

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR President / CEO, Zilla Parishad

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| 1.1 | Do you consider that the enactment of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Act has brought change in the system of local administration? |
| 2.3 | With the creation of District Panchayats, do you feel that they have been adequately endowed with the functions and responsibilities as contemplated in 11th Schedule of the Constitution? |
| 3.4 | A view is expressed that direct election breaks the linkage among the three tiers of rural local bodies. Do you consider so? If you consider so, please explain how it could be established? |
| 4.5 | What in your view are the roles and mutual relationship of District Panchayat, District Rural Development Agency and District Planning Committee? |
| 5.6 | Do you consider that there is sound coordination in their action? |
| 6.7 | Do you think, as in the case of Centre-State relation, there needs to be specific allocation of subjects by way of Local Body List, State List and Concurrent List to ensure independent functioning? |
| 7.7 | Do you think that the present demarcation of functions of local body is adequate or do you suggest modification? |
| 8.8 | Whether "Grama Sabha" meetings are organized regularly and what is the level of participation? What is your assessment, please comment? |
| <u>CIVIC SERVICES</u> | |
| 9.9 | What role do you visualize for Non-Governmental Organisations in core civic services and whether you feel privatizations of conservancy operations and street lights, to start with, will radically change the maintenance of core civic services? |
| 1 0.1 | What is your view on Public-Private participation schemes? |
| 1 1.1 | Unlike Grama Sabha, there is no public involvement in urban areas regarding the projects taken up for the people's welfare except the corporate plans provide for consultation of public at the level of identification and finalisation of the scheme? What is your view? |
| <u>BUDGET AND TAXATION</u> | |
| 1 2.1 | At present, there is no public participation in the preparation of Annual Budget. Hence, there is a view that in the Ward Committee, the Non-Governmental Organisations may be involved to give a representative character on behalf of the public. What is your view? |
| 1 3.1 | What are your suggestions for strengthening of the resource base of the local body? |
| 1 4.1 | Whether the Local Bodies have "citizens charter"? Have you gone through the citizens charter of the local bodies? If so, what are your views and suggestions? |

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| 1 5.1 | Do you think, there is need to revise periodically the user charges with reference to the supply and usage? What could be the periodicity for such revision? |
| 1 6.2 | Any other suggestions or views, which you would like to high light before Third Assam State Finance Commission? |

Supplementary Questionnaire:

1. Do you support the proposal for merger of DRDAs with the Zila Parishads? If not, why not?

(a) If DRDAs are merged with Zila Parishads, what should be the position of the Deputy Commissioner? Should he be relieved of all development work and allowed to concentrate on law and order, revenue and general administration?

(b) Can any role be assigned to the Divisional Commissioners?

2. What do you think of the present arrangement of division of funds (received from the State and the Central Governments) among Zila Parishads, Anchalik Panchayats and Gaon Panchayats in the districts? Is there any need to change this system?

3. It is reported that the rates of tolls etc. collected in the markets by the PRIs and local bodies are very low and need upward revision. Do you think this should be done? If so what should be the quantum or percentage increase of such rates?

4. It appears that direct/central purchases are made of many articles, which are then despatched, to the PRIs and local bodies. Do you feel that this practice should continue?

5. Many taxes are divisible between the State and the PRIs and local bodies. It appears that the share of the PRIs and local bodies have not been paid for a long time. This has affected the financial position of the PRIs and local bodies. What is your opinion about this practice?