

OVERVIEW

The report contains five chapters. A synopsis of the findings contained in paragraphs is presented in this overview:-

1. STATUS OF RECOVERY BY SURCHARGE/CERTIFICATE PROCEEDINGS

- Sixty four cases of surcharge involving ₹ 68.87 Lakh were proposed and notices were issued for recovery by the ELA, Bihar in 24 ULBs.

(Paragraph-1.5)

- Seventeen Surcharge Orders were issued in 10 ULBs amounting to ₹ 81.76 Lakh during 2008-09 to 2009-10.

(Paragraph – 1.5)

- ELA, Bihar has sent eight Certificate Requisitions amounting to ₹ 20.77 Lakh in four ULBs to respective District Certificate Officers for filing Certificate Cases under Section 5 of Public Demand Recovery Act, (PDRA) 1914 during 2008-09 to 2009-10.

(Paragraph – 1.5)

- A total sum of ₹ 90.34 Lakh representing non/short credit, rent outstanding, bid money dues etc. was recovered at the instance of audit in 63 ULBs.

(Paragraph – 1.6)

2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

- A total sum of ₹ 3.82 Crore of specific grants sanctioned by the Government was diverted by 21 ULBs, towards payment of salary and allowances to staff, meeting other recurring and establishment expenses.

(Paragraph – 2.2)

- In 30 ULBs, vouchers worth ₹ 10.44 crore were not produced before audit for necessary checks.

(Paragraph – 2.3)

- The State Government was deprived of revenue to the tune of ₹ 18.78 Crore due to non deposit of Education and Health Cess in Government Account by 62 ULBs.

(Paragraph – 2.6)

- Due to non imposition of Education and Health Cess and imposition at lower rate the loss sustained by 10 ULBs and State Government was of ₹ 24.24 Lakh and ₹ 218.18 Lakh respectively.

(Paragraph – 2.7)

- In 75 ULBs the Tax Collectors, Tax Darogas, Cashiers, Accountants and other collecting staffs either failed to deposit or short deposited ₹ 2.07 Crore being the collection amount on account of tax, fees and other miscellaneous revenues.
(Paragraph – 2.13)
- Collection money to the tune of ₹ 81.49 Lakh was directly appropriated by the cashier /collecting staffs towards expenditure in 17 ULBs.
(Paragraph – 2.14)
- Loss to the tune of ₹ 1.65 Crore was incurred in 42 ULBs due to non/short realization of bid money on account of settlement of properties.
(Paragraph – 2.15)
- A sum of ₹ 13.08 Lakh was defalcated by the cashier of Raxaul Nagar Parishad.
(Paragraph – 2.17)
- Irregular Payment ₹ 31.07 lakh was made on account of Salary to eight employees due to Continuance in Service beyond the date of superannuation in Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation (MMC)
(Paragraph – 2.21)
- A sum of ₹ 8.24 lakh was paid to the 13 staffs of Samastipur Nagar Parishad on account of irregular appointment.
(Paragraph – 2.21)
- Casual labourers were paid ₹ 10.38 Crore by 53 ULBs despite ban on engagement of casual labourers on daily wage basis by the State Government.
(Paragraph – 2.21)
- In 17 ULBs, P.F. deductions amounting to ₹ 118.93 Lakh were not deposited into individual P.F. account.
(Paragraph – 2.21)

3. INTERNAL CONTROL MECHANISM

- Out of 95 ULBs test checked, 32 ULBs did not prepare budget estimates for varying periods. Without preparation of budget estimates, 28 ULBs incurred expenditure of ₹ 46.06 Crore and figure of expenditure of four ULBs could not be ascertained.
(Paragraph – 3.3)
- Advances amounting to ₹ 41.63 crore granted to 52 ULBs during 2008-09 and ₹ 20.63 crore granted to 28 ULBs during 2009-10 for various purposes remained unadjusted.
(Paragraph – 3.10)

4. EXECUTION OF SCHEMES

- Expenditure of ₹ 39.87 Lakh became unfruitful due to non functioning of Pumping Stations at Patna Water Board under Patna Municipal Corporation.
(Paragraph – 4.1)
- Wasteful expenditure of ₹ 13.96 Lakh due to abandonment of schemes of construction of Commercial Complex in Narkatiyaganj Nagar Parishad.
(Paragraph – 4.1)
- Vehicles and Equipment worth ₹ 24.82 Lakh remained idle for two to eight years in five ULBs.
(Paragraph – 4.1)
- Excess payment of ₹ 9.66 lakh was incurred for purchase of cement in Barh Nagar Parishad.
(Paragraph – 4.3)
- Double payment of at least ₹ 4.95 lakh was made in execution of schemes under BRGF in Danapur Nizamat Nagar Parishad.
(Paragraph – 4.3)

5. REVIEW ON “PROVISION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES” BY ULBS IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

- Due to lack of sufficient fund, land dispute, non-availability of site, delay in issuance of N.O.C, faulty DPRs, tardiness of contractor etc., the water supply work was not completed in stipulated time in 19 ULBs.
(Paragraph – 5.5.4)
- The UD & HD failed to provide adequate fund to the ULBs even after lapse of four years ₹ 102.46 Crore was yet to be released to 17 ULBs against the original estimated cost.
(Paragraph – 5.5.5)
- Eleven ULBs submitted demands for additional funds to ₹ 69.86 Crore for completion of works but no additional fund has been provided by the Government to these ULBs. The cost overrun was 53.40 percent for these ULBs.
(Paragraph – 5.5.6)