

# REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF LOCAL ACCOUNTS, JHARKHAND

# For the year ended 31 March 2011



**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND** 



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- 1. As per Article 243 Z of the Constitution õThe Legislature of a State may by law, make provisions with respect to the maintenance of accounts by the Municipalities and the auditing of such accountsö. Government of Jharkhand has adopted the Bihar & Orissa Local Fund Audit Act, 1925 under which the Examiner of Local Accounts, Jharkhand, who heads the Local Audit Department in the office of the Principal Accountant General (Audit), Jharkhand, has been appointed for conducting the audit of all the Local Bodies in Jharkhand.
- 2. This Report is prepared under the direction of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for submission to the Government of Jharkhand. The cases mentioned in the Report are among those, which came to notice in course of test audit of accounts of 10 ULBs during 2010-11.
- 3. The purpose of this report is to give an overview of the functioning of ULBs in the State of Jharkhand and to draw the attention of the State Government and ULBs for remedial action for improvement, wherever necessary.
- 4. This is the sixth Annual Report of the Examiner of Local Accounts, Jharkhand on the ULBs.



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# **OVERVIEW**

The Report contains three chapters namely: introduction, audit of transactions and response to audit. A synopsis of the audit findings contained in the Report is presented in this overview.

### 1. Introduction

Devolution of functions, funds and functionaries to ULBs as envisaged in the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 had not taken place as yet (March 2013).

ULBs were financially dependent on Grants and Loans from the Government as their own resources were meager. The available manpower in ULBs was not sufficient.

### [Paragraph 1.5 and 1.6]

### 2. Audit of Transactions

Basic records viz. Advance Ledger, Loan Register, Loan Appropriation Register, Grant Register, Work Register, Unpaid Bill Register, Annual Report, Deposit Ledger, Register of Lands, Register of Revenue Resources, Asset Register etc. were not maintained by most of the ULBs.

### [Paragraph 2.1]

In contravention to the provisions of the Act, four ULBs irregularly maintained 34 additional Bank accounts and deposited ₹ 180.31 crore.

### [Paragraph 2.2.2]

### The collecting staff of two ULBs misappropriated ₹ 1.94 lakh.

### [Paragraph 2.3.1]

Eighty four Receipt Books were not produced before audit by four ULBs.

### [Paragraph 2.3.2]

Proceeds of the collection of  $\gtrless$  41.91 crore on account of Health/Education cess were not remitted by four ULBs into the Government account.

### [Paragraph 2.3.4.2]

Eight ULBs did not take prescribed steps for recovery of outstanding Holding tax, although a huge sum of ₹ 33.83 crore was outstanding.

### [Paragraph 2.3.5]



Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features ernal controls were not followed by the Officers of the ULBs. ks, an important control tool, were not exercised as required

under Acts and Rules.

### [Paragraph 2.5]

### 3. Response to audit

Replies/Action Taken Notes on the paras appeared in the previous Reports of the Examiner of Local Accounts, Jharkhand were not furnished by the State Government.

### [Paragraph 3.1]

As on 31 March 2012, 140 notices involving ₹ 1.47 crore issued during 2000-2012 were pending.

### [Paragraph 3.3]



# CHAPTER-I

### **INTRODUCTION**

### 1.1 Background

Under Section 4 of the Jharkhand Municipal Act (JMA), 2000, the State Government may declare a town as a Municipal Corporation, a Municipality/Municipal Council or a Notified Area Committee/Nagar Panchayat on the basis of a population of more than two lakh, not less than forty thousand and twelve thousand respectively provided that the town has (i) an average number of not less than 400 inhabitants per square Kilometer and (ii) three-fourth of the adult population are engaged in pursuits other than agriculture.

Three Municipal Corporations<sup>1</sup>, one Municipality<sup>2</sup> and 14 Municipal Councils<sup>3</sup>, 19 Nagar Panchayats<sup>4</sup> and two Notified Area Committees<sup>5</sup> (NACs), declared by the State Government, were in existence in the State as on 31 March 2011. The Municipal Corporations are governed by Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC) Act, 2001, whereas Municipalities/Municipal Councils and NACs/Nagar Panchayats are governed by JMA, 2000. Elections were held in all the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) except Jamshedpur and Mango NAC and Jugsalai Municipality.

### 1.2 Organisational Set-up

The ULBs are under the administrative control of the Urban Development Department (UDD), Government of Jharkhand (GoJ). The Chairman/Mayor elected by the public is the executive head of the ULB. He presides over the meetings of the Municipal Board. The executive power of ULB is exercised by the Board. To assist the Board, various committees are constituted. The Chief Executive Officer/ Executive officer appointed by the State Government is a whole time officer of the Municipal Corporation/Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat and executive power for the purposes of carrying on the administration of ULB, subject to the provisions of the JMA/RMC Act and of any rules and bye-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Deoghar, Dhanbad and Ranchi.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Jugsalai

Adityapur, Chakradharpur, Chaibasa, Chas, Chatra, Dumka, Fusro, Giridih, Hazaribag, Jhumritelaiya, Lohardaga, Madhupur, Medninagar and Sahebganj.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Basukinath, Bishrampur, Bundu, Chakulia, Chirkunda, Garhwa, Godda, Gumla, Hussainabad, Jamtara, Khunti, Koderma, Latehar, Majhigawan, Mihijam, Pakur, Rajmahal, Saraikela and Simdega.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Jamshedpur and Mango



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er and the general control of the Municipal Board, vests in tes every resolution of the Board. In the absence of elected

bodies, Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and NACs are administered by an Administrator and Special Officer. Other officers are also appointed to discharge specific functions.

### 1.3 Accounting and Auditing Arrangement

### Accounting arrangements:

As per Section 81 of the Bihar & Orissa Municipal Act, 1922 (adopted as JMA, 2000) the State Government may make rules consistent with the Act regarding maintenance of accounts. Accordingly, the Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 were framed which prescribes the Forms and Accounts to be kept by the ULBs. For assessment, demand and collection of various taxes of ULBs (except Municipal Corporations), Municipal Accounts (Recovery of Taxes) Rules, 1951 was framed under the provisions of the Municipal Act.

In exercise of powers conferred by clauses (a) and (c) of section 227 and clauses (k) of sub-section (2) of section 540 of the Patna Municipal Corporation Act 1951, Patna Municipal Accounts (Recovery of Taxes) Rules, 1953 was framed. Further, in accordance with sub-section  $3(2)^6$  of Patna Municipal Corporation Act, 1951, Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 is also applicable to Municipal Corporations.

