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Dear

The Panchayats are getting funds under Plan and Non-Plan from various Ministries as well as from the State Finance Commission and Central Finance Commission and other various sources and yet are not taking the responsibility of taking over the water assets for maintenance and repair. This is not a very desirable situation as the State Governments cannot continue holding the water assets for a long time for maintenance and repair purposes. In addition, the whole concept of transfer of powers and functions under the 73rd Constitutional Amendment is that the Panchayats should take over this role.

2. I would be grateful if :-

- (i) The double entry system of accounting at the Panchayat level be introduced just it has been introduced in the urban local bodies and this should be subject to third party audit either by the Accountant General or by approved auditors of the Accountant General/CAG.
- (ii) A system of proper audit of every money flow to the Panchayats be initiated so that every single paisa sent to the Panchayats' accounts for development and maintenance from various sources for creation and maintenance of rural assets including the assets of this department viz water supply assets and Community Sanitary Complexes,. Solid Waste Management etc., are usefully utilized and accounted for without duplication between various Ministries..

3. I am separately requesting both the Joint Secretaries of this Ministry to indicate to your Ministry the funds which have been sent to the Panchayats through the State Governments in the last 3-years. It also would need to be audited that whether the States have passed on these amounts to the various Panchayats and in what quantity.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
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