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1. The Fourth State Finance Commission (hereafter referred to as Commission) was constituted by the Governor on June 15th 2012 to review the financial position of the Panchayat & Municipalities; to give recommendation to improve the financial position of the Panchayats as well as the Municipalities; to examine the resources of the local bodies; maintenance and upkeep of the Capital assets created by local bodies or transferred by the Government to the local bodies; to work out a factor for determination of devolution of taxes, duties & grants-in-aid & to indicate the basis & make available the estimates & expenditure of each tier of local bodies during 2015-20. The Commission submitted its report to the Government on May 15th 2013 covering all aspects of its mandate.
2. The report of the Commission (hereafter referred to as the Report) covering the periods of five year commencing from April 1, 2015, together with this Explanatory Memorandum of the Commission is being laid on the Table of the House. The summary of the main recommendations of the Commission relating to the sharing of net proceeds between the state & the Panchayat as well as the ULBs; grants-in-aid to the local bodies are contained in Para 7.26, 7.27 and Table at 7.14 of the Report of the Commission.
3. The Government has carefully examined the main recommendations of the Commission. The action to be taken on these recommendations is detailed below.

4. Recommendation pertaining to uploading of information on web portal

The Commission recommends that a web portal and online MIS is essential for not only having a ready-to-use database but also for tracking and updating the fund transfers and utilization certificates received on a monthly basis. The Commission also noticed that information on implementation status /impact of previous SFCs/CFCs recommendations is not readily available. The Commission recommends that Action Taken Reports (ATRs)/status on recommendations must be updated annually, and include mandatory write up on the changes/improvements being achieved in local finances and governance due to SFC/CFC recommendations. The ATRs along with the implementation status of the recommendations should be uploaded, annually, on the web portal.

(Para 1.10)

Action Taken:

Installation of Panchayati Raj Institute Accounting Software (PRIASoft) subject to improvement of present poor network connectivity in all GPs and also necessary training for official functionaries. Similar standard software for ULBs also to be developed, strengthening manpower and connectivity.

5. Constitutional mandated of District Planning Committee

12.2 The Commission recommends that constitutionally mandated DPCs should be given their rightful ownership in deciding the decentralized district development planning priorities through their involvement as parties to the agreement as per the relevant guidelines.

(Para 2.15)

Action Taken:

The Government accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

6. Integration of District Plans into State Plan

12.3 The Commission recommends that the District Plans should invariably be integrated into State Plan as per the guidelines in force.

(Para 2.16)

Action Taken:

The Government accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

7. Recommendation pertaining to the Collection of Taxes:

12.4 The Commission recommends that a suitable mechanism be devised by the concerned departments to include Sabhapatis of Gram Panchayats as grassroots level representatives of the citizens in the DPCs.

(Para 2.18)

Action Taken:

The Government accepted the above recommendations with suitable Notification to be issued by the competent authority in line with the Notification 27/RM&DD/P dated 13.04.2013.

8. Direct transfer of fund to Gram Panchayats

12.5 The Commission recommends that fund transfers meant for GPs should be made directly to them, with intimation of such fund transfers communicated to Additional District Collector (Development) and other relevant functionaries.

(Para 3.23)

Action Taken:

The Government accepted the above recommendation of the Commission and FRED will issue suitable Notification.

9. Preparation of Plan at Gram and Zilla Panchayat Level

12.6 The Commission recommends that the plan proposals for the activities transferred to the Rural Local Bodies (i.e. GPs and ZPs) should be prepared by themselves. However, to facilitate the preparation of plan proposals by Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) the concerned Line Department must provide GP and ZP wise fund allocations (usually termed as resource envelope), as an annual practice, and the timely release of these funds directly to the RLBs need to be ensured by DPER&NECAD and FRED.

(Para 4.3)

Action Taken;

The Government has accepted the above recommendation subject to preparation of plan proposal based on the actual expenditure of last financial year with certain growth acceptable to the Planning Commission.