Recently the State Government issued a notification on October 10, 2012 regarding adoption of Jharkhand Municipal Accounts Manual, 2012 with immediate effect. The Manual has been prepared on the basis of National Municipal Accounts Manual prepared by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) as recommended by the Task Force of the CAG constituted for this purpose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Every appointment, rule, bye-law, form, notification, notice, tax, fee, scheme, order, licence or permission made, issued, imposed, sanctioned or given under the B & O Municipal Act 1922, or the Patna Administration Act,1915, shall, so far it relates to the areas administered by the Patna City Municipality or the Patna Administration Committee and so far as it is enforce at the commencement of, and is not inconsistent with, this Act, be deemed to have been made, issued, imposed, sanctioned or given under the provisions of this Act, and shall, unless previously altered, modified, cancelled, suspended, surrendered or withdrawn, as the case may be, under this Act, remain in force for the period , if any, for which it was so made, issued, imposed, sanctioned or given.



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### ents:

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Audit of ULBs is conducted by the Examiner of Local Accounts (ELA), Jharkhand under Jharkhand & Orissa Local Fund Audit Act, 1925.

Under Section 120 (1) of RMC Act, 2001, the Annual Accounts of the Municipal Corporations are subject to audit under the Jharkhand and Orissa Local Fund Audit Act, 1925. For this purpose, the Corporation is deemed to be a local authority whose accounts have been declared by the State Government to be subjected to audit under Section 3 of the Jharkhand and Orissa Local Fund Audit Act, 1925 and the municipal fund is deemed to be a local fund.

### 1.4 Audit Coverage

Out of 39 ULBs, accounts of eight ULBs covering the financial years 2007-09, Dhanbad Municipal Corporation for the period 2006-08 and Ranchi Municipal Corporation for 2009-10 were test checked during October 2010 to March 2011 (*APPENDIX-I*). The findings of audit are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

### 1.5 Devolution of functions, funds and functionaries

### **Functions:**

Visualising ULBs as institutions of self-governance, the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 left the extent of devolution to the wisdom of the State legislatures. Major elements of devolution are transfer of functions, functionaries and funds to ULBs, accompanied by freedom to take administrative and financial decisions at local level.

The ULBs are required to perform, *inter alia*, 18 functions (APPENDIX-II) enlisted in the Twelfth Schedule to the Constitution.

During audit, it was noticed that only six functions are being performed by all the test checked ULBs, 10 other functions are also performed by Ranchi Municipal Corporation, while process of transfer of rest of the two functions to the ULBs are in progress (February 2013) as detailed in following table:



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cal Accounts, Jharkhand on ULBs for the year 2010-11

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No.	checked ULBs	Performed by Ranchi Municipal Corporation	Not performed by any test-checked ULBs
110.	checkeu ULDs	•	test-cliecked ULBs
1	Urban planning including	Regulation of land-use and	Fire Services,
	town planning,	construction of buildings,	
2	Water supply for domestic,	Planning for economic and social	Promotion of cultural,
	industrial and commercial	development,	educational and
	purposes,	_	aesthetic aspects.
3	Sanitation, conservation and	Roads and bridges,	
	solid waste management,	_	
4	Slum improvement and	Safeguarding the interests of weaker	
	upgradation,	sections of society including the	
		handicapped and mentally retarded	
5	Urban poverty alleviation,	Slum improvement and upgradation,	
6	Provision of urban amenities	Burials and burial grounds;	
	and facilities, such as parks,	cremations, cremation grounds and	
	garden, playground etc.	electric crematoriums,	
7		Cattle ponds, prevention of cruelty	
		to animals,	
8		Vital statistics including registration	
		of births and deaths,	
9		Public amenities including street	
		lighting, parking lots, bus stops and	
		public conveniences,	
10		Regulation of slaughter houses and	
		tanneries.	

Source: Information provided by the ULBs

### Funds:

Devolution of funds to ULBs should be a natural corollary to implement the transferred functions. It was, however, noticed that financial assistance provided to ULBs by the State Government was on a decreasing trend since 2008-09.

The financial assistance to ULBs had decreased from 5.58 *per cent* to 1.31 per *cent* of revenue receipts of the State Government during 2008-11, which was inadequate keeping in view the insufficient resources of the ULBs and the fact that 22 *per cent* of the total population of the State resided in urban areas.

### **Financial Profile**

The ULB Fund comprises of receipts from own resources and grants and loans from the State Government and Central Government.

Under the provisions of various Acts<sup>7</sup> in force, all collections such as tax on holdings, water tax, latrine tax, fee on registration of vehicles such as cycles, rickshaw, thela etc, tax on trades, professions, callings and employments, are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 82 and 275 of Jharkhand Municipal Act, 2000 and Section 123 and 142 of Ranchi Municipal Corporation Act, 2001.

(₹ in lakh)



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Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Features e and building plan sanction fees, mutation fees of property, lings, tolls and other fees and charges etc. constitute the main

source of non-tax revenue. The State Government releases grants-in-aid and loans to the ULBs to compensate their establishment expenses. Grants and assistance are also received from the State Government and the Central Government for implementation of specific schemes and projects.

Rule 83 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 (as adopted by Government of Jharkhand) provides for preparation of Annual Accounts but none of the 10 test checked ULBs prepared annual accounts during the period under audit. However, as ascertained in audit on the basis of cashbooks/ information made available by ULBs, the financial profile of six ULBs was as summarised in the table below:

SI.	Name of	Period	Opening		Receipt	5	Grand	Expen	diture	Total	Closing
No	ULBs		Balance	Grant	Loan	Own/Other	Total	Establis	Scheme		Balance
						Sources		hment			
1	Dhanbad	2006-08				Not fu	rnished to au	dit.			
2	Fusro	2007-09				Not fu	rnished to au	dit.			
3	Bundu	2007-09	98.28	61.29	29.75	20.68	210.00	39.48	57.63	97.11	112.89
4	Garhwa	2007-09	161.66	171.93	103.79	53.41	490.79	68.35	101.69	170.04	320.75
5	Hussainabad	2007-09	128.06	74.40	59.05	18.51	280.02	19.94	82.32	102.26	177.76
6	Khunti	2007-09	188.66	171.39	115.55	23.36	498.96	36.66	268.94	305.60	193.36
7	Latehar	2007-09	152.31	137.04	94.46	71.75	455.56	32.26	125.78	158.04	297.52
8	Mihijam	2007-09	417.28	58.95	53.94	14.36	544.53	11.76	143.94	155.70	388.83
9	Rajmahal	2007-09		Not furnished to audit							
10	Ranchi	2009-10				Not fu	rnished to au	dit			

### Table-2

Source: Information provided by the ULBs

From the above table it was clear that the ULBs were financially dependent on grants/loans from the Government and their own revenues were meager.

### **Functionaries:**

Devolution of powers and functions to the ULBs required availability of qualified and trained personnel at all levels for efficient discharge of these functions. The ULBs should have administrative control over the staff to command loyalty and direction of purpose in the new scenario. A review of the system of transfer of functionaries to ULBs revealed that the available manpower in ULBs was not sufficient and required attention of the State Government.

