

OVERVIEW

This report includes three chapters. Chapter I deals with an overview of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) containing the organizational set-up, accounting and audit arrangements, sources and flow of funds to ULBs and audit coverage including comments on accounts maintained by the ULBs. Chapter II comprises 15 paragraphs on the financial transactions of the ULBs. Chapter III deals with a review on the Devolution of funds, functions and functionaries to the ULBs followed by conclusions and recommendations. A summary of audit findings is given as under:

Non-utilisation of TFC grants of Rs.5.42 crore by BMC.

(Paragraph 1.6.1)

Delay in transfer of TFC grants to interest bearing bank account resulted in loss of interest of Rs.26.72 lakh.

(Paragraph 1.6.2)

Delay in utilization of TFC grants of Rs.1.65 crore by Puri Municipality.

(Paragraph 1.6.3)

Blocking of funds of Rs.1.49 crore due to non-acquisition of land for drainage system in CMC

(Paragraph 2.1)

Loss due to non-recovery of cost of empty gunny bags of cement from contractors-Rs.86.30 lakh.

(Paragraph 2.4)

Excess recovery of Rs.33 lakh by Government on purchase of land.

(Paragraph 2.6)

Avoidable expenditure of Rs.23.23 lakh due to retendering by BMC.

(Paragraph 2.7)

Infructuous expenditure of Rs.31.62 lakh on construction of Town Hall due to delay in transfer of land to the contractor.

(Paragraph 2.8)

Irregular expenditure of Rs.35 lakh under NSDP scheme in violation of guidelines.

(Paragraph 2.9)

Irregular utilisation of EFC grants of Rs.62.64 lakh.

(Paragraph 2.10)

Unfruitful expenditure on incomplete works Rs.1.49 crore.

(Paragraph 2.11)

Advances of Rs.10.31 crore lying unadjusted.

(Paragraph 2.12)

Overlapping of functions done by line departments

(Paragraph 3.7.2)

Non-revision of annual value of holdings by the ULBs

(Paragraph 3.8.3)

Weak tax base and insufficient transfer of funds

(Paragraph 3.8.5)