10. Deployment of functionaries to Gram Panchayats

12.7 The Commission recommends that the officials and field functionaries should be deputed to the GPs to the extent possible, and they shall have lien to their concerned parent departments, but shall be directly under the administrative control of the GPs for the period of their posting.

(Para 4.4)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted to maintain status quo till such time requisite infrastructure is created.

11. Devolution and activity mapping

12.8 The Commission, after consultations with various Line Departments, GPs, and ZPs on the existing devolution and review of the activity mapping vis-à-vis the list of matters in the Eleventh Schedule, and duly examining the limited but valuable information/views shared by them, has decided to recommend the following:

- i. Payment of salaries of employees of PHSC through GP by fund transfer from the concerned Line Department.
- ii. Payment of honorarium to ASHA workers through GPs.
- iii. Issue of certificate of birth and death by GPs.
- iv. Maintenance & minor repairs of PHSC and PHC through GPs.
- v. Community fodder bank/pasture development through GPs.
- vi. Silage preparation at farmer's level in the GPs.
- vii. Implementation of drought relief through GPs.
- viii. Functionaries from veterinary dispensaries and stockman centers under direct administrative control of GPs.
- ix. Renting of houses for veterinary centers in villages through ZPs.
- x. Bull maintenance through ZPs.
- xi. Although payment and disbursement of salaries of teachers under Primary and Junior High Schools are made by PRIs, the Assistant Directors, HRDD, posted to BACs are entrusted with the administrative matters of the teachers under PRIs. The Commission recommends that GPs should also have the responsibility over administrative/disciplinary matter of Primary School teachers.
- xii. The Commission recommends release of grants-in-aid (from NRHM) to Village level Health & Sanitation Committees (VHSCs) through respective GPs, and utilization of untied fund of NRHM by PHSCs and PHCs through GPs.
- xiii. Collection of irrigation tax shall be assigned to the GPs.
- xiv. Transfer repair works of Minor Irrigation Channels to the GPs.
- xv. 10% funds of National Rural Drinking Water Supply Program (NRDWP) should be transferred to PRIs as O&M fund, as per the program guidelines.
- xvi. Review of the Activity Mapping of all Central Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) wherein the GPs are a centrality to the implementation of such schemes, and assign functions and functionaries to PRIs as per the CSSs guidelines.

(Para 4.6)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission except Sl. No. iii and xiii.

12. Power and function of Panchayats

12.9 Regarding the power and functions of Panchayats, the Commission recommends that the GPs should have the responsibility over the disciplinary matter of the following officials:

- i. Anganwadi Worker.
 - ii. Primary Health Worker.
 - iii. Village Level Worker.
 - iv. Rural Development Assistant.
 - v. Gram Rozgar Sahayak.
 - vi. Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA)
 - vii. Primary Teacher
- (Para 4.7)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

13. Preparation of budget of Gram Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat

12.10 The Commission recommends that all the GPs and ZPs prepare the budgets for each year as stipulated in Sikkim Panchayat Act, which will enable them to spend on revenue and capital accounts as per the sanctioned funds by the State Government against the approved budgets of PRIs. This arrangement will push the PRIs towards financial planning and accountability on their expenditures, and establish financial discipline in accounting practices as well.

(Para 4.14)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

14. Administrative functionary at Gram Panchayat Level.

12.11 The Commission recommends that an administrative functionary be appointed as the Secretary (Sachiva) of the Gram Panchayat, as is the practice in other States, to streamline the grassroots activities of the Gram Panchayats, and to have a functionary who can be held accountable as well.

The ZP in Sikkim already have an administrative functionary as its Sachiva, the same arrangement be extended to GPs. The concerned line department shall also make necessary amendment to the Panchayat Act to facilitate such appointment.

(Para 4.25)

Action Taken:

The above recommendation is being implemented vide Notification No. 100/RM&DD dated 10.06.2013.

15. District Planning Officer to be nodal officer for all the Local Bodies.

12.12 The Commission recommends that the DPO shall be the district level nodal official for all the Local Bodies (PRIs and ULBs) and for all planning activities arising from the Local Bodies. The DPO should be an official of DPER&NECAD posted in district, which would enable the DPO to optimally perform the role of Member Secretary-DPC, and thus allow him/her to coordinate with the Local Bodies and State Planning Department - DPER&NECAD, in a streamlined manner.

