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To,  
The Principal Secretary/ Secretary,  
Department of Panchayati Raj  
FFC States

**Subject: Regarding the use of Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) Grants by the  
Gram Panchayats in Flood Control and Relief Measures**

Sir,

As you are aware, excessive rains during the ensuing monsoon period have created floods in many parts of the Country. Government of India has emphasized on the focus to take up various measures for flood control and relief in the rural areas. As the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants are being devolved to Gram Panchayats (GP) for delivering basic services which includes water supply, sanitation, storm water drainage etc, there is adequate scope for convergence of the efforts of the State/ Gram Panchayats towards the flood control and relief measures with the activities out of utilization of FFC grants.

2. As per guideline of Ministry of Finance regarding implementation of FFC recommendation, the expenditure incurred by Panchayats on the Basis Services within the functions devolved to Gram Panchayat under the State laws may be incurred after proper plans are prepared by them, in accordance with the relevant rules, regulations, processes, and procedures applicable in the State.

3. Considering the situation of flooding in large parts of the country, the Gram Panchayats(GPs) in the States may be advised to utilize the FFC Grants towards various flood control and relief measures including water conservation and ground water recharge. The procedure for making the expenditure from FFC Funds after preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) may be suitably deferred in case of such urgent necessity and the formalities of getting the approval of the plans may be done post-facto.

4. These emergency expenditure for the above services need to be incorporated in revised GPDP during current year for due approval of Gram Sabha. Further State Government may ensure and instruct to GPs for this emergency expenditure to be for Basic Services only as per 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommendations.

Yours faithfully,



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