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डोरण्डा, राँची-834002

DO Letter No.....140/1903/10

Ranchi, Dated. - 23-08-24

Dear Abu,

Sub.: Status of delegation of powers to PRI as matters listed in Schedule 11 of the 73rd constitutional amendment and constituted part of the Jharkhand Panchayat Raj Act, 2001 and its subsequent amendments and issues related to PVTG, FRA/Conservation of environment etc.- regarding.

Ref:- State Finance Commission letter No. वित्त (SFC)-12/24-101/वि0आ0, दिनांक 01-07-2024।

This is important to note that SFC has not received any response inspite of the reminders. This is also relevant to note that there was General Election of Parliament, 2024 and there will be General Election for State Assembly in this year itself. These activities do affect the departmental work because the officers are being engaged in many election related activities as well. There are reshuffle of officers including Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretaries and other important officers i.e. PCCF (HOFF), other PCCFs & APCCF/Deputy Secretary/Joint Secretary/Special Secretaries. **You have joined recently** in the department and few key functionaries may retired in coming months too. This administrative exercise may have delayed the process of the sending of the desired report. Now it is important to look into the matter personally and get it expedited. You may like to engage suitable retired officers who had worked in the department, Research/Training Institute & GoI or some expert body who may assist you for the early submission of the report.

2. The forest is among the most important department of Jharkhand because large population of this state are dependent on forest for their livelihood too. This department is also important to provide green cover, O₂, livelihood, conservation of water, improvement of quality of life in rural & urban area too. The key support of your department will be relevant and extremely useful to 5th State Finance Commission.

3. This is also relevant to note that specific programmes and issues related to PVTG, Transgender, Divyang and old and isolated habitat etc. must be taken and included specifically in the report. Any specific demand may also be included with detail explanation and justification which may be important to improve efficiency and public accountability.

4. 5th State Finance Commission has already requested the **department of Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste/Other Backward Class & Minority to look the PVTG** issue in comprehensive manner. The department was made nodal to coordinate with other departments vide letter no. 136/वि०आ० dated 16.08.2024. You may be aware of it and must be contributing to the said activity.
5. 5th State Finance Commission is also keen to understand the **implementation of Forest Right Act, 2006** along the subsequent amendments. A letter vide letter no. 137/वि०आ०, dated 20.08.2024 was issued and your department was made nodal and requested to interact with other related departments to submit a comprehensive report on the subject. The role of Gram Sabha (GS) needs to be emphasized too in the report.
6. 5th State Finance Commission has to make recommendation for **ULB (Urbal Local Bodies)** along the RLB (Rural Local Bodies). You must have noticed that the environmentally sustainable development is more crucial to Urban Local Bodies under given current climatic conditions and climatic challenges. Urban Local Bodies are normally not known to be centre of keys activity of your department. Environmental pollution and implementation of **06 waste management rule** are most important for urban and industrial pockets. **NGT is regularly** monitoring and issuing directions to state government. The conservation of water, adequacy of drinking water, increase green cover and improvement of quality of air/water will be important for the improvement of quality of life. So, it is requested to study the issues along Department of Urban Development & Housing and Urban Local Bodies and suggest mechanism for the ecologically sustainable development of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). Department of Urban Development & Housing will interact with your department.
7. You are aware that many **mining areas are too ecologically** sensitive and fragile, need necessary work to improve the quality of habitat. How **DMFT** resource besides other may be put to use for such activities in rural/semi urban/census town/urban area?
8. The department may highlight the steps taken to ensure the compliance of **RTI Act, The Citizen Service Act and Public Grievance Redressal Mechanism**. The address and feature of Department's website may also be shared. The Department may highlight **mechanism of Social Audit and Evaluation Studies** and other activities to ensure the accountability of public servants and system.
9. In view of the above mentioned letter, 5th State Finance Commission is again requesting you to look into the issue personally and expedite the matter. The Department may like to look into **all three aspects – delegation/transfer of function, functionaries and fund**, compare Jharkhand with **other 5th Scheduled States** on similar subjects and **coordination mechanism** prevailing in the state of Jharkhand **on the subject being dealt by more than one department** on priority. This part of report may be submitted on the priority. **The other report as mentioned in para 5, 6 & 7 may be submitted separately and subsequently.**

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10. You are requested to seek inter departmental consultation where it is required. The copy of the letter is being given to concerning departments too.

11. The department may visit other states which are known for better achievement on different issues.

The FSFC again requests the department to send a report on the subject as soon as possible. The department is also requested to indicate a suitable date and time for the presentation of the said report.

with best wishes

Yours Sincerely

Ap 23/08/24
(AMRENDRA PRATAP SINGH)

To,

Shri Abu Baccker Siddiqui
Secretary,
Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change
Government of Jharkhand.

Cc:- Principal Secretary, Department of Urban Development & Housing, Govt. of Jharkhand for necessary action and effective coordination as issues mentioned in para 6.

Cc:- Secretary, Department of Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste/Other Backward Class & Minority for information and necessary action as issued mentioned in para 4 & 5 besides other.

Cc:- Secretary, Department of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms, Govt. of Jharkhand for necessary interaction in para 4 & 5.

Cc:- Principal Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj and Secretary, Department of Finance for information and necessary action.

Cc:- Secretary, Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand for necessary action on para 7.

Ap 23/08/24
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