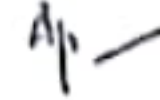
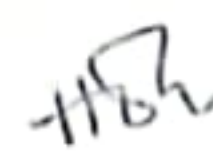


Minutes of Meeting of the 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand on 22.11.2024 in the Chamber of the Chairman of the 5th SFC (Room No.141, Yojna Bhawan)

- 1) The meeting was attended by the Chairman of the commission, Sri A. P. Singh, Member, Dr. Harishwar Dayal and Secretary, Sri Nitish Kumar Singh.
- 2) Member Ms. Nisha Oraon could not attend the meeting.
- 3) Proceeding of the previous meeting held in the Chamber of the Chairman on 30.08.2024 is confirmed and the following points have been discussed
 - (i) The Secretary expressed his satisfaction with the delegation of power to facilitate the SFC's routine work
 - (ii) Secretary informed that the GEM registration will be done at the earliest and the procurement will be sped up
 - (iii) The sanction of the post for the 5th SFC will be finalised soon as the Secretary, SFC has interaction with the Department of Finance, GoJ on the subject.
 - (iv) The web portal is almost ready. A discussion may be held soon with the NIC and the SFC teams.
 - (v) The payment formality may be expedited as per agreement and budget allocation
 - (vi) This is also informed that Landline phone by BSNL will be installed soon.
- 4) Activities of the commission after the last meeting dated 30.08.2024
 - i. Meeting with the Mukhia, Gram Pradhan, Ward Members, Members of JSLPS, Members of JFM Committee of the Gram Panchayats of Kolebira Block, Simdega District on 24.09.2024
 - ii. Meeting with Sri Brajesh Dubey of Foundation for Ecological Security on 25.09.2024 in the chamber of the Chairman of the 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand
 - iii. Meeting with the Mukhia, Gram Pradhan, Ward Members, Members of JSLPS, Members of JFM Committee of the Gram Panchayats of Manika Block, Latehar District on 03.10.2024
 - iv. Meeting with the, DC, DDC and other officials of Khunti District on 07.10.2024
 - v. Meeting with the DC, DDC and other officials of Simdega District on 07.10.2024
 - vi. Meeting with the officials of NABARD, Ranchi office on 08.10.2024 in the chamber of the Chairman of the 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand.
 - vii. Meeting with the officials of UNICEF, Ranchi office on 21.11.2024 in the chamber of the Chairman of the 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand.
- 5) Meeting with the CFC at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi: Under the supervision of the 16th CFC, a meeting of SCFs of all the states of the country was organised by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), GoI. The following points were discussed:



- i. In the opening remarks, the secretary of MoPR said that many states have started constituting their SFC since the late 90s after the 73rd and the 74th amendments and their reports generally were implemented by the state government.
- ii. The participating former Chairman of the State Finance Commission of Sikkim pointed out that the serving officers under the Government should not be posted as the Chairman or members of State Finance Commissions. Such officers, when posted in the departments after their tenure in the SFC, are required to implement the recommendations made by the commission of which they were once part. Such direction may come from the Central Finance Commission (CFC) in its report. The CFC has also taken note of it.
- iii. This was also pointed out that like the CFC, the recommendations of the SFC should also be made mandatory.
- iv. It was also pointed out that for the above two issues [5 (ii) & 5 (iii)] the necessary amendment needs to be done in the concerned act/rules of the state.
- v. The CFC expressed its concern for the non-functioning of the previous SFCs in many states.
- vi. It came out in the discussion that even after the constitution of State Finance Commission and the appointment of the chairman and members, the basic working facilities were not provided immediately. This has taken many months in a few cases. So, it was suggested that the office and staff of the commission must be permanently fixed and an SFC cell in the finance department must be permanently created. The Skelton cell will remain functional and will keep on collecting all necessary information required for the next Finance Commission. So, when a new full-fledged Finance Commission is constituted, this cell will work for it and provide all basic information.
- vii. For quality data collection CFC model may be adopted.
- viii. It was also mentioned that no rule exists for the collection of Own Source of Revenue (OSR) in the rural areas of Jharkhand. Besides southern states, the RLBs of eastern states like Chhattisgarh and Odisha are collecting lots of revenue. Stamp duty may be one more source of income or transfer to PRI/ RLB.
- ix. Skilling of elected and selected office bearers needs to be focused. Computer literacy/skill and financial transparency must be focused.
- x. A PRI can become independent only once it starts collecting OSR adequately and reduces its dependence on the state.
- xi. E-gram swaraj is being strengthened to capture composite data or GP/ PRI. The state must move beyond GPDP and the 15th FC grant in uploading the data.
- xii. MoPR is providing a grant for the construction of Panchayat Bhawan with a population of 3000+ and digital support (computers) for 37000 GP