(Para 4.28)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

16. Review of the activity mapping vis-a-vis the list of matters in the Twelfth Schedule.

12.13 The Commission, after consultation with various Line Departments and ULBs on the existing devolution of functions and functionaries, and review of the activity mapping vis-à-vis the list of matters in the Twelfth Schedule, and after deliberating on the information/views shared by them, the Commission has decided to recommend the following:

- i) To strengthen the administrative capacities of Nagar Panchayats, an Under Secretary or a suitable official be deputed to each of the Nagar Panchayats for functioning as full-fledged Municipal Executive Officer and efficient discharge of the duties and functions.
- ii) Matters/activities related to other line departments as listed in the Twelfth Schedule should be fully devolved to ULBs, particularly since the ULBs will be in their fifth year of existence, and have gained requisite operational experience and administrative strength.
- iii) DPO shall be the district level nodal official for all the ULBs and for all decentralized planning activities/functions arising from the ULBs. The DPO should be an official of DPER&NECAD posted in district, which would enable the DPO to optimally perform the role of Member Secretary-DPC and thus allow him/her to coordinate with the Local Bodies (both ULBs and PRIs) and State Planning Department - DPER&NECAD, in a in a streamlined manner.
- iv) Ward Committees should be constituted in all ULBs for effective implementation of development schemes as per the subjects listed in the Twelfth Schedule.
(Para 4.34)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission except Sl. No ii. in view of inadequate experienced manpower which may be regulated with proper studies.

17. Man power at Nagar Panchayats

12.14 In the interest of the Nagar Panchayats, the Commission recommends that a suitable accounts official be transferred to them, which will not only enhance their capacities to deal with various transactions, but state of financial accountability will also be enhanced.
(Para 4.41)

Action Taken:

The Government did not accept the above recommendation of the Commission, however advised Nagar Panchayats to appoint suitable man power as per their requirements.

18. Decentralized governance framework

12.15 The Commission recommends that, in the spirit of true decentralized governance framework, the GPs should be the final issuing authority for trade license at grassroots level. This will not only give higher accountability to GPs but also provide a platform to them to perform, conclusively, on the function devolved.

(Para 5.4)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

19. Training of accounting personnel at Zilla Panchayats

12.16 The Commission recommends that accounting personnel at ZPs be trained on financial accounting and management, so that reliable and meaningful information on finances of ZPs is available at all times.

(Para 5.25)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

20. Capacity building of accounting personnel at UBLs.

12.17 The Commission recommends that the in-house capacities of the accounting personnel of the ULBs need to be enhanced on accrual accounting and other financial accountability processes.

(Para 6.16)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

21. Levy of taxes and charges

12.18 The Commission recommends that the levy of taxes and charges should be made after passing resolution in the Gram Sabhas.

(Para 7.8)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission subject to maintaining uniformity in levying taxes and charges.

22. Irrigation tax by the Gram Panchayats

12.19 The Commission recommends that both the concerned Line Department and GPs to work in tandem for finalizing a mechanism to enable collection of Irrigation Tax by the GPs.

(Para 7.9)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission subject to maintaining uniformity in levying taxes and charges.

23. Collection of tourist tax from tourist

12.20 After, due consultations with GMC, and studying reports related to collection of Tourist Tax from tourists in other places in India, this Commission recommends that a minimum of Rs. 5.00 per tourist can be collected by the ULBs, and GMC shall develop a mechanism for collection of tourist tax from the tourists.

(Para 7.12)

Action Taken:

This recommendation can not be acted upon.

24. Review and revisiting of Activity Mapping

12.21 The Commission recommends that the existing activity mapping be revisited by the State Government, and all the functions be devolved fully to PRIs and ULBs along with necessary functionaries and funds, so that all Local Bodies will be in a position to maximize their own revenues.

