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## 1. An overview of Panchayati Raj Institutions

The State Government transferred only 20 functions to the PRIs as against 29 functions as of March 2021.

*(Paragraph - 1.3.2)*

Against the recovery of ₹ 451.09 lakh pointed out in Social Audit during 2013-21, actual recovery was only ₹ 155.55 lakh leading to outstanding recovery of ₹ 295.54 lakh as of March 2021.

*(Paragraph - 1.5)*

## 2. Compliance Audit Paragraphs of PRIs

Three CRCs were not utilized for the purposes for which constructed and thus intended benefits were not achieved. While one CRC (Pabong) was lying idle for more than three years; two CRCs (Ben Nampruk and Bermoik Tokel) was used for running Panchayat office and SHGs office, respectively.

*(Paragraph - 2.1)*

The ZP incurred avoidable and irregular expenditure of ₹ 8.48 lakh in execution of 'Augmentation of Rural Water Supply Scheme from Rinkhim river source to Ben Sanku village' towards head load of additional 800 meter (₹ 5.31 lakh), construction of distribution tank (₹ 2.13 lakh) and sedimentation tank (₹ 1.04 lakh).

*(Paragraph - 2.2)*

The Rural Development Department (RDD) irregularly incurred ₹ 72.28 lakh towards defraying salary of 21 officials who were appointed as State Panchayat Co-ordinators (11) and Office Assistants (10) prior to launching of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sashaktikaran Abhiyan (RGPSA).

*(Paragraph - 2.3)*

The laptops provided to ZP members by ZPs (North and South) at a cost ₹ 14.70 lakh were retained by the ZP members after completion of their tenure.

*(Paragraph - 2.4)*

## 3. An overview of the Urban Local Bodies

Out of 18 functions listed in the XII<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India, the State Government transferred only six functions to the Gangtok Municipal Corporation, five

functions to the Rangpo Nagar Panchayat and four functions to the five ULBs (Namchi Municipal Council, Naya Bazar – Jorethang Nagar Panchayat, Geyzing Nagar Panchayat, Singtam Nagar Panchayat and Mangan Nagar Panchayat).

*(Paragraph - 3.3)*

The State Government had not set up Property Tax Board for realisation of property tax.

*(Paragraph - 3.6)*

The revenue collection recorded decrease during 2020-21 over previous year (2019-20) in case of all the ULBs. Reasons for decrease in revenue have not been intimated by ULBs. In case of GMC, the own revenue collection decreased from ₹ 918.66 lakh to ₹ 901.82 lakh, NMC from ₹ 109.03 lakh to ₹ 98.57 lakh etc. The decrease was mainly due to decrease in collection from solid waste management, parking lots, renewal of trade licence, hoarding and banner charge etc.

*(Paragraph - 3.10.1)*