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## CHAPTER – VIII

### Conclusions

#### **8.1 Finance and Accounts**

Non-preparation of budget estimates and financial accounts violated the provisions contained in Bihar Municipal Act 1922 which resulted in unauthorized expenditure of Rs.27.55 crore. U.L.Bs having separate accounting wings failed to prepare proper accounts. Delay in remittance of Govt. dues & excess and irregular payments made, indicate that internal control mechanism was weak and non-functional. Non-preparation of annual accounts & non-maintenance of accounts in double entry system of accounting resulted in lack of transparency of utilization of public funds. Accountability of individual functionaries needs to be fixed for lapses to prevent their recurrence. Accordingly training needs have to be assessed and training imparted to staff involved in the above job.

#### **8.2 Non-maintenance of basic records**

Due to non-maintenance of basic records viz. Grant Register, Loan Register, Loan Appropriation Register, Advance Ledger, Annual Accounts register, budget control register, demand and collection register, correct picture of accounts of ULBs could not be ascertained. These records are required to be maintained on priority basis.

#### **8.3 Collection of statutory levies, dues and their remittance**

The system of timely collection of taxes, fees and cess on behalf of Government and their remittance by ULBs to respective heads of Municipal fund and Government Accounts needs to be improved as per provisions of Act and Rules to prevent loss of Municipal and Government revenue.

#### **8.4 Implementation of schemes**

Poor utilisation of assistance under several schemes indicated the insufficient appreciation of Govt. objectives and policies for providing basic amenities and services. Non/improper implementation of schemes frustrated the objectives for which development grants were released by the Government to the ULBs. Therefore, close monitoring and periodical evaluation of achievements of schemes is needed.

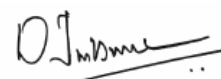
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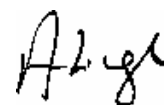
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