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Respected

This Commission had issued a Public Notice on the 10th December 2010 in leading newspapers of Delhi, inviting memoranda on matters connected with the Terms of Reference of this Commission on or before 20th January 2011.

A copy of that notice is enclosed. In accordance with the Article 243- Y of the Constitution of India, and other provisions of law, the 4th Finance Commission was constituted. I am enclosing herewith a copy of Delhi Gazette Extraordinary dated 14.10.2009 vides which the Lieutenant Governor of National Capital territory of Delhi has constituted Finance Commission. From this it may be noticed that this commission, apart from evolving principles which would form the basis of sharing of the State revenue with the municipalities, is expected to look at the following issues: -

- I. Avoiding of duplication of responsibilities between the Government and the municipalities
- II. Suggesting a mechanism for securing accountability of the municipalities in regard to agency functions assigned to the municipalities by the Government;
- III. Identifying areas where the municipalities must exercise economy, keeping in view expenditure on discretionary responsibilities as against the core responsibilities;
- IV. Determining areas where financial resources of the municipalities can be improved by deepening and widening of property tax base, collection of tax arrears including securing of tax compliance;
- V. Maintenance and upkeep of capital assets; and
- VI. Requirement in regard to modernization of municipal administration or upgrading the scales of services in under-serviced areas.

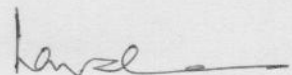
The Commission having considered all aspects that seem to impact the work of this Commission has come to believe that there is an overlapping of obligatory and discretionary functions of the municipalities and the Govt. of Delhi which may need consideration in regard to areas where the Government and the municipalities are duplicating efforts or propose areas where the municipalities need to exercise economy or increase expenditure for strengthening or up grading the scales of municipal services generally or in specific areas.

This Commission believes that you have a deep interest and knowledge about improving the functioning of municipalities and your views on the issue will be of vital importance. I am therefore to request you to kindly let this Commission have your views on identifying areas where duplication of responsibilities between the government and the municipalities is working against the public at large and needs to be stopped either in short term or in long term. Besides the Commission would be grateful to have your views on how the Government can help the municipalities to deepen and/or widen their revenue base, while aiming to seek reduction if not elimination of wasteful expenditure as well as the other terms of reference of this Commission.

I would therefore request you to send your views/suggestions on the above matters. May I expect that we shall be able to avail ourselves of the benefit of your views within approximately a month's time?

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely



Encl.: As above

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