(Para 7.17)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

25. Involvement of Local Bodies for collection of Revenue.

12.22 The Commission recommends that in revenue heads/functions where cost of collection is more than the actual collection of revenue/income, the concerned Line Departments may involve the Local Bodies for collection of such revenues duly paying them necessary service charges, and wherever it is practicable to assign the entire function to the Local Bodies, the concerned Line Departments may transfer such functions, as well.
(Para 7.18)

Action Taken:

Status quo to be maintained as this may cause further loss of revenue.

26. Recommendation pertaining to sharing of Tax from the State Government

12.23 Considering the historical inflows to the Local Bodies against the share of taxes from the State Government, the Commission has, with constraint, decided to recommend only 2.5% of the divisible pool of taxes for vertical sharing to the Local Bodies (PRIs & ULBs), with a premise that State Finances will be elastic enough to transfer the recommended minimal percentage of funds out of the divisible pool of taxes, duties, tolls, and fees, and thus the need for the State Government to further reduce the fund transfers against the recommendations of the Commission may not crop up.
(Para 7.26)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation subject to:

- 1. Net Tax Revenue based on actual.*
- 2. Excluding Cess – as Cess is collected based on certain Act and its accounting procedure is different.*

27. Recommendation pertaining to allocation of resources to PRI s and UBLs.

12.24 The share of taxes to Local Bodies at 2.5% of the divisible pool of revenues is Rs.6967.10 lakhs for the award period 2015-20 as given in Table 7.14. The allocation of share of taxes to PRIs and ULBs is made on

the basis of provisional rural and urban population figures of Census 2011, which is in the ratio of 75:25.

(Para 7.27)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation with minor modification in the ratio of 80:20 in place of 75:25 as recommend by the Commission.

28. Recommendation pertaining to internal distribution of share of revenue.

12.25 The Commission recommends that Grants-in-Aid as shown in Table 7.17 would be split into two grants namely – ‘Primary Grant’ and ‘Improvement Grant’ – in the ratio of 70:30. Both Grants would be disbursed to all the Local Bodies on the basis of their respective population figures for all the years during the award period 2015-20. The year-wise Primary Grant and Improvement Grant allocations for the GPs, ZPs, and ULBs are shown in Annexures 7.4-7.6 and Annexures 7.7-7.9, respectively.

Improvement Grant will be applicable from the financial year 2016-17 onwards, and for the year 2015-16, 100% of the Grants-in-Aid is Primary Grant, which will be transferred to the Local Bodies as in Table 7.17.

(Para 7.31)

Action Taken:

In view of the floating population and the devolution of fund, Government has accepted the disbursement of both the grants in the ratio of 70:30 to the Local Bodies.

29. Conditions for availing Improvement grant.

12.26 The Commission, after due consultations with Local Bodies, Line Departments, and other stakeholders, has finalized three simple conditions that are to be met by the Local Bodies to qualify for the Improvement Grant. The conditions, which will improve the quality of expenditure and financial accountability of the Local Bodies, are as follows:

- i. Utilization Certificate for SFC grants should invariably be submitted in time and jointly signed by the Elected Representative heading the

concerned local body and Secretary/Executive Officer of that particular body.

- ii. The schemes/plans – of the Local Bodies – intending to utilize the SFC grants must be approved by the Gram Sabhas for PRIs, and the Area Sabhas for ULBs, and such schemes/plans should be included in the District Annual Plan for the year 2016-17 (the district plan shall be prepared in the preceding year i.e. 2015-16), which shall have the approval of the District Planning Committee (DPC), in accordance with the guidelines on preparation of District Plans issued by the Planning Commission, Government of India. Same mechanism should be followed for the subsequent years.
- iii. Each Local Body should prepare the GP/ZP/Municipal budget, as relevant, for the year 2016-17 and seek approval of the State Government for sanction of funds by March 2016, as per the provisions of Sikkim Panchayat Act and Sikkim Municipalities Act. Similarly, the Local Bodies should prepare their respective budgets for the next year and seek approval of the State Government by March 2017, for claiming its Improvement Grant for the year 2017-18, and so on.
(Para 7.31)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission. The budget should be as prescribed in the Accounting manual of PRIs and ULBs.

