

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4094**

**Answered on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022/Chaitra 7, 1944(Saka)**

**Assessment of Cities' Performance**

4094. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed criteria for assessing cities' performance under the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission's grants on improving air quality;
- (b) the manner in which the selected cities have performed in this assessment each year since its inception;
- (c) the details of funds allocation for each of the selected cities each year since 2020; and
- (d) the details of fund utilization for each of the selected cities each year since 2020 specifically the cities of Gujarat?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE**

**(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has recommended that during the first year 2021-22 of the award period 2021-22 to 2025-26, the relative weightage for assessment of city performance on air quality will be based on four parameters as given below:
  - (i) Strengthening of the pollution monitoring mechanism;
  - (ii) Source-wise cause analysis for air pollution;
  - (iii) Progress on action plans and compliance of statutory guidelines;
  - (iv) Quantification of air quality improvement.

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After 2021-22, for all the remaining four years of the award period, the entire weightage will be on the fourth parameter of quantification of improvement in air quality. Quantification of improvement in air quality has two parts, namely, reduction in particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) and increase in the good days according to improvement in the air quality index (AQI) from the base year 2019-20. Management of open waste burning and combustion at landfill sites will constitute an integral part of the air quality improvement index. The performance of the 42 Million-Plus City/agglomeration (Cities/UAs) are assessed and funds awarded based on the parameters fixed by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission in Annexure 7.8, 7.8 A and 7.8 B of Chapter -7, Volume-II of the Final Report. 15% and above reduction in the concentration of Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) and 15% increase in the good days according to improvement in the air quality index in a year over the base year 2019-20 makes Cities/UAs entitled for the full grant and any decrease in the performance factor gets reflected in the fund allocation in a manner prescribed by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

(b) During the Interim Award year of 2020-21, 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommended Ambient air quality grant was released to the States for air quality improvement measures including capacity building in the recommended 42 Million Plus Cities/UAs as well as for meeting the additional needs of the State Pollution Control Boards to appropriately assist the local bodies in monitoring ambient air quality. However, due to spread of COVID-19 Pandemic, activities envisioned got disrupted and subsequently delayed. Performance Assessment of the year 2020-21 (extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021) has been completed for all the recommended Cities/UAs. Out of 42 recommended Cities/UAs, 24 Cities/UAs have shown performance of 15% and above over the base year or are equal or below the National Air quality Standards and have secured full grant as recommended by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission for the year 2021-22. Remaining Cities/UAs have achieved below 15% performance and secured less grants in the proportion as recommended by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

(c) to (d) 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission recommended Ambient air quality grant allocated for the 42 Million Plus Cities/UAs for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 along with funds utilized on release upto 27-3-2022 to all these Cities/UAs including to the Cities/UAs of the State of Gujarat is given in the Annexure.

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**Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4094 for answer on 28.03.2022.**

<b>FC-XV Recommended City-wise Ambient Air quality Grant for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22.</b>						
<b>State S. No.</b>	<b>City S. No.</b>	<b>States/ U.A</b>	<b>Rs. in crore</b>			
			<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Released</b>
			<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
1		<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	135	135	68	58.75
	1	Vijayawada U.A	62	62	31	31
	2	Visakhapatnam	73	73	37	27.75
2		<b>Bihar</b>	204	204	103	77.25
	3	Patna U.A.	204	204	103	77.25
3		<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	107	107	54	54
	4	Durg Bhilainagar U.A.	52	52	26	26
	5	Raipur U.A.	55	55	28	28
4		<b>Gujarat</b>	405	405	204	197.5
	6	Ahmadabad U.A.	182	182	92	92
	7	Rajkot U.A.	40	40	20	20
	8	Surat U.A.	131	131	66	66
	9	Vadodara U.A.	52	52	26	19.5
5		<b>Haryana</b>	48	48	25	6.25
	10	Faridabad	48	48	25	6.25
6		<b>Jharkhand</b>	159	159	80	60.5
	11	Dhanbad U.A.	52	52	26	6.5
	12	Jamshedpur U.A.	58	58	29	29
	13	Ranchi U.A.	49	49	25	25
7		<b>Karnataka</b>	279	279	140	140
	14	Bruhat Bangalore U.A.	279	279	140	140
8		<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	299	299	151	131.5
	15	Bhopal U.A.	88	88	44	44
	16	Gwalior U.A.	51	51	26	6.5
	17	Indore U.A.	101	101	51	51
	18	Jabalpur U.A.	59	59	30	30
9		<b>Maharashtra</b>	793	793	400	400
	19	Aurangabad U.A.	32	32	16	16
	20	Greater Mumbai U.A.	488	488	246	246
	21	Nagpur U.A.	66	66	33	33
	22	Nashik U.A.	41	41	21	21
	23	Pune U.A.	134	134	68	68
	24	Vasai-Virar City	32	32	16	16

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			Allocation	Released	Allocation	Released
			2020-21	2020-21	2021-22	2021-22
10		<b>Punjab</b>	90	90	45	33.75
	<b>25</b>	Amritsar U.A.	38	38	19	14.25
	<b>26</b>	Ludhiana	52	52	26	19.5
11		<b>Rajasthan</b>	281	281	141	111
	<b>27</b>	Jodhpur U.A.	62	62	31	7.75
	<b>28</b>	Jaipur	165	165	83	83
	<b>29</b>	Kota	54	54	27	20.25
12		<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	233	233	117	117
	<b>30</b>	Chennai U.A.	181	181	91	91
	<b>31</b>	Madurai U.A.	31	31	15	15
	<b>32</b>	Tiruchirappalli U.A.	21	21	11	11
13		<b>Telangana</b>	234	234	118	118
	<b>33</b>	Hyderabad U.A.	234	234	118	118
14		<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	714	714	360	169.25
	<b>34</b>	Agra U.A.	90	90	45	11.25
	<b>35</b>	Allahabad U.A.	62	62	31	31
	<b>36</b>	Ghaziabad U.A.	121	121	61	15.25
	<b>37</b>	Kanpur U.A.	148	148	75	56.25
	<b>38</b>	Lucknow U.A.	148	148	75	18.75
	<b>39</b>	Meerut U.A.	72	72	36	9
	<b>40</b>	Varanasi U.A.	73	73	37	27.75
15		<b>West Bengal</b>	419	419	211	158.25
	<b>41</b>	Asansol U.A.	34	34	17	12.75
	<b>42</b>	Kolkata U.A.	385	385	194	145.5
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4400</b>	<b>4400</b>	<b>2217</b>	<b>1833</b>

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