The position of sanctioned posts and persons- in- position in respect of eight ULBs was as under:

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Table-3 Click Here to upgrade to Percentage of Sanctioned Men in Shortage Position as of Strength Position shortage (%) 31 st March Dhanbad Dhanbad Circle 191 246 56.29 2008 1 437 Sindri Circle 104 157 60.15 261 2 Bundu 21 Nil 21 100 2009 3 29 Nil 29 100 2009 Fusro 4 Garhwa 44 21 23 52.27 2009 Hussainabad 22 13 09 40.90 2009 5 Khunti Not furnished 2009 6 7 Latehar 21 Nil 21 100 2009 8 Mihijam 19 9 10 52.63 2009 9 Rajmahal Not furnished 2009 10 1330 2010 Ranchi 721 609 45.79 Total 2184 1059 1125 51.51

Source: Information furnished by ULBs

The above table shows that three ULBs<sup>8</sup> have no permanent staff against the sanctioned posts whereas in other ULBs the shortage of staff ranged from 41 to 60 per cent. Due to shortage of manpower, the ULBs were facing difficulties in performing duties such as collection of revenue, non-maintenance of basic records etc. This also affected the compliance of Acts/Provisions/Orders as brought out in paragraph 2.3.5.

#### 1.6 State Finance Commission Reports

The State Finance Commission (SFC) is constituted by the State Government under Section 80-B of JMA, 2000. The major function of the SFC was to frame the principles that would govern the distribution of the net proceeds of taxes, duties etc. between the State and Local Bodies and also grants-in-aid to Local Bodies to strengthen their financial position. The State Government constituted the first SFC in January 2004 which submitted its Report in April 2009 while the second SFC was constituted in December 2009. The Second State Finance Commission had not submitted its report (February 2013). Further, the Joint Secretary of the Urban Development Department informed in November 2012 that to consider one of the recommendations of the First SFC, of providing a per capita Core Municipal Services Provision Grant<sup>9</sup> of ₹ 375 in 2009-10 with annual growth rate of 10% in the subsequent four years in lieu of taxes not assigned and taxes not shared with ULBs, a High Level Committee would be constituted.

#### 1.7 **Recommendations**

- Government should prepare a time-bound action plan for devolution of  $\triangleright$ functions, funds and functionaries as envisaged by the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act.
- Action on the recommendations may also be ensured by the State  $\geq$ Government timely.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Bundu, Fusro and Latehar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Water Supply, Sanitation, Street Lights, Primary Education, Health and Municipal Roads



# **CHAPTER-II**

# **AUDIT OF TRANSACTIONS**

# 2.1 NON MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS/ RECORDS/REGISTERS

The ULBs maintained very few Forms and Accounts against provision of 86. Maintenance of records, registers and accounts is one of the important tools of the internal control mechanism to bring in transparency and accountability. As per Rule 4-A of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 and Rule 9 of Municipal Accounts (Recovery of Taxes) Rules, 1951, the ULBs are required to keep and maintain 86 types of Forms and Accounts against which ULBs maintained four to nine only.

Scrutiny of the records of the test-checked ULBs revealed that even the prescribed basic records were not maintained by most of the ULBs as detailed below:

SI.	<b>Records/Registers</b>	Prescribed	Name of the ULB	Implication
No.	not maintained	Rule/Acts/Sections		
1.	Advance Ledger	Rule 74 (Form XV) of Bihar	Hussianabad, Mihijam,	The purpose, age and amount of advance to be realised
		Municipal Accounts Rules,	Rajmahal, Garhwa, Latehar,	/adjusted as of 31 March each year could not be ascertained.
		1928	Dhanbad, Fusro, Ranchi	Due to this there was always probability of loss to the ULBs.
2.	Grant / Loan	Rule 14 A and Rule 89 (Form	Ranchi, Hussianabad,	Grant/loan received, purpose & date of receipt, appropriation
	Appropriation	XXIA) of Bihar Municipal	Mihijam, Rajmahal,	made from time to time and amount lying unutilised in
	Register	Accounts Rules, 1928	Dhanbad, Fusro	respect of a particular grant/loan could not be ascertained.
3.	Loan Register	Rule 88 (Form XXI) of Bihar	Ranchi, Hussianabad,	The date of receipt, amount, condition attached and overdue
		Municipal Accounts Rules,	Mihijam, Rajmahal,	instalment of loan with interest could not be ascertained.
		1928	Dhanbad, Fusro	
4.	Works Register	Rule 126 (Form XXXIX and	Ranchi, Rajmahal	In absence of Works Register, schemes taken up, estimated
		XL) of Bihar Municipal		cost, agency, the progress of work and its details viz. value
		Accounts Rules, 1928		of work done, payment made, materials issued, date of
				completion, works not completed/ suspended, outstanding
				amount to be paid against the work executed could not be
				ascertained. Any excess payment, in terms of cash/ material,
				was difficult to detect.
5.	Unpaid bill	Rule 33 (Form V) of Bihar	Rajmahal, Ranchi	In absence of Unpaid Bill register, the amount of claims
	Register	Municipal Accounts Rules,		along with the reasons for withholding the payment and the
		1928		actual liability of the ULBs could not be ascertained.
6.	Annual Report	Rule 14 Appendix-K of Bihar	Hussianabad, Mihijam,	The working as well as functions of the ULBs with regard to
		Municipal Accounts Rules,	Garhwa, Latehar, Dhanbad,	the proper utilisation of grants was not ascertainable.
		1928		
7.	Deposit Ledger	Rule 79 (Form XVI) of Bihar	Ranchi, Hussianabad,	Amount of the deposits and their adjustment could not be
		Municipal Accounts Rules,	Latehar, Garhwa	ascertained and therefore possibility of misappropriation and
		1928.		embezzlement of money could not be ruled out.
8.	Register of lands/	Rule 100 (Form XXIXA)	Ranchi, Hussianabad,	Identification and valuation of assets, proper record of all
	Register of	Bihar Municipal Accounts	Mihijam, Rajmahal, Garhwa,	lands, sites of buildings, tanks, ponds, ferries etc. could not
	Revenue	Rules, 1928.	Latehar, Fusro.	be ascertained. Provision for preparation of Balance Sheet
	Resources/Asset			(Assets & Liabilities) has not been made in the Municipal
	Register			Act and Account Rules.

### Table-4

Source: Information provided by the ULBs



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# **NTS AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

### 2.2.1 Non-preparation of Annual Accounts

As per Rule 83 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928, every ULB should prepare an Annual Account of actual receipt and expenditure at the end of each year but not later than 15 April.

Scrutiny of records revealed that none of the 10 test-checked ULBs prepared Annual Accounts for different periods as detailed below:

### <u>Table-5</u>

Sl. No.	Name of ULBs	Period for which Annual Accounts not	(₹ in lakh Expenditure incurred
		prepared	during the said period
1	Bundu	2007-09	97.11
2	Dhanbad	2006-08	NA
3	Fusro	2007-09	NA
4	Garhwa	2007-09	170.04
5	Hussainabad	2007-09	102.26
6	Khunti	2007-09	305.60
7	Latehar	2007-09	158.04
8	Mihijam	2007-09	155.70
9	Rajmahal	2007-09	NA
10	Ranchi	2009-10	NA
	1	Total	988.75

Source: Prepared by audit parties from the records of ULBs

For want of the Annual Accounts, head wise receipt/expenditure, variation, if any, and the financial performance of ULBs could not be ascertained.

