

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FINANCE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) DEPARTMENT

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To The Deputy Accountant General (LBAA),
Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati 781 029.

Sub: Information regarding State Finance Commission.

Ref: No.LBAA/ATIR 2011/1-3/2011-12/1859 dated 12.10.2011

Sir,

With reference to the letter quoted above, I am directed to furnish information so far available as below:

1 (i)	Number of recommendations (out of 103) accepted by the Government.	Recommendations Nos 43, 57, 59 not accepted. Recommendation Nos from 92 to 96 are the assessment of resources of the State and projection of the Commission regarding transfer of funds to Local Bodies. Details are given in the Explanatory Memorandum on the Action Taken on the Recommendations of the TASFC.
1 (ii)	Number of accepted recommendations which have been fully implemented.	Recommendation Nos. from 4 to 10 fully implemented. Copy of the Explanatory Memorandum on the Action Taken on the Recommendations of the TASFC was sent to the concerned departments like Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Urban Development Department, Guwahati Development Department, WPT&BC Department and Hills Areas Department. But status report on the Action Taken points on the Recommendations have not yet been obtained from the concerned departments. As such, status on the full implementation on the accepted recommendations could not be known.
1 (iii)	Number of accepted recommendations which have been partially implemented.	Out of the recommended amount of Rs.4015.82 crore for the period from 2007-08 to 2010-11, State Government could transfer a sum of Rs.535.56 crore to Local Bodies
1 (iv)	Reasons for non-implementation of accepted recommendations, if any.	As the concerned departments did not take any action, accepted recommendations could not fully implemented.

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2 (1)	Recommendation No.1 Decentralisation in Assam	Not yet fully implemented
2 (2)	Recommendation No.6 Shares of PRIs and ULBs	PRIs received 162.78 crore and ULBs received 372.58 crore.
2 (3)	Recommendation No.16 Reluctance to collect taxes	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (4)	Recommendation No.21 User charges generally	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (5)	Recommendation No.25 Tax collectors	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (6)	Recommendation No.29 Revision of valuation of holdings	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (7)	Recommendation No.50 Unspent balance of PRIs: Committees and Social Audit	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (8)	Recommendation No.52 Staffing Pattern of PRIs, ULBs and GMC	The "Study Groups" for determining the appropriate staffing pattern of local bodies were appointed by all departments. A one man committee under the chairmanship of Sri S. Purakayastha (Retd. IAS) was constituted on 19.04.2010 and submitted the report to the Government. Similarly, a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri A.K. Arora (Retd. IAS) was constituted on 27.04.2010. Recently Urban Development Department completed the report of staffing pattern of the ULBs and submitted to the Finance Department for approval. Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) engaged private Firm (ICRA) for finalization of the staffing pattern of GMC. GMC is going to submit the report to the Government very soon.
2 (9)	Recommendation No.53 Filling up posts in PRIs.	Panchayat & Rural Development Department has recently submitted a proposal for filling up of posts in PRIs, Block and Commissionerate of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam with a Cabinet Memorandum on the basis of the report of one man committee to the Finance Department. Since Fourth Assam Finance Commission was asked to examine the staffing pattern based on the report and determine the revised pay structure corresponding to the staffing pattern, Finance Department could not approve the Cabinet Memorandum.

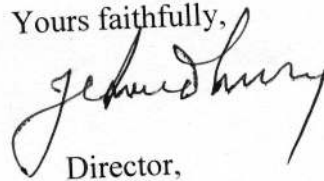
2 (10)	Recommendation No.55 DRDAs and Blocks	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (11)	Recommendation No.62 Staffing Pattern of GMC and ULBs	Same as 2 (8)
2 (12)	Recommendation No.65 Capacity Building in ULBs and GMC	Status of the implementation not yet known from the concerned departments.
2 (13)	Recommendation No.66 Activity Mapping for ULBs and GMC	Not yet done by ULBs and GMC
2 (14)	Recommendation No.67 Capacity Building in PRIs	State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Assam under Panchayat & Rural Development Department is playing a leading role in capacity building in PRIs. At present SIRD has been organising subject specific courses of training programmes for the elected representatives and official functionaries of PRIs including officials of line departments as well as other stake holders in panchayati raj system. Given the expertise and infrastructure available with SIRD, the TASFC in consultation with them formulated a training programme for the PRIs involving a total cost of Rs.48.66 crore. The total expenditure was supposed to be funded by the Centre and the State at the raio of 75:25. Accordingly, TASFC recommended Rs.12.16 crore as grants-in-aid to the met by the State. As reported by SIRD, the Central share of Rs.34.15 crore has been released by Govt. of India during the period 2007-08 to 2010-11. However, during the same period the State Governemnt has released only a sum of Rs.2017 crore as State's share. The total number participants in the training programme organised by SIRD under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of BRGF and RGSY stood at about 1,45,000 during 2007-08 to 2010-11.
2 (15)	Recommendation No.73 Funds for database	Full funds of 11 th , 12 th Finance Commission transferred to local bodies. Panchayat & Rural Development Department and Urban Development Department have adopted 8 data base formats of AG.

2 (16)	Recommendation No.98 Accounts and Audit	Status of the implementation not yet known from the Director of Audit (Local Fund), Assam
2 (17)	Recommendation No.100 Transfer of budget provision.	Not yet implemented by the concerned departments.

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State Finance Commission (SFC)	Due date of constitution by State Government	Actual date of constitution	Month of submission of Report by SFC	Due placement of Report in Assembly
1 st FC	19 th April, 1994	23.06.1995	29.02.2996	Not placed
2 nd FC	19 th April, 1999	18.04.2001	18.08.2003	Not placed
3 rd FC	19 th April, 2004	03.07.2006	27.03.2008	11.12.2008
4 th FC	19 th April, 2009	23.04.2010	Preliminary Report covering the period 2011-12 submitted on 25.03.2011	18.07.2011

Yours faithfully,



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Finance (Economic Affairs) Department.