GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2532

ANSWERED ON 19.12.2023

AUDIT MECHANISM OF FUNDS ALLOTTED

2532. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has an audit mechanism to check the financial mismanagement of funds allotted by the XV Finance Commission to rural local bodies, especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has undertaken an audit to determine such allegations;
- (c) if so, the details of audit conducted and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details regarding the usage of funds allotted by the XV Finance Commission during the last five years by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh classified, departmentwise;
- (e) the details regarding the total amount of funds released by the Government to rural local bodies in Andhra Pradesh for 2023/24 from the allotted amount classified, departmentwise; and
- (f) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal regarding the utilisation of the funds, if so, the details thereof during the said period?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir. XV Finance Commission Grants audit is being conducted by State Audit Department in the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) (c) and (d) As per information received from Andhra Pradesh, the State Audit Department has under taken the Audit of RLBs to determine such allegations.

Audits were completed up to the year 2021-22 and for the year 2022-23, the Audits of XV Finance Commission Grants in 10347 GPs were completed out of 13325 GPs as on 30.11.2023 in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Details of the allocations, releases and expenditure of 15^{th} FC Grants from 2020-21 to as on date for the State of Andhra Pradesh are as under: -

(Rs. in Crore)

		Fund Allocated				Fund Released				Expenditure
Sl.		2020-	2021-22	2022-23	Total	2020-	2021-	2022-	Total	as on
No.	RLB	21				21	22	23		30.11.2023
1	ZPP	393.76	290.85	301.50	986.11	393.76	290.85	150.75	835.36	468.66
2	MPP	393.74	290.85	301.50	986.09	393.74	288.48	148.30	830.52	479.68
3	GPs	1837.50	1357.30	1407.00	4601.80	1837.50	1338.52	689.30	3865.32	3536.56
Total		2625.00	1939.00	2010.00	6574.00	2625.00	1917.85	988.35	5531.20	4484.90

- (e) The requisite Grant Transfer Certificate (GTC) has not yet been received from Andhra Pradesh in this Ministry to enable us to recommend the release of grants for the financial year 2023-24.
- (f) No, Sir.
