

Over Rs. 284 Crores Released as First Installment of XV FC Grants to Strengthen Rural Local Bodies in Mizoram, Odisha and Tripura

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The Union Government has released the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) Untied Grants for Rural Local Bodies in three states during the Financial Year 2025–26. **Mizoram has received Rs.14.2761 crores** for 827 eligible Village Councils as part of the 2023–24 grants, while **Odisha has been allocated Rs.240.8149 crores** for 6,085 eligible Gram Panchayats and 63 eligible Block Panchayats and **Tripura has been provided Rs. 29.75 crores** for 606 eligible Gram Panchayats, 35 eligible Block Panchayats, 8 eligible Zilla Parishads along with all 587 Village Committees and 40 eligible Block Advisory Committees of the state as part of the 1st installment of Untied Grants of the financial year 2025–26.

Government of India through Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Jal Shakti recommends release of XV-FC Grants to States for Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) / Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). These allocated grants are recommended and released in 2 installments in a financial year. The **Untied Grants** will be utilized by RLBs/ PRIs for location-specific felt needs, under the **Twenty-Nine (29) Subjects** enshrined in the **Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution**, except for salaries and other establishment costs. While the **Tied Grants** can be used for the basic services of (a) sanitation and maintenance of ODF status, and this should include management and treatment of household waste, and human excreta and fecal sludge management in particular and (b) supply of drinking water, rainwater harvesting and water recycling.

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