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First Regional Workshop on Implementation of Sixteenth Finance Commission Recommendations for Rural Local Body Grants to be held in Goa tomorrow

CHENNAI – 26 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Government of India, will organize the first Regional Workshop on implementation of the Sixteenth Finance Commission (XVI FC) Recommendations for Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) grants in Goa tomorrow, 26 November 2026. Mukta Shekhar, Joint Secretary, MoPR, will be joined by senior officers from the participating States of Goa, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. The Workshop seeks to build a shared understanding of the 16th Finance Commission's recommendations, the Operational Guidelines and the compliance conditions among the Western Region States, so that the 16th Finance Commission grants reach Panchayats on time and translate into visible improvements in the lives of rural citizens.

The Sixteenth Finance Commission has recommended grants of ₹4,35,236 crore to PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions) / RLBs (Rural Local Bodies) across all 28 States for the award period 2026-27 to 2030-31. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, issued the Operational Guidelines for their implementation on 21 May 2026. The Commission has also recommended that MoPR extend guidance and handholding support to States and organise Regional Workshops to familiarise them with various aspects of the recommendations. The Goa Workshop is the first in this series.



The Workshop builds on the National Workshop of State Panchayati Raj Ministers held by MoPR on 3 July 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, to discuss implementation of the 16th FC recommendations for PRIs