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- xiii. SVAMITVA for household data may help in improving OSR more actively. Andhra Pradesh has changed methodology for the calculation of property tax from rental income to capital value.
- xiv. Odisha and a few states are providing departmental resources to PRI. Even the annual budgets of a few states clearly indicate the provision to PRI and ULB.
- xv. MoPR is making efforts to develop the Panchayat Development Index by collecting data on 575 items.
- xvi. **Drinking water:** Operation and Maintenance (O&M) is going to be a challenge for PRI/ULB given the increased coverage. The department may look to adopt "SCADA" system and solarisation may be a way forward. The Telangana model may be studied. This should be analysed that adequate user charges may be realised. In this given DBT to families, it may not be easy to collect money from users.
- xvii. Few states have worked on the compensation of loss of revenue to PRI/ULB on account of the implementation of GST.
- xviii. Digital technologies are being used in PRI/ULB. Kerala and Tripura models are worth to be studied.
- xix. Financial resource management including accounting and auditing systems need to be strengthened by digitization/adopting tech solutions with proper and competent manpower.
- xx. Data of Assets must be digitised besides improving service delivery and upkeep of existing assets/services to the satisfaction of the public.
- xxi. Ecology and green development must be on the agenda.

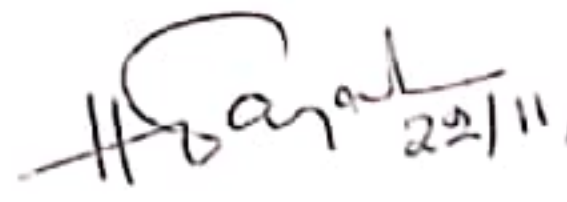
6) **List of the Nodal Officers:** The following Departments have shared the name of the nodal officers

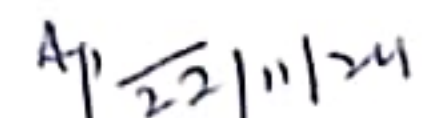
S. No.	Name and Designation of the Nodal Officer	Phone No.	e-mail. Id	Letter No/ Date/ Deptt.
1.	Sri Santosh Kumar Choubey, Under Secretary	8825293745	choubeywr@gmail.com	Industries Letter No-1471/ Dated-19-11-2024
2.	Sri Kumar Amitabh, Dy Director			Mines and Geology Letter No-1832/ Dated-19-11-2024
3.	Sri Shashi Prakash Jha, IAS, Special Secretary	9939455444		Revenue Registration and Land Reforms Letter No-3621/ Dated-19-11-2024

4.	Sri Arshad Jamal, Under Secretary	9431584142		Department of School Education & Literacy Letter No-2055/ Dated-22-11-2024
5.	Sri Rajesh Prajapati, Joint Secretary	9973880966	swdjharkhand@gmail.com	Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Letter No-2835/ Dated-14-11-2024
6.	Smt Sangita Lal, Joint Secretary	9431394854	sangita68jas@gmail.com	Transport Letter No-1478/ Dated-18-11-2024
7.	Sri Lakhi Ram Baske	9431906136	upsachivcumddo@gmail.com	Planning & Development Department Letter No- 1511/ Dated-20-11-2024
8.	Sri Dhena Kisku	7004193174	dsbcdranchi@gmail.com	Building Construction Department Letter No- 283/ Dated-22-11-2024

- 7) The departments are requested to relook it, and Nodal Officers should be dealing with related subjects in the department of school education and literacy relook into it. Those departments which have not yet nominated the officers may do it soon.
- 8) A meeting of the nodal officers may be conducted on 03.12.2024 at 11.30 A. M. to start initial interaction. The letter issued to the concerned departments may be shared in a folder with them.
- 9) Budget: The SFC has already taken JCF and reappropriation after a long wait. The office was not able to submit the proposal timely in the First Supplementary. Let the proposal for the second supplementary may be prepared in advance in consultation with the department of finance.

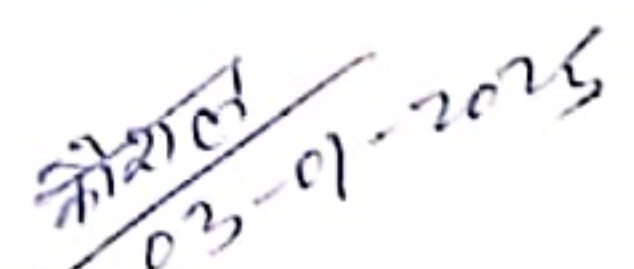

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CC: Secretary, Department of Finance/ Principal Secretary Department of Panchayati Raj/
Principal Secretary Urban Development and Housing Department

Ranchi, Dated:- 03/01/25


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