On this being pointed out between May and October 2011, the ULBs replied that Annual Accounts for the upcoming period shall be prepared.

2.2.2 Irregular deposit of Municipal Fund in more than one bank account

₹ 180.31 crore was irregularly lodged in 34 additional Bank accounts of four ULBs. As per Section 66 of the JMA, 2000 and Section 87 of RMC Act, 2001, unless the State Government otherwise directs, all sums received on account of the Municipal fund shall be paid into a Government Treasury, or into any bank or branch bank used as a Government Treasury in or near the Municipality. However, in contravention to the said provision, four ULBs maintained 34 additional bank accounts without approval of the Government and ₹ 180.31 crore, as detailed in the following table, was lying in these accounts. The balance in one Bank account of Garhwa Nagar Parishad was not made available.

₹ 9.89 crore was incurred without preparation of Annual Accounts by ten ULBs.



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	SI.	Name of	As on 31	No. of additional Bank	No of
	No.	ULBs	March	Accounts maintained	balanc
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(₹ in lakh)

SI.	Name of	As on 31	No. of additional Bank	No of Bank Accounts whose	Balance
No.	ULBs	March	Accounts maintained	balances were not available	
1	Bundu	2009	6	0	118.47
2	Garhwa	2009	6	1	18.52
3	Khunti	2009	8	0	54.34
4	Ranchi	2010	14	0	17839.93
	•	TOTAL	34	1	18031.26

(Source: Information provided by the ULBs)

Maintenance of more than one bank account was not only in contravention of the Act but also implied lack of proper control over finances of the ULBs.

On this being pointed out between May and August 2011, three ULBs replied that effective measures will be taken to minimise the bank accounts while no reply was furnished by Bundu, Nagar Panchayat.

#### 2.2.3 **Government Grants and Loans**

The State Government releases Recurring Grants and Loans at the rate of 30 per *cent* and 40 *per cent* respectively of total Pay and Allowances admissible/payable to the regular employees (appointed within sanctioned strength) on the basis of annual demand furnished by the ULBs. Further, Non-Recurring Grants and Loans for specific purposes were suo-moto sanctioned by the State Government or were sanctioned based on individual requests by the ULBs.

As per Rule 14 A and Rule 89 (Form XXIA) of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928, ULBs shall maintain grant/loan appropriation register, showing the position of grants/loans received and spent during the year and balance of unutilised grants/loans at the end of the financial year. Scrutiny of records revealed that six<sup>1</sup> ULBs failed to maintain grant/loan appropriation register. In absence of grant/loan appropriation register, audit checks were confined to grant/loan files, scheme registers and scheme files, to the extent produced before audit.

Further, none of the six test checked ULBs maintained the Loan Register. As such, up to date position in respect of loans received, payable instalments along with interest accrued and amount repaid during the years could not be ascertained.

2.2.4 Unspent balance of Government specific Grants and Loans not refunded

Under Rule 14 C of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928, unspent balance of Government Grants and Loans received for specific purposes, if remaining unspent for more than three complete financial years including the year in which such grants are received, shall be refunded to the sanctioning authority. Scrutiny

Grant/Loan Appropriation Register and Loan Register were not maintained

One ULB did not refund ₹ 4.71 lakh old of unspent Grants and Loans to the sanctioning authority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dhanbad, Fusro, Hussainabad, Mihijam, Rajmahal, Ranchi.



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r Nagar Panchayat did not refund the old unspent balances of Grants and Loans to the sanctioning authority and instead

(₹ in lakh)

kept the same in their Municipal fund which was in violation of codal provisions. The position is detailed below:

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SI. No.	Name of ULB	Period	Grant/ Loan received	Spent	Balance	Purpose
1.	Latehar	1988-89 to 2004-05	91.38	85.09	4.71	National Slum Development Programme, water supply, Construction of milk booth, Purchase of stabilizer

The Executive Officer replied that action would be taken to utilise the unspent amount of schemes.

The reply of the Executive Officer is not in consonance with the codal provisions.

#### **REVENUE RECEIPTS** 2.3

#### 2.3.1 Misappropriation of revenue collected

As per instructions of the Government under Rule 22 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928, all moneys received on account of Municipal Fund should be remitted into the treasury as soon as can be conveniently managed. Rule 20 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 provides that the vice-chairman or secretary shall, once at least in every week, examine the Cashierøs cash book, together with the pass book to satisfy himself that all moneys received have been remitted intact into the treasury without delay. He should further, at least once in every fortnight, examine the Cashierøs or the Accountantøs Cash Book to check whether all sums received is actually brought to account.

Staff of two ULBs We observed in audit that in contravention of the above rules, staff of two misappropriated ULBs did not remit the collected revenue (Holding tax + Miscellaneous ₹1.94 lakh; the receipt) amounting to  $\gtrless$  1.94 lakh into the treasury. This indicates that the required checks were not exercised by the concerned offices. ₹0.16

At the instance of Audit ₹ 0.16 lakh was recovered out of undeposited money amounting to ₹ 1.83 lakh from the staff of Hussainabad Nagar Panchayat on March 03, 2011.

			<u>Table-8</u>		
_					(₹ in lakh)
SI.	Name of ULBs	Period	Amount of Non/Short	Recovered at the	Balance
No.			Credit	instance of Audit	
1	Hussainabad	2007-09	1.83	0.16	1.67
2	Rajmahal	2007-09	0.11	0.00	0.11
	Total		1.94	0.16	1.78

authorities recovered lakh the at instance of Audit.

(₹ in lakh)



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for recovery of rest of the amount.

2.3.2 Receipt Books not produce before audit

84 Receipt Books not made available to audit by four ULBs During scrutiny of the Stock Register of ULBs, 84 Money Receipt Books of different types, as detailed in *APPENDIX-III*, were not produced before audit by four ULBs due to which actual collection made by the collecting agents could not be quantified:

Sl.No	Name of ULBs	Period	No. of Books not produced
1	Dhanbad	2006-08	37
2	Khunti	2007-09	33
3	Rajmahal	2007-09	12
4	Garhwa	2007-09	02
	Total		84

Table-9

Owing to non-production of Receipt Books, the accounting of actual collection of revenues could not be ascertained which was fraught with the risk of leakage of revenue.

On this being pointed out between May to October 2011, the ULBs replied that receipt books will be produced in future.

### 2.3.3 Short realisation of Settlement amount

Short realisation of bid money of ₹ 5.29 lakh by two ULBs Note below Rule 103 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 provides that each source of miscellaneous revenue, when not managed should ordinarily be leased by auction to the highest bidder after due publication of the auction either by the chairman or the vice-chairman who should for important leases obtain from the lessee a registered *Kabuliyat* (agreement) and for petty leases should mention on the receipt the terms and conditions of the lease. Accordingly, the ULBs derive their non-tax revenues by settlement of Bus Stand, *Sairats* (properties to be settled annually or to be leased out) and *Hats* etc. every year.

