

GOVERNMENT OF ASSSAM
FINANCE (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR :: GUWAHATI - 06

NOTIFICATION

ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

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Dated Dispur the July 01, 2024

In pursuance of the provisions of Article 243-I and 243-Y of the Constitution of India read with the provisions of Section 2(1) of the Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1995, the Governor of Assam is pleased to constitute the **Seventh Assam State Finance Commission** consisting of Lieutenant General Rana Pratap Kalita, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd.) as the Chairman and the following other members: -

1.	The Senior Most Secretary, Finance Department.	Member
2.	The Senior Most Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department.	Member
3.	The Senior Most Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.	Member
4.	Shri Debeswar Malakar, IAS (Retd.).	Member
5.	Prof. Mrinal Kanti Dutta, Economist, IIT-G.	Member (Expert)
6.	The Special Secretary, Finance Department.	Member Secretary

2. The Commission shall make recommendation as to the following matters:-

- a) The principles, which should govern-
 - i) the distribution between the State of Assam and the Panchayats and Municipalities of the net proceeds of the taxes and duties, levied and collected by the State;
 - ii) the determination of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees, which may be assigned to, or appropriated by, the Panchayats and Municipalities;
 - iii) the grants-in-aid to the Panchayats/ Municipalities from the Consolidated Fund of the State;
- b) The measures needed to improve the financial position of the Panchayats and Municipalities with special references to:-
 - i) the potential for Local Governments to raise funds from financial institutions and the market, and to suggest a mechanism and frame work for realizing the potential;
 - ii) improving the quality of upkeep of assets owned by Local Governments as well as those transferred to Local Governments;
 - iii) improving the financial position of the Panchayats and Municipalities with special emphasis on rationalization of taxes and revenues and user charges collected by Local Governments with innovative methods;
 - iv) achieving economy and efficiency in expenditure by Local Governments;
 - v) providing incentives for higher mobilization of own resources by the Local Governments;
 - vi) maintaining a proper fiscal data base relating to Local Governments;
 - vii) putting in place measures required for improving the capacity of financial management by Local Governments;
 - viii) improving monitoring of the fiscal performance of the Local Governments;

- ix) improving the measures for quality of service delivery of Local Governments in respect of State Government as well as Local Government programmes;
 - x) Examine the feasibility and make recommendations on creation of urban infrastructure and other civic amenities by the Urban Local Bodies through Public-Private partnership and exploring avenues of viability gap funding.
- c) Any other matter referred to the State Finance Commission by the Governor in the interests of sound financial position of the Panchayats and Municipalities.
3. In making its recommendations the Commission shall have regard, among other considerations, to:-
- i) the objective of balancing the receipts and expenditure on revenue account of both the Local Bodies as a whole and the State Government and each Local Body;
 - ii) the resources of State Government, the demands thereon, in particular, the expenditure of the State on maintaining law and order, civil administration, pension, debt servicing including the debt servicing on behalf of Local Bodies and other committed expenditure and need to generate adequate surplus on revenue account for capital outlay and the commitment for maintaining fiscal targets as per Assam FRBM (Amendment) Act, 2022;
 - iii) the revenue of the resources of the Local Bodies for the five years commencing on 1st April, 2025 on the basis of the level of collection made during 2019-20 from taxes, duties, tolls, fees, cess etc. levied by the them;
 - iv) The impact of the GST, including payment of compensation for possible loss of revenue for 5 years and abolition of a number of cesse, earmarking thereof for compensation and other structural reforms programme, on the finances of Centre and States;
 - v) The commission may consider proposing measurable performance-based incentives for Local Bodies and councils.
4. In making its recommendations on the various matters aforesaid, the Commission shall adopt the population figures of that Census for which PRI-wise and ULB-wise figures are available in all cases where population is regarded as a factor for determination of devolution of taxes and duties and grants-in-aid.
5. The Commission shall indicate the basis on which it has arrived at its finding and make available the Local Body wise estimates of receipts and expenditure.
6. The Commission shall prepare its report on the basis of the Templates of the 13th Finance Commission of Government of India, with such modifications as may be necessary.
7. While making assessment of the resources of the Local Governments, the Commission shall also make recommendation on devolution and grant-in-aid for the Local Bodies of the three Autonomous Councils under the Sixth Schedule.
8. The Commission shall make its report available to the Governor of Assam by 16th December, 2024 on each of the matters aforesaid, covering period of five years commencing on the 1st April, 2025.



