

**ENCLOSURES**

**1. Government Letter requesting the State Planning Commission to give views on the entrustment of responsibilities to rural local bodies.**

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SECRETARIAT,  
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**D.O.Lr.No. 20099/C.I. 96-8, Dt.20-9-1996.**

My dear Panda,

Sub: Local bodies - entrustment of responsibilities reg.

Elections to the three tier system of Rural Local bodies is to be held in October and new bodies will be in position by about the third week of October.

This department is already taking action to ensure that mandatory responsibilities to the three different level namely District Panchayats, Block Level Panchayats and Village Panchayats are delegated and orders issued. Section 257 of the Tamil Nadu Act 1994 provides for entrustment by the Government or all of the responsibilities in relation to matters listed in Schedule IV of the Act. Schedule IV lists 29 activities ranging from Agriculture, Family Welfare, Public Distribution System etc.

To enable the Government to take a view on the entrustment of these responsibilities to the different levels of the Panchayats, I would be grateful if you consider constituting a small working group of Members of the Planning Commission who could consider and make recommendations regarding:

- (1) the responsibilities to be entrusted to the Panchayats at different levels; and
- (2) the roles, duties and functions of the Panchayats in respect of these responsibilities being entrusted to them.

I would appreciate if the Committee could consider and give its recommendations within a month so that orders of Government can be passed thereon.

Yours sincerely,

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