Scrutiny of records revealed that two ULBs failed to collect the bid amount in full, which resulted in short realisation of bid money of  $\gtrless$  5.29 lakh as detailed below:

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Sl. No.	Name of the ULBs	Period	Settlement Amount	Amount realised	Unrealised Amount
1	Dhanbad	2006-08	3.09	2.03	1.06
2	Garhwa	2007-09	9.96	5.73	4.23
	Total		13.05	7.76	5.29

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on of amount, the availability of fund to be spent on providing the residents was reduced with ULBs.

The ULBs replied in September, 2012 that action is being taken to realise the outstanding amount from the bidders.

### 2.3.4 Education and Health cess

Education cess and Health cess at the prescribed percentage is to be levied and collected by the ULBs under the Bihar Primary Education (Amendment) Act, 1959 and Bihar Health Cess Ordinance, 1972 in the Municipal areas from 1 April 1959 and 4 May 1972 respectively. The cesses are collected for providing better health and education services to the inhabitants.

The State Government fixed 50 *per cent* of Holding tax as Health cess with effect from 01 April, 1982. The proceeds of the cess are to be credited by the ULBs into the State revenue after deducting 10 *per cent* as collection charge.

2.3.4.1 Non collection of Health cess

Loss of ₹ 3.58 lakh due to non collection of Health cess by two ULBs.

Audit scrutiny revealed that two ULBs did not collect Health cess amounting to  $\gtrless$  3.58 lakh resulting in loss of  $\gtrless$  3.24 lakh to State revenue and  $\gtrless$  0.34 lakh to the ULBs as 10 *per cent* collection charges which form part of Municipal revenue, as detailed below:

### Table-11

(₹ in lakh)

						(
SI.	Name of	Period	Holding Tax	Health cess to be realised	Amount of Health	Short realisation
No.	ULBs		realized	@50% of Holding Tax	cess actually realised	of cess.
1	Bundu	2007-	1.15	0.58	Nil	0.58
		09				
2	Khunti	2007-	6.01	3.00	Nil	3.00
		09				
	Total			3.58	Nil	3.58
Le	ss 10% as coll	ection char	ges (loss to ULBs)	)		0.34
Lo	ss to State Rev	venue				3.24

Source: Information provided by the ULBs

This reflects failure on the part of the Collection Officers of the ULBs as per Government Orders.

The ULBs replied in October 2012 that action for collecting the cess shall be initiated.



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> ₹ 41.91 lakh on account of Health & Education cess not remitted into Government account by four ULBs.

Audit scrutiny revealed that ₹ 46.55 lakh was collected on account of Health cess and Education cess by four ULBs. Hence, ₹ 41.91 lakh was to be credited to State revenue after retaining 10 *per cent* as collection charges, but the same was not done and the ULBs retained Health and Education cess collected for meeting their administrative expenses. This was in violation of Government Orders as the amount should have been credited to State revenue.

Education cess not credited into Government Account

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SI.	Name of	Period	Amount	of Cess collec	ted	Less 10 percent	Amount to be remitted
No.	ULBs		Health	Education	Total	as collection	to Government
			cess	cess		charges	Treasury
1	Dhanbad	2006-08	23.13	18.50	41.63	4.16	37.47
2	Garhwa	2007-09	1.92	1.92	3.84	0.38	3.46
3	Hussainabad	2007-09	0.42	0.42	0.84	0.08	0.76
4	Mihijam	2007-09	0.12	0.12	0.24	0.02	0.22
	Total				46.55	4.64	41.91

### Table-12

(Source: Information provided by the ULBs)

Three ULB<sup>2</sup>s stated in September 2012 that due to their poor financial status, share of the State Government was not deposited. However, Mihijam Nagar Panchayat stated that necessary action would be taken for crediting the amount into Government account.

### 2.3.5 *Outstanding tax*

Rule 37 of Jharkhand Financial Rules prescribes that subject to any special arrangement that may be authorised by the competent authority with respect to any particular class of receipts it is the duty of the departmental controlling officers to see that all sums due to Government are regularly and promptly assessed, realised and duly credited in the Public Account. Further, Rule 39 of Rules *ibid* postulates that no amount due to Government should be left outstanding without sufficient reason.

### (A) Holding Tax

Proper steps were not taken for realisation of outstanding Holding tax of ₹ 33.83 crore.

Scrutiny revealed that a total amount of ₹ 33.83 crore remained outstanding against the ULBs. The position of Demand, Collection and Outstanding Holding tax in respect of 10 ULBs was as under:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dhanbad, Garhwa and Hussainabad

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### Table-13

nd E									(₹ in lakh)
Sl. No.	Na	me of ULBs	Period	Arrear Demand	Current Demand	Total Demand	Collection	Arrear	Average percentage of yearly collection to total demand
1	Bundu		2007-09	15.21	7.86	23.07	1.14	21.93	2.47
2	Dhanbad	(Dhanbad Circle)	2006-08	218.06	196.16	414.22	151.50	262.72	18.24
		(Sindri Cirle)	2006-08	10.43	55.08	65.51	34.46	31.05	26.30
3	Fusro		2007-09	1	Not Imposed	as assessmen	t was not done	e	
4	Garhwa		2007-09	25.34	7.06	32.40	3.82	28.58	5.90
5	Hussainaba	ad	2007-09	5.67	2.22	7.89	1.84	6.05	11.66
6	Khunti		2007-09	35.73	17.82	53.55	6.01	47.54	5.61
7	Latehar		2007-09	١	Not Imposed	as assessmen	t was not done	e	
8	Mihijam		2007-09	3.88	3.16	7.04	1.93	5.11	13.69
9	Rajmahal		2008-09	5.10	0.47	5.57	0.83	4.74	7.45
10	Ranchi		2009-10	NA	NA	3566.28	590.82	2975.46	16.57
			Tota	al				3383.18	

(Source: Information provided by the ULBs)

Half yearly list of outstanding taxes as required under Rule 39 of Municipal Accounts (Recovery of Taxes) Rules, 1951 was not prepared by the ULBs. Hence, year-wise break up of arrear demand could not be vouched. Due to the failure of ULBs in taking prescribed action for collecting arrear taxes, a huge sum of ₹ 33.83 crore remained unrealised in eight ULBs.

### (B) Taxes against Government Buildings

₹ 5.96 crore was outstanding as Municipal taxes against Government buildings in seven ULBs.

