren Dutta, IAS	Commissioner & Secretary, UDD
6	Dr. A.K. Bhutani, IAS	Secretary, GD Deptt.
7	Shri Avinash Joshi, IAS	Commissioner, GMC
8	Shri S Thadhor, ACS	Addl. Principal Secretary, BTC, Krokajhar
9	Shri B. Gogoi	Director, P&RD
10	Shri R.R. Hazarika	Director, Finance (EA) Deptt.
11	Shri N.K Chakraverty	Dy. Secretary, GDD
12	Sri Chandra Kumer	CAAO, GMC
13	Shri D. Deka	Joint Director, Finance (E.A) Department
14	Sri. D. Chetia	Dy Secretary, P&RD Deptt.
15	Smt. K.Dutta Barua	Joint Director, P&RD Deptt.
16	Smt. L Ingtipi	Principal Secretary, KAAC
17	Smt. Sabita Langthaser	Deputy Secretary, N.C. Hills
18	Md. Ali Asker	Deputy Secretary, KAAC
19	Shri . M.L. Sarkar	R.O Finance (E.A) Department
20	Shri R.N. Gogio	S.R.O, KAAC