

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 548**

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, July 25, 2023/ Sravana 3, 1945 (Saka)

**PENDING FUND TRANSFERS TO ODISHA**

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds that are pending for transfers from the Centre to the State of Odisha;
- (b) the details of each heads of funds and the amount pending;
- (c) the reasons for the fund transfers pending to the State; and
- (d) by when the fund transfers are expected to be completed to the State?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE  
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance releases Central Finance Commission recommended grants-in aid to States including to the State of Odisha on the recommendations of the Administrative Ministries concerned subject to fulfillment of stipulated conditions associated with each component of the recommended grants-in-aid. There is no such pending recommendation from any Ministry regarding release of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommended grants-in-aid to the State of Odisha.

Further, the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (14<sup>th</sup> FC) during its award period 2015-20 had recommended grants-in-aid to States for Post-devolution Revenue Deficit, Disaster Management and Local Governments (Gram Panchayats and Municipalities) and also financing of National Disaster Response Fund with grant-in-aid specific conditions for availing the same. Based on the recommendations received from the nodal ministries and compliance to the stipulated conditions, the recommended grants-in-aid including Basic Grants for Gram Panchayats and Municipalities for the award period of 14<sup>th</sup> FC were released to the State.

Besides, the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission had also recommended Performance Grants for Gram Panchayats and Municipalities from the award year 2016-17 of 14<sup>th</sup> FC onwards. Performance Grants for Gram Panchayats for the award years 2016-17 and 2017-18 of 14<sup>th</sup>

FC and Performance Grant to eligible Municipalities for the award year 2016-17 of 14<sup>th</sup> FC were released to the State. However, Performance Grants for Gram Panchayats and Municipalities for the remaining years of the award period of 14<sup>th</sup> FC were not released to the State of Odisha due to non-fulfillment of the stipulated conditions.

Furthermore, Additional Central Assistance for Externally Aided Projects (EAPs) are released by the Department of Expenditure to States on the basis of recommendation of the Controller of Aid Accounts and Audit (CAAA) Division, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and no recommendation is pending for release of Additional Central Assistance for EAPs to the State of Odisha.

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