Special Secretary
to the Govt. of Assam
Finance Department

Copy forwarded to:

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2. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Assam for favour of information of the Chief Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to all Ministers of State for favour of information of Ministers.
4. The Special Officer to the Chief Secretary, Assam for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
5. The Private Secretary to the Special Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam for kind information of the Special Chief Secretary.
6. The Private Secretaries to all the Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam for kind information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
7. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department and Member of the Commission.
8. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department and Member of the Commission.
9. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Assam, Department of Housing & Urban Affairs and Member of the Commission.
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12. The Special Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Finance Department and Member- Secretary of the Commission. Email id.: hkdewri@gmail.com.
13. The Chairman, Assam Administrative Tribunal.
14. The Chairman, Assam Board of Revenue.
15. The Chairman, Assam State Electricity Board.
16. The Principal A.G. (Audit), Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-781029.
17. The Principal A.G. (A & E) Assam, Maidamgaon, Beltola, Guwahati-781029.
18. All Principal Secretaries/ Commissioner & Secretaries/ Special Commissioner & Special Secretaries/ Secretaries/ Special Secretaries/ Additional Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam.
19. The Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Krishi Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001. Email id: secy-mopr@nic.in.
20. The Director, Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Finance Commission Division, CGO Complex, Block-11, 5th Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003.
21. The Under Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, AMRUT, IIB, Govt. of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi 110001.
22. The Commissioner of Panchayat & Rural Development, Punjabari, Juripar, Guwahati-37.
23. The Commissioner of Guwahati Municipal Corporation, Ganeshguri, Guwahati-06.
24. The Director of Municipal Administration, Ganeshguri, Dispur, Guwahati-06.
25. The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
26. The Director of Audit (Local Fund), Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
27. The Deputy/ Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, General Administration (Sectt. Accounts) Department.
28. Finance (Budget)/ Finance (Estt.-B)/ Finance (Estt.-A)/ Finance (EC-I)/ Finance (EC-II)/ Finance (EC-III)/ Finance (Taxation)/ Finance (SIU)/ Finance (PRU) Department.
29. All Heads of Departments.
30. All Commissioners of Divisions.

31. All District Commissioners/ Sub-Divisional Officers/ CEOs of all Zilla Parishads/ BDOs of Anchalik Panchayat/ Secretaries of Gaon Panchayat/ Project Directors of all DRDAs.
32. All Chairpersons/ Executive Officer of Municipal Boards.
33. The Principal Secretary, Karbi Anglong District Council, Diphu.
34. The Principal Secretary, North Cachar Hills District Council, Haflong.
35. The Principal Secretary, Bodoland Autonomous Council, Kokrajhar.
36. The Principal Secretary, Rabha Hasong Autonomous Councils, Dudhnoi.
37. The Principal Secretary, Missing Autonomous Council, North Lakhimpur.
38. The Principal Secretary, Lalung (Tiwa) Autonomous Council, Morigoan.
39. The Principal Secretary, Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Council, Dibrugarh.
40. The Principal Secretary, Deuri Autonomous Council, Narayanpur, North Lakhimpur.
41. The Principal Secretary, Thengal Kachari Autonomous Council, Titabor.
42. The Principal Secretary, Barak Valley Hills Tribes Development Council, Silchar
43. The Treasury Officer, Dispur Treasury, Kar- Bhawan, Ganeshguri, Guwahati-06.
44. The Director, Assam Government Press, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-781011. He is requested to publish the notification in the next issue of the Assam Gazette and send 1000 copies of the notification to the undersigned.

By order etc.,



Joint Director,
Finance (Economic Affairs) Department