

As you are aware that the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has been constituted by the President of India in January 2013. The Commission has to submit its report by October 2014. One of the Terms of reference of the Commission requires it to make recommendations on measures to augment the Consolidated Funds of the States for meeting the resources of the Panchayats and Municipalities in the State on the basis of the recommendations made by the Finance Commission of the State.

In your State, there are some areas which are covered by Scheduled -VI of the Constitution and have different arrangement for local governments, such as Autonomous District Councils. Traditional Tribals Councils, Village Councils etc. The Commission would like to form an assessment of the resource requirement of such areas. In order to arrive at this assessment the Commission requires to know the number of such bodies, the area, the number of the habitations which are numbered by the such arrangements and the administrative and financial system in place for governance and service delivery.

I will be grateful if you will kindly arrange to provide the Commission with a presentation on the administrative and the financial arrangement in place with respect to the Scheduled areas of your States, at a time of mutual convenience.

with reguls

Yours Sincerely,

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