

No.15(2)FC-XV/FCD/2020-25  
Ministry of Finance  
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Dated:- 15-05-2023.

**Addendum**

Subject:- Operational Guidelines for implementation of the recommendations contained in Chapter 7 [Empowering Local Government] of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) Final Report – regarding.

Ref.:- Operational Guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure vide O. M. No.15(2) FC-XV /FCD/2020-25, dated 10-08-2021 for the implementation of the FC-XV recommended Ambient Air Quality Grant.

In para 16 (General Entry level conditions for the release of ULBs grant) of the reference cited above, the following is added at the end of para;

‘(vi) The Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) vide para 7.60 of Chapter-7 of its Final Report for the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 has recommended the grants for **duly constituted** local governments. A duly constituted Urban Local Body (ULB) means an ULB where elections have been held and an elected body is in place as provided in Part-IXA of the Constitution of India. Therefore, Million Plus City/Urban Agglomeration shall be deemed to be eligible for the release of Fifteenth Finance Commission recommended Ambient Air Quality Grant if duly elected bodies in ULB/ Statutory towns are in place as per the provisions of articles 243Q and 243R of the Constitution of India. In case where an Urban Agglomeration has more than one ULB/ Statutory town with some of the ULBs not duly constituted, the grants will be released proportionately for duly constituted bodies only as per the extant guidelines.’

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
(Anil Gairola) 15-5-23

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Secretary  
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