

OVERVIEW

The Report contains two chapters. The first chapter contains a brief introduction on the functioning of the PRIs alongwith observations regarding devolution of Funds, Functions & Functionaries to them and chapter-II deals with the observations on transaction audit arising out of inspection of PRIs. A synopsis of the findings contained in the Report is presented in this overview.

An overview of the Accounts and Finances of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

- ❖ The District Planning Committees responsible for consolidation of the development plans formulated by the PRIs were not functional in ten districts out of twelve districts.
(Paragraph 1.5)
- ❖ The prescribed standard format for budget and accounting system has not been adopted by the State Government.
(Paragraph 1.6)
- ❖ The State Government had not devolved three functions out of 29 functions and activity mapping has not been finalized for the devolved functions.
(Paragraph 1.11.1 & 1.11.2)
- ❖ Lack of knowledge about incentive funds and clarity about the implementation of the scheme had deprived the Gram Panchayats from additional resource mobilisation.
(Paragraph 1.13.3)
- ❖ Expenditure of Rs. 3.13 crore was incurred on works by the PRIs without preparation and sanctioning of budget estimates.
(Paragraph 2.1)
- ❖ There were un-reconciled differences of Rs. 191.85 lakh in cash books and bank accounts of PRIs.
(Paragraph 2.3)
- ❖ Eleven GPs did not take any action to recover/adjust the outstanding advances of Rs. 4.98 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.5)
- ❖ Funds amounting to Rs.24.59 lakh earmarked for minor irrigation schemes remained un-utilised in PLA
(Paragraph 2.6)
- ❖ PRIs did not spend the prescribed SGRY funds of Rs. 43.58 lakh for the benefit of SC/ST living Below Poverty Line
(Paragraph 2.7)

- ❖ Non-utilisation of funds by the PRIs delayed the release of subsequent instalment from GOI amounting to Rs. 75.83 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.8)
- ❖ ZP Hamirpur and Bilaspur retained un-utilised funds to the tune of Rs. 11.88 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.9)
- ❖ Non-finalisation of sites by the Panchayats resulted in non-construction of Panchayat Ghars besides non-utilisation of Rs. 72.00 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.10.1)
- ❖ Failure of Zila Parishad to finalise the site for the construction of Zila Parishad Bhawan Shimla resulting in blocking of funds of Rs. 52.00 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.10.2)
- ❖ PRIs failed to complete the works within stipulated period resulting in unfruitful expenditure of Rs. 42.68 lakh.
(Paragraph 2.11)
- ❖ Employment opportunities of 15000 mandays were denied due to incurring of expenditure on material component in excess of prescribed limit under SGRY scheme.
(Paragraph 2.12)
- ❖ Fictitious payments were noticed due to depiction of same labourer in the Muster Rolls at two places at the same time.
(Paragraph 2.14)
- ❖ PRIs failed to realize the revenue to the extent of Rs. 18.56 lakh on account of rent of shops, house tax and installation charges of mobile towers.
(Paragraphs 2.15, 2.16 & 2.17)
- ❖ TFC funds of Rs. 13.46 crore were not utilized.
(Paragraph 2.19.3)
- ❖ Funds amounting to Rs.2.23 crore earmarked for water supply and sanitation schemes under TFC were diverted to other schemes
(Paragraph 2.19.4)