## Minutes of the review meeting taken by Hon'ble Finance Minister with the Chairman, ULBs on 18-07-02017 in the Conference Hall, Finance Department

- 1. The list of officials and Chairman ULBs present in the meeting appended herewith.
- 2. At the outset the Hon'ble Minister, Finance and GDD etc Department welcomed all the Chairman of Municipalities and Town Committees present in the meeting. The Hon'ble Finance Minister indicated in the meeting that the 5th ASFC has recommended a substantial amount of Rs 2256.27 crore to the ULBs of Assam for utilization during 2016-20. Out of this recommended grants, the Commission has recommended Rs 453.23 crore as revenue gap grant, Rs 281.18 crore as Specific Grant to be utilized by the ULBs directly and Rs1000.81 crore as Specific Grant to be utilized through the line departments. He also indicated that the 14th Finance Commission has recommended total Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs 970.52 crore for utilization during 2015-20. The Hon'ble Minister requested the Chairman, Municipalities and Town Committees ULBs to proactively utilize the released amounts and submit utilization certificates for obtaining the subsequent installments. He also pointed out that although the Ministry of Finance released Rs 46.57 crore under 14th F.C. as 1st installment to the ULBs during 2015-16 which was subsequently transferred to the ULBs, the ULBs still have not submitted UCs against this released amount as a result of which the MOF has not released the subsequent installments to the state.
- 3. Later the resprentatives of the ULBs also gave submission before Hon'ble Minister regarding various issues of the ULBs and requested for addressing the issues at the earliest.
- 4. However, after making threadbare discussions on the various issues the following action points were transpired in the meeting:
  - (i) All ULBs were requested to submit the pending UCs amounting to Rs 46.57 crore under 14<sup>th</sup> FC award within 15 days time. The UCs pertaining to 14<sup>th</sup> FC can be submitted directly to the Director, Municipal Administration duly signed by Chairperson and Executive Officer.
  - (ii) Finance department shall consider releasing Rs 42.575 crore to ULBs and Rs 20 crore to GMC as devolution grant under recommendation of the 5<sup>th</sup> ASFC. However, the ULBs and the GMC will have to ensure submission of the UCs against Rs 72.65 crore and Rs 19.94 crore respectively within 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 released to them during 2016-17.
  - (iii) *U.D.Department* shall prepare detailed guidelines *and the same will be circulated* amongst the ULBs within 45 days. UDD was also asked to organize a workshop to sensitize the ULBs for streamlining utilization of the 14<sup>th</sup> FC award as well as 5<sup>th</sup> ASFC award and ensure timely submission of UCs.

- (iv) U.D. Department will provide the details of ULB wise grants recommended by the 5<sup>th</sup> ASFC and the same will be circulated to the ULBs.
- (v) If required, the Chairman, ULBs were also requested to nominate class-I officials from any cadre preferably from technical department for appointment as EO in their respective ULBs. Financial power should be vested on the EO although some other works may be entrusted to other employees of the ULBs after taking resolution by the Board.
- (vi) The next review meeting of the ULBs shall be taken by the Hon'ble Finance Minister and Hon'ble Minister of UDD after 2 months. However, subsequent reviews shall be taken by the Addl. CS, UDD and GDD on monthly basis.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair,

Minister of Finance & GDD etc. Department Dated Dispur the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

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- 1. P.S. to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam for kind information to the Hon'ble F.M.
- 2. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Urban Development/ Guwahati Development Department for kind information to the Addl. Chief Secretary.
- 3. P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department for kind information to the Principal Secretary.
- 4. The Director, Municipal Administration for kind information and necessary action.
- 5. All Deputy Commissioner/SDO(C).....
- 6. All Chairpersons/ Executive Officers of MBs/ TCs.....
- 7. Finance, e- governance unit for uploading the information to the Finance Department website.

By order etc.,

Finance (Economic Affairs) Department