30. Recommendation pertaining to Improvement Grant to Local Bodies.

12.27 The Commission recommends that the concerned Line Departments i.e. UDHD for ULBs and RMDD for PRIs shall ensure that Local Bodies satisfy these conditions for the release of Improvement Grant. In the event wherein a Local Body is unable to meet these conditions by 31st March of a particular financial year, it will only be entitled to the Primary Grant for the succeeding financial year.

All Local Bodies which do not qualify the conditions will forfeit their share of Improvement Grant, and such forfeited grants for non-performance by Local Bodies will be retained by the State Government, and will not be adjusted or re-allocated to any other Local Body, for that particular year.

(Para 7.33)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

31. Conditionality for availing the Improvement Grant through GVAs.

12.28 The Commission recommends that GVAs should be given responsibility for GPs under their jurisdiction to satisfy the conditionality for availing the Improvement Grant.

(Para 7.34)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission and same shall apply for ULBs as well.

32. Recommendation of fourteenth Central Finance Commission

12.29 While not limiting to the above observations, the Commission suggests that on the basis of per capita expenditure, the award of grant under Article 280 (3) (BB) from 14th CFC towards augmenting the Consolidated State Fund for supplementing the resources of Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies, to be at least Rs. 900.00 per capita annually for the award period 2015-20.

(Para 7.37)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission and this has already been incorporated in the Memorandum of the 14th Finance Commission.

33. Fourteenth Central Finance Commission

12.30 The Commission suggests the 14th CFC to consider Census 2011 population figures while ascertaining the allocations to Local Bodies, wherever population is the criterion considering the demographic changes that have occurred after Census 1971, primarily for the reason that the State of Sikkim became part of the Indian Union only in 1975, and the population explosion in the State occurred mainly during the last four decades. Hence, the Commission believes that the population figure as of

1971 becomes inapplicable for determination of devolution of taxes/duties/grants-in-aid for the State of Sikkim.
(Para 7.38)

Action Taken:

The matter is already in the State's view. It has been reiterated in the MOU submitted to 14th Finance Commission.

34. Nomenclature BDO be replaced with BAO.

12.31 The Commission recommends that nomenclature Block Development Officer be replaced with Block Administrative Officer.
(Para 9.3)

Action Taken:

The Block Development Officers are re-designated as Gram Vikash Adhikari vide Notification No.155/Gen/Dop dated 29.05.2013 and the Block Administrative Centre as Gram Vikash Kendra.

35. Recommendations pertaining to suggestion to Central Commission

12.32 The Commission urges the Central Finance Commission/ Planning Commission/ concerned Central Line Ministries to devise a 'budgetary and fund transfer' mechanism that will allow the State Line Departments to invariably communicate the resources envelopes, well in advance, to the Local Bodies and the DPCs. The Commission, further suggests that BRGF allocations to the Districts/States may be made partly conditional, and substantially incentivize (both in District and State components) those States, which have standardized processes in place to provide timely resource envelopes to the Local Bodies / DPCs.
(Para 10.2)

Action Taken:

No action regarding this is required as the matter pertains to Central Government.

36. e-panchayat module (Panchayat Enterprise Suite Application)

12.33 The Commission suggests that in line with the Plan Plus software, the Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS) should also have an

option for the Citizens to publicly view the funds received by the implementing agencies and beneficiaries through treasury and society modes on various plan and non-plan schemes. The Commission feels that the age of 'Open Governance' with advent of e-modules for many a scheme has set in, and this is an appropriate time to facilitate such facilities to the Citizens (even without Aadhar number). This may even be considered as a step in the right direction towards maximum public disclosure.

(Para 10.3)

Action Taken:

The e- Panchayats module (Panchayats Enterprise Suite Application software) designed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India which includes 8 application software including Plan plus, PRIA soft, National Asset Directory, Action Soft etc. are available in the public domain.

37. Recommendation pertaining dissemination of issues/recommendations of SFC/CFC to Local Bodies.

12.34 The Commission feels that the issues/recommendations pertaining to the Local Bodies in the SFC/CFC reports should be widely disseminated and percolated down to them through focused knowledge transfer and capacity enhancement initiatives. The 14th CFC may allocate special grants to the districts for undertaking such capacity enhancement and knowledge dissemination initiatives across all the PRIs and ULBs.

(Para 10.4)

Action Taken:

Included in the public domain of the 14th Finance Commission.

38. Suitable legislative provision to be introduced to empower the SFCs

12.35 The Commission recommends that suitable legislative provision be introduced to empower the SFCs to address those accepted recommendations (pertaining to the award period of immediate/previous SFC) but not being implemented with corrective measures, as the subsequent SFC is being constituted for its report submission, well in advance of the termination/lapse of the previous SFC award period.

(Para 10.5)

Action Taken:

This recommendation cannot be acted upon.

39. Recommendation pertaining to Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committee

12.36 The Commission recommends that Social Audit–cum–Vigilance Committee should also perform Social Audit for the works/schemes of all the Line Departments as per the activity mapping, irrespective of whether the works/schemes are implemented by the Local Bodies or directly by the Line Departments. ULBs should also adhere to similar social audit mechanism.

(Para 11.1)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

40. Transfer of fund to Local Bodies in four tranches

12.37 The Commission recommends that the SFC funds/grants may be transferred in four tranches in a particular financial year, preferably, in the months of April, July, October, and January, to lend a degree of certainty on timely fund transfers to the Local Bodies.

(Para 11.2)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission with minor modification that instead of April, July October and January, the transfer of fund in four tranches in the month of May, August, November and February considering the release of resource.

41. Recommendation pertaining to impact assessment study by Local Bodies.

12.38 The Commission recommends that impact assessment study covering various parameters through utilization of SFC/CFC grants by the Local Bodies be carried out by the State Finance Commission Division, as a mid-term evaluation measure, the results /findings of which can be further used to streamline various systemic processes and identify areas for

improvement within the decentralized governance and devolution framework.

(Para 11.3)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission.

42. Capacity Building of PAA and similar accounting personnel of ZPs & ULBs.

12.39 The Commission recommends that Panchayat Account Assistants (PAAs) for GPs, and similar accounting personnel for ZPs and ULBs should be intensively trained in the preparation of budgets, maintenance of accounts, and database management.

(Para 11.4)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission

43. The Commission would like to record the following small yet critical points for the consideration of the State Government.

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- i. The 12th FC has recommended a lifespan of 18 months for the SFCs. This Commission realized that the SFC tenure - in Sikkim - should be atleast for duration of 12 months, if not 18 months, as against the current practice of 6 months, for the fact that a detailed report addressing all the topics as per the model templates, needs to be prepared. The Commission recommends that the Fifth State Finance Commission (5th SFC) may be constituted, by all means, in April 2017.
- ii. The Commission recommends that a suitable budgetary allocation be made in the State budget for 2017-18 so that requisite funds can be allocated in advance to the 5th SFC for its effective functioning.
- iii. The Commission recommends that the State Finance Commission Cell/Division be suitably strengthened for maintaining and updating the financial data of local bodies, atleast, on a monthly basis. SFC Division

should also be given the overall responsibility for processing of SFC /CFC grants, and related utilization and impact reports for the PRIs and ULBs in coordination with the concerned Line Departments. The SFC Division should devise mechanisms for monitoring the growth related to revenue receipts and expenditure of the State, PRIs, and ULBs.

- iv. The Commission recommends that the hard and soft copies of its report and ATR be circulated to all the GPs, ZPs, and ULBs by the SFC Division.
 - v. The Commission recommends that its report and ATR be uploaded on the State and National web portals.
 - vi. The Commission recommends that requisite dissemination of its recommendations and ATR should be taken up through focused knowledge and capacity enhancement initiatives by the institutions such as SFC Division, DLFA, and SIRD.
- (Para 11.6)

Action Taken:

The Government has accepted the above recommendation of the Commission and sl. no. ii to be included under State Finance Department at the appropriate time and Sl. No. v will be upload on the State portal.

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