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Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Panchayati Raj.

From

The Director, Panchayati Raj  
Himachal Pradesh.

To

- (1) All the Deputy Commissioners  
Himachal Pradesh.  
(2) All the District Panchayat Officers  
Himachal Pradesh.  
All the Block Development Officers  
Himachal Pradesh.

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dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

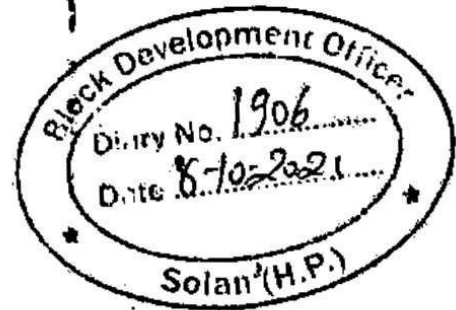
Subject:- Regarding utilization of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commissions Grants.

Sir/ Madam,

On the aforementioned subject, I am to inform you that Government of India has decided that the Gram Panchayats may be permitted to utilize 14<sup>th</sup> FC Grant and 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Untied Grant available with them towards the construction of specific community assets like Gram Panchayat Bhawans apart from undertaking repair and maintenance of other Public Building/ assets located in the Gram Panchayat by engaging and utilizing the services of the skilled/ unskilled. The GPs also undertake repair and maintenance of other Public Buildings/ Assets located in the Gram Panchayat such as Primary/ Upper Primary Schools, Health Sub Centers, Cooperative stores selling seed and fertilizer etc. wherever necessary by utilizing the Finance Commission Funds".

The Gram panchayats may be permitted to utilize 14<sup>th</sup> FC Grant and 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Untied Grants available with them for maintenance and creation/ strengthening of basic infrastructure facilities in Primary/ Upper Primary/ Secondary/ Higher Secondary Schools on priority, such as:-

- a. Maintenance of School buildings.
- b. Safe drinking water; piped water supply; hand washing units.
- c. Boys & Girls' toilet alongwith urinals;
- d. Sanitary pad vending machines/ incinerators.
- e. Divyang friendly toilets, ramps and other accessibility features;
- f. Kitchen facilities and sheds for MDM; kitchen gardens;
- g. Functional electricity connection
- h. BharatNet Wi-Fi facilities.
- i. Appropriate flooring in classrooms and toilets;
- j. Repair of school doors/ windows/ fixtures; boundary walls along with gate, etc;
- k. Preparation and maintenance of playgrounds.



Also installation of rain water harvesting system in school buildings as per "Catch the Rain Campaign" may be taken up on priority under 15<sup>th</sup> FC Grants

In addition to above the convergence of SMCs with Gram Panchayats may also be done as suggested below:-

- (i) As per section 22 of RTE Act, 2009 the SMC has the mandate to prepare School Development Plan (SDP). SDP may be aligned with GPDP in collaboration with VECs for faster implementation, smooth availability of funds and regular monitoring. The annual plan would be prepared as per norms/ regulations issued by the State Education Department from time to time.
- (ii) The following targets: (i) Zero Dropout rate, (ii) 100% attendance of children in class and (iii) Fully literate GP (including adults and childrens), may be set up by the Education Department of the State/ UT in consultation with Panchayati Raj Department. At Panchayat level, these targets would be part of SDP and GPDP.
- (iii) Under MDM Scheme, cooked food is provided to the students. VEC may extend their support to provide food supplements.
- (iv) VECs may also organize Annual Health checkups of all the students of the school, in collaboration with the Health Department.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly issue the instructions to the Panchayati Raj Institutions under your jurisdiction to immediately work out their strategy in accordance with the above suggestions, for arranging to provide basic infrastructure facilities in all Government Schools in their jurisdiction.

Yours faithfully

  
29.9.2021  
Director, Panchayati Raj  
Himachal Pradesh.