Section 82 of the Bihar and Orissa Municipal Act 1922, provides for imposition of taxes on holdings situated within the municipality. Taxes outstanding against Government Buildings are payable by the concerned departments of the State Government. In seven ULBs, taxes of ₹ 5.96 crore were outstanding against Government Buildings as detailed below:

### Table-14

			(₹ in lakh)
Sl. No.	Name of ULBs	As on 31st March	Outstanding Tax on Government Buildings
1	Bundu	2011	0.90
2	Dhanbad (Dhanbad circle only)	2008	156.98
3	Garhwa	2009	13.41
4	Hussainabad	2009	1.02
5	Khunti	2009	0.21
6	Rajmahal	2009	2.44
7	Ranchi	2010	420.89
	Total		595.85

(Source: Information furnished by ULBs)

The ULBs made no effort to recover these dues from concerned departments/authorities of the State Government.



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- If the tax was not paid within fifteen days from the presentation of the bill and within fourteen days from the date on which it became due, the local body should issue demand notice under Section 205 and 123 of RMC Act and JMA respectively,
- If the tax was not paid within twenty one/ fifteen days after receipt of the notice, ibid, the local body should issue warrant for distress and sale of property under Sections 206 and 124 of RMC Act and JMA respectively,
- ULBs may take action under Jharkhand and Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act, 1914 (earlier known as Bihar and Orissa Public Demand Recovery Act, 1914) for recovery of the arrear as public demand under Section 218 and 129 A of RMC Act and JMA respectively, and
- ➤ ULBs may bring suit in any civil court of competent jurisdiction for recovery of the arrears under Sections 219 and 130 of RMC Act and JMA respectively.

ULBs replied (October 2012) that action would be taken to recover the outstanding Holding Tax.

### (C) Water Tax

₹ 26.35 lakh was realisable as water tax against 499 holders in Latehar Nagar panchayat

As per Section 82 of JMA, 2000, Commissioner of ULBs may impose water tax on the annual value of holdings.

Scrutiny of records revealed that ₹ 26.35 lakh was outstanding against 499 numbers of water connection holders of Latehar Nagar Panchayat area as water tax as on March 31, 2009 as communicated by the Nagar Panchayat. Further, Demand & Collection register of water tax was not being maintained by the Nagar Panchayat.

On this being pointed out, Executive Officer of the Nagar Panchayat stated in October 2012 that efforts would be initiated to realise all outstanding water taxes and register shall be maintained accordingly.

2.3.6 Outstanding rent of Municipal Properties

₹ 18.83 lakh was outstanding as rent of Municipal shops & stalls in six ULBs As per Section 275 of the Jharkhand Municipal Act, 2000, the ULBs may charge rent, tolls and fees for the right to expose goods for sale in such markets and for the use of shops, stalls and standing therein.

Records of six ULBs revealed that a sum of  $\gtrless$  18.83 lakh was outstanding on account of rent of Municipal shops and stalls to be realised from the allottees as detailed below:



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<u>Table-15</u>

### (₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of ULBs	As on 31st March	<b>Outstanding Shop Rent</b>
1	Garhwa	2009	2.60
2	Hussainabad	2009	9.24
3	Khunti	2009	2.86
4	Latehar	2009	3.35
5	Mihijam	2009	0.06
6	Rajmahal	2009	0.72
	Total		18.83

Source: Information provided by the ULBs

Non-realisation of rent from tenants deprived the ULBs of revenue. Action taken such as issue of warrants, filing of certificate cases, if any, to realise outstanding rent was not on record.

On being pointed out, the ULBs replied that efforts would be taken to realise all outstanding amount from the defaulters.

### 2.4 Infructuous expenditure

# 2.4.1 Infructuous expenditure on loan application fee for construction of slaughter house

Due to hasty decision of RMC regarding funding for the project of construction of slaughter house at Ranchi, expenditure of  $\gtrless$  2.02 lakh towards payment of loan application fee to HUDCO proved infructuous.

A modern slaughter house was proposed (March 2006) to be constructed by RMC as per the order of Honourable High Court, Ranchi (March 2006). To implement the project a DPR was prepared for estimated cost of ₹ 19.58 crore. As per prescribed standards 25 *per cent* of the estimated cost was to be covered from grants and for the rest amount financial tie up with HUDCO was sought (June 2007). HUDCO, while accepting the proposal demanded application fee of ₹ 2.02 lakh (₹ 1.80 lakh as application fee *plus* service tax @12.36% for total financial assistance of ₹ 17.53 crore) in June 2007. RMC remitted a cheque for the same amount in July 2007 to HUDCO.

The Corporation had invited Expression of Interest in December 2007 for construction and maintenance of Slaughter House, but no one turned up. The Corporation informed the State Government and requested for grant of  $\gtrless$  11.40 crore in January 2008. In the month of February 2008, the Corporation requested the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India for Grant of  $\gtrless$  8.93 crore.



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availing of loan from HUDCO was not in the interest of RMC and the slaughter house would be installed by RMC on its own.

To forward the recommendations of the State government to Central Government for this project, RMC proposed sources of finance which included, *inter alia*, Stateø share, Term Loan and Grant/Assistance from Ministry of Food Processing Industries etc. Considering the proposal, UDD, Jharkhand accorded sanction to the scheme in January 2009 at a cost of ₹ 18.67 crore.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India (GOI) approved contribution of  $\gtrless$  8.65 crore and released the first instalment of  $\gtrless$  86.46 lakh in May 2010.

Accordingly, tender was invited (July 2010) but the same was not finalised till November 2011 due to objections raised by the Councillors regarding genuineness of bidders.

Without exhausting Government Channels/ Sources hasty decision of RMC regarding funding of the project, expenditure of  $\gtrless$  2.02 lakh towards payment of loan application fee to HUDCO proved infructuous.

RMC replied (March 2012) that in the interest of work and on the basis of decision taken on that time, the loan application fee was paid to HUDCO.

Further, Chief Executive Officer, Ranchi Municipal Corporation submitted a status report to the Ministry in December 2012 stating that the work for construction of Slaughter House was allotted to M/s Narsaria Construction, Gumla and work of boundary wall is in progress.

### 2.5 Internal Control Mechanism

Internal control system is an integral part of the functioning of an organisation to govern its activities effectively to achieve its objectives. It is intended to provide reasonable assurance of proper enforcement of Act, Rules & bye-laws.

### 2.5.1 Internal Audit

Internal audit is a vital component of the internal controls mechanism which enables an organisation to assure itself that the prescribed systems are functioning reasonably well. However, there is no specific provision either in the JMA, 2000 & RMC Act, 2001 or in the Municipal Accounts Rules made thereunder for internal audit of accounts of ULBs. As such, no ULB has an internal audit wing.

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> Supervisory checks, an important control tool, were not exercised as required under Acts and Rules.

Checks

The supervisory checks prescribed in the Acts/Rules of the ULBs are important tools of the internal control mechanism. Audit scrutiny, however, revealed that the following checks were not exercised by the concerned officers in any of the 10 test checked ULBs:

- Rule 20 of Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928 provides that the vicechairman or secretary shall, once at least in every week, examine the Cashierøs cash book, together with the pass-book so as to satisfy himself that all moneys received has really been remitted to the treasury without delay. He shall further, once at least in every fortnight, examine the Cashierøs or the Accountantøs cash book with all the subsidiary forms and registers in which receipts are given or collections recorded, to check whether all sums received are actually brought to account;
- Under Rule 64 *ibid*, the Accountant shall compare and verify the entries in the pass book with the Cashierøs cash book to ensure that all remittances have been duly brought to account;
- Rule 66 *ibid*, stipulates that the cash book shall be balanced and signed by the chairman/vice-chairman/secretary. Further, the balance of the cash book should agree with that of the Bank/Treasury pass book; and
- Rule 31 of Municipal Accounts Rules (Recovery of Taxes), 1951, stipulates that the Chairman shall be responsible for seeing that the postings of collection in Demand and Collection Register do not fall into arrears.

Due to not carrying out of the prescribed supervisory checks, cases of misappropriation and embezzlement made by the collecting staff/cashier could not be detected by the authorities.

### 2.6 Conclusion

- Maintenance of primary accounting records was poor. Due to non-maintenance of basic records viz. Asset Register, Grant/Loan Appropriation Register, Advance Ledger, Demand & Collection Register, Work register, Unpaid bill Register, true & fair view of accounts of ULBs could not be ascertained. Non/improper maintenance of records led to several administrative/financial deficiencies as discussed in various paragraphs of the report.
- Non-imposition of Municipal taxes, short realisation of tax and misappropriation of revenue collected, huge outstanding tax & rent were indicative of non-compliance with the provision of Acts.



Click Here to upgrade to Unlimited Pages and Expanded Feature of Government money collected by the ULBs, excess and its, misappropriation of collection money etc. indicated that

the internal control system was weak.

### 2.7 Recommendations

An improved Public Financial Management and Accountability (PFMA) environment is crucial for better urban governance and performance. ULBs stand to gain from better PFMA in the form of improved governance and accountability, realistic and participatory planning of expenditures, and consequently stronger revenue flows and provision of better services. It is, therefore, recommended that:-

- State Government/ULBs should ensure strict enforcement of the provisions of the Bihar Municipal Accounts Rules, 1928, Bihar Municipal Accounts (Recovery of Taxes) Rules, 1951 along with other acts/rules/regulations/orders applicable to them.
- The share from State taxes, Grants and Loans from Central and State Government should not be released without preparation and approval of the Budget of the ULBs.
- Overall financial management needs to be strengthened by improving collection of revenues including through legal recourse in case of arrears and preventing leakage of revenue due to delay in assessment/revision of assessment list and rates of taxes.
- Cases of gross financial irregularities and misappropriation should be investigated on priority and recovery made from the persons concerned.
- Supervisory checks as prescribed in the Acts/Rules should be exercised invariably.
- The provision for Internal Audit should be made to ensure compliance to the Internal Controls in all ULBs. For this, Internal Audit Wing should also be established through State enactment for audit of ULBs.



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# **CHAPTER-III**

# **RESPONSE TO AUDIT**

3.1 Follow up action on previous Annual Reports of the ELA, Jharkhand

Replies/Action Taken Notes (ATN) on the paras featured in the previous Reports of the ELA, Jharkhand were not furnished by UDD, GoJ.

As per Rule 155 of the Regulations on Audit and Accounts 2007, Principal Accountant General/Accountant General (Audit) will send to the concerned Secretary or Secretaries to the Government by the end of June every year a technical inspection report prepared by ELA based on the results of audit of PRIs and ULBs conducted by his office during the preceding year. The Secretary or Secretaries may ensure that appropriate remedial action is taken expeditiously and the Principal Accountant General/Accountant General (Audit) is informed of the action taken.

The UDD, GoJ did not send replies/Action Taken Notes on the paragraphs featured in the previous Reports of the ELA, Jharkhand on ULBs for the years 2005-06 to 2009-10. However, the State Government has constituted a High Level Committee (July 2012) under the Chairmanship of Director, Urban Administration, UDD for having discussion on the Report of ELA for the year 2009-10. However, the State Government has not informed about the action taken on previous reports.

### 3.2 Response to Audit Observations

There was poor response to outstanding audit observations. As of March 31, 2012, 2745 audit paras pertaining to 170 audit reports were outstanding.

According to Rule 13 of the Local Audit Department Manual, executives of the ULBs (CEO/Executive Officer/Administrator/Special Officer, etc) are required to comply with the observations contained in the Inspection Reports (IRs) and rectify the defects and omissions and report their compliance through proper channel to the ELA, Jharkhand within three months from the date of issue of the IRs. As per Section 121 of the RMC Act, 2001, the Municipal Authority shall forthwith remedy any defects or irregularities within a period considered by the auditor to be reasonable.



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12, 170 IRs containing 2745 paragraphs pertaining to year were still outstanding. Only nine paras were settled during the

year 2011-12.

A review of the IRs revealed that the executives, whose records were audited by the ELA, did not send any reply in respect of most of the outstanding IRs/paragraphs. The replies, wherever received, were mostly inconclusive and interim in nature. The matter was brought to the notice of the Secretaries of UDD and Finance Department as well as the Chief Secretary (June 2012) demi-officially.

### 3.3 Surcharge under Local Fund Audit Act, 1925

Upto 31 March 2012, 140 surcharge notices involving an amount of ₹ 1.47 crore issued during 2000-2012 were pending.

Section 9 (2) (b) of the Jharkhand and Orissa Local Fund Audit Act, 1925 requires that notices are to be served upon the surchargees<sup>1</sup> responsible for irregular payments, loss of amount etc. ascertained in course of audit. The ELA sends the notices to the Deputy Commissioner of the district where the ULBs are situated for serving the notices on the surchargees.

Audit found that 140 notices involving an amount of  $\gtrless$  1.47 crore issued during 2000-2012 in respect of 23 ULBs (*APPENDIX-IV*) were pending due to non-receipt of reports of the notices being served from the concerned Deputy Commissioners. As a result, further action viz. issue of surcharge order and requisition of certificate for recovery of the amounts from the surchargees could not be taken.

The matter was taken up with the Chief Secretary in June 2012. Action taken by in the matter is yet to be communicated (February, 2012).

3.4 Accounting Reforms

3.4.1 Adoption / Acceptance of database formats on finances of ULBs

Ministry of Urban Development, GOI had issued (April 2011) formats on database of finances of ULBs to the State Government to be adopted by the ULBs as prescribed by the Thirteenth Finance Commission. The matter of adoption had also been taken up from time to time by this office with UDD, GoJ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Person(s) from whom amount shall be recovered.



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khand replied in January 2013 that the format has been made LBs in the State for adoption and implementation.

### 3.5 Conclusion

- Formats of database on finances of ULBs as prescribed by the C&AG had not been adopted (January 2013).
- No efforts were made by the ULBs for the settlement of paras raised in the IRs.

### 3.6 Recommendations

- The formats of database on finances of ULBs should be adopted by the Government and preparation of database by ULBs may be ensured.
- Government should ensure timely and proper response to the Reports of the ELA and ensure accountability in case of failure on the part of the ULBs.

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## **APPENDIX-I**

# Statement showing name of 10 test checked Urban Local Bodies (Reference to: para 1.4, page 3)

SI.No.	Name of ULBs	District	Period of Audit	Inspection Report Number
1	Bundu	Ranchi	2007-09	02/2011-12
2	Dhanbad	Dhanbad	2006-08	50/2010-11
3	Fusro	Bokaro	2007-09	47/2010-11
4	Garhwa	Garhwa	2007-09	09/2011-12
5	Hussainabad	Plamu	2007-09	46/2010-11
6	Khunti	Khunti	2007-09	11/2011-12
7	Latehar	Latehar	2007-09	12/2011-12
8	Mihijam	Jamtara	2007-09	51/2010-11
9	Rajmahal	Sahebgunj	2007-09	44/2010-11
10	Ranchi	Ranchi	2009-10	49/2010-11





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# APPENDIX-II

### List of Powers and Functions of ULBs as per the 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act (Schedule XII)

(Reference to: para 1.5; page 3)

- 1. Urban planning including town planning
- 2. Regulation of land-use and construction of buildings
- 3. Planning for economic and social development;
- 4. Roads and bridges
- 5. Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes.
- 6. Public health, sanitation, conservancy and solid waste management
- 7. Fire Services;
- 8. Urban forestry, protection of the environment and promotion of ecological aspects;
- 9. Safeguarding the interests of weaker sections of society including the handicapped and mentally retarded;
- 10. Slum improvement and upgradation;
- 11. Urban poverty alleviation;
- 12. Provision of urban amenities and facilities such as parks, gardens, playgrounds;
- 13. Promotion of cultural, educational and aesthetic aspects;
- 14. Burials and burial grounds; cremations, cremation grounds and electric crematoriums;
- 15. Cattle ponds, prevention of cruelty to animals;
- 16. Vital statistics including registration of births and deaths;
- 17. Public amenities including street lighting, parking lots, bus stops and public conveniences;
- 18. Regulation of slaughter houses and tanneries;



# **APPENDIX-III**

### Statement showing list of Receipt Books not produced before audit. (Reference to: para 2.3.2, page 11)

SI.No.	Name of ULBs	Receipt No.	Date of issue of Books.	To whom issued (S/Sri)	No. of Books	Type of Receipt Books
1.	Dhanbad	9201-9300	24.04.07	N.C.Paul	01	Market licence
		9401-9500	19.06.07	-do-	01	-d0-
		9701-9800	10.12.07	-do-	01	-do-
		1301-1400	10.04.06	B.K.Mallick	01	Holding Tax
		2401-2500	24.06.06	I.Khan	01	-do-
		2701-2800	07.07.06	N.K.Singh	01	-do-
		1-100	2707.06	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		401-500	17.08.06	I.Khan	01	-do-
		2101-2200	07.12.06	N.K.Singh	01	-do-
		3901-4000	26.03.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		4601-4700	20.04.07	N.K.Singh	01	-do-
		5401-5500	12.06.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		5801-5900	29.06.07	N.C.Paul	01	-do-
		6001-6100	04.07.07	A.A.Khan	01	-do-
		6501-6600	14.08.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		101-200	25.09.07	N.C.Paul	01	-do-
		501-500	03.10.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		901-1000	27.11.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		1201-1300	19.12.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		1501-1600	28.12.07	R.K.Mathur	01	-do-
		1801-1900	08.01.08	N.C.Paul	01	-do-
		1901-2000	10.01.08	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		2601-2700	29.02.08	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		3101-3200	28.03.08	R.K.Mathur	01	-do-
		3401-3500	31.03.08	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		451-500	2.09.06	N.K.Singh	01	Proffesional Tax
		1451-1500	8.01.07	N.K.Singh	01	-do-
		501-550	30.04.07	N.K.Singh	01	-do-
		601-650	4.07.07	A.A.Khan	01	-do-
		651-700	5.07.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		751-800	29.08.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		851-900	10.10.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		901-950	30.10.07	A.A.Khan	01	-do-
		1001-1050	28.12.07	B.K.Mallick	01	-do-
		1101-1150	26.03.08	I.Khan	01	-do-
		1151-1200	27.03.08	I.Khan	01	-do-
		1201-1250	27.03.08	A.A.Khan	01	-do-
Total					37	

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		3101-3200	-	-	01	-do-
		3401-3500	-	-	01	-do-
		3701-4000	-	-	03	-do-
		4301-5000	-	-	07	-do-
		1701-1800	-	-	01	Miscellaneo
		1901-2100	-	-	02	Miscellaneo
		2201-2400	-	-	02	Miscellaneo
		2501-2900	-	-	04	Miscellaneo
		3001-3100	-	-	01	Miscellaneo
		3601-4400	-	-	08	Miscellaneo
Total					33	
4.	Rajmahal	1201-1300	14.03.07	R.Chaudhary, S.Jamadar	01	Miscellaneo
		2301-2400	01.04.08	Sanjay Prasad	01	Miscellaneo
		2801-2900	03.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		3201-3300	05.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		3301-3400	05.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		6601-6700	26.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		4101-4200	09.04.08	S.K.Saha	01	Miscellaneo
		4201-4300	09.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		4901-5000	16.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		5201-5300	19.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		5301-5400	19.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
		5801-5900	22.04.08	-do-	01	Miscellaneo
Total					12	
Gran	d Total				84	



### <u>PENDIX-IV</u>

## Statement showing position of pending Surcharge cases pending in respect of Selected Urban Local Bodies as on 31.03.2012

(Reference to: para 3.3, page 22)

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Sl.	Name of ULBs	Period	No. of proposed surcharge	Amount
No.			cases	involved
1.	Chaibasa	2006-07	1	0.75
2.	Chakradharpur	2009-10	1	0.72
3.	Chas	2003-04	3	6.85
4.	Chatra	2001-02	3	14.00
5.	Chirkunda	2011-12	1	1.08
6.	Dhanbad	2006-12	3	1.70
7.	Garhwa	2004-05	1	0.28
8.	Giridih	2003-09	15	6.93
9.	Godda	2001-02	4	1.46
10.	Gumla	2005-09	5	5.41
11.	Hazaribagh	2005-06	8	1.20
12.	Jamtara	2004-12	2	4.55
13.	Jharia	2003-06	5	67.80
14.	Jhumri Tilaiya	2004-05	1	0.21
15.	Jugsalai	2002-03	1	0.53
16.	Khunti	2003-04	1	0.26
17.	Lohardaga	2002-06	5	13.96
18.	Madhupur	2000-09	27	4.55
19.	Medininagar	2003-06	3	0.94
20.	Pakur	2001-02	6	2.51
21.	Ranchi	2000-01	42	10.67
22.	Sahebganj	2007-08	1	0.25
23.	Simdega	2006-07	1	0.02
	Total		140	146.63