

CHAPTER –IX

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Finance and Accounts

Non-preparation of budget estimates and financial accounts violated the provisions contained in Bihar Municipal Act, 1922 which resulted in unauthorized expenditure of Rs.2856.83 lakh. ULBs having separate accounting wings failed to prepare proper accounts. Non/ Short deposit of collection money, poor collection of demand and direct appropriation of collection money, indicate that internal control mechanism was weak and non-functional. Non-preparation of annual accounts and non-maintenance of accounts in double entry system of accounting resulted in lack of transparency of utilization of public funds.

Accountability of individual functionaries needs to be fixed for lapses to prevent their recurrences.

9.2 Non-maintenance of basic records

Due to non-maintenance of basic records viz. Grant Register, Loan Register, Loan Appropriation Register, Advance Ledger, Annual Accounts register, budget control register, demand and collection register, correct picture of accounts of ULBs could not be ascertained. These records are required to be maintained on priority basis.

9.3 Collection of statutory levies, dues and their remittance

The system of timely collection of taxes, fees and cess on behalf of Government and their remittance by ULBs to respective heads of Municipal fund and Government Accounts needs to be improved to prevent loss of Municipal and Government revenue.

9.4 Implementation of schemes

Poor utilisation of assistance under several schemes indicated insufficient appreciation of Govt. objectives and policies for providing basic amenities and services. Non/improper implementation of schemes frustrated the objectives for which development grants were released by the Government to the ULBs. Therefore, close monitoring and periodical evaluation of achievements of schemes is required.

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