



### **ABSTRACT**

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department – Grants – Award under Fourteenth Finance Commission – General Basic Grant for 2016-17 - Release of second instalment of Rs.656.095 crore to Rural Local Bodies for the year 2016-17 – Sanction – Orders – Issued.

### **Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-I) Department**

**G.O.(Ms) No.149**

**Dated: 29.12.2016**

### **Read:**

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No.72, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR-1) Department, dated 28.06.2016.
- 2) From the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai -15, letter No 27340/2016/PRI 2.1 dated 18.11.2016.
- 3) From the Principal Secretary to Government, D.O.Lr.No.27320/PR-1/2016 dated 28.11.2016.
- 4) From the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, (Finance Commission Division) Release order No.F-13(40) FFC/FCD/2016-17 dated 21.12.2016.

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### **ORDER:**

In the Government Order first read above, orders were issued releasing an amount of Rs.656.095 Crore as first instalment grant to Rural Local Bodies under Fourteenth Finance Commission Grant for the year 2016-17 and issued guidelines to utilise the General Basic Grant.

2. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in the letter second read above has stated that Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.656.095 Crore as first Instalment under Fourteenth Finance Commission General Basic Grant to Village Panchayats and the same has been released to the Districts and Utilisation Certificate has been sent to Government for onward transmission to Government of India for the release of second instalment. Further he has stated that as per Para VI of the guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of India the Basic Grant will be eligible to the duly constituted Panchayats. He has also stated that as the Election Notification issued by Tamil Nadu State Election Commission is vitiated by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its order dated 4.10.2016 in Writ Petition No. 33984/2016, elections to rural local bodies could not be held on the scheduled dates and Special Officers were appointed to administer the 3 tier Panchayats and requested the Government to appraise the fact to Government of India. Accordingly, the Government in the reference third read above intimated the fact to Government of India.

3. Now in the release order fourth read above, Ministry of Finance has released a sum of Rs.656.095 crore as second instalment of General Basic Grant to Rural Local Bodies for the year 2016-17.

4. Based on the release of the balance due for the year 2016-17 by Government of India, the Government now sanction a sum of Rs.656.095 crore as second instalment of General Basic Grant for Rural Local Bodies under Fourteenth Finance Commission for the year 2016-17.

5. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“ 3604-00-Compensation and Assignments to Local Bodies and Panchayat Raj Institutions-198 Assistance to Gram Panchayats-Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan-II State Plan- JA. Grants to Village Panchayats as per the recommendations of 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission -09. Grants-in-Aid-01. Grants for Current Expenditure. (DPC 3604-00- 198-JA-0919)”

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 4 above to all the Village Panchayats and the Grant shall be utilized in conformity with the guidelines issued in the G.O.Ms.No.72, RD & PR ( PR-1) Department, dated 28.6.2016. He is also requested to furnish necessary utilization certificate towards the utilization of funds sanctioned in para 4 above in the prescribed format for forwarding the same to the Government of India.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.259/RD&PR/2016 dated 27.12.2016.

(By Order of the Governor)

Hans Raj Verma,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To,

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai – 15.  
The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training), Chennai – 15.

All District Collectors,

All District Treasury Officers.

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Chennai-15.

The Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai -108.

The Pay and Account Officer (South) Chennai 35

**Copy to:**

The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister, (MA & RD, Impn. Spl. Prog.), Chennai-9

The Principal Personal Secretary, Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Panchayat Raj, Krishi Bhawan, Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110 001.

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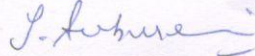
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (B&C/OP II) Department, Chennai-9

The Planning Development and Special Initiatives (B&C) Department, Chennai-9.

The Director, SIRD, Maraimalai Nagar, Kancheepuram District.

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