

# Union Government Releases Over Rs. 151 Crores Health Sector Grant for Strengthening Rural Diagnostic Infrastructure in West Bengal

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The Government of India has released the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) Health Sector Grant amounting to **Rs.15104.01 lakhs (over Rs.151 Crore)** to the Government of West Bengal under the component “*Support for Diagnostic Infrastructure to the Primary Healthcare Facilities for the Sub-Centres (For Rural)*” for the year 2024–25. This grant supports the Healthy Panchayat vision under LSDGs, promoting health and well-being for all through local governance. It also helps to strengthen the goal of “Viksit Bharat @2047 through Healthy Panchayats,” fostering resilient and sustainable rural communities.

The XV Finance Commission (XV FC) recommended Health Sector Grant is intended to be utilized to fully equip primary healthcare facilities so that they can provide necessary diagnostic services in rural areas. This release will help strengthen diagnostic infrastructure at the grassroots level, benefitting citizens in villages where Panchayati Raj Institutions are functioning. The XV FC Health Sector Grants are released by the Ministry of Finance on the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. States are required to ensure that the funds are utilized strictly as per the operational and technical guidelines issued by the Government of India and that there is no duplication with other schemes such as the National Health Mission (NHM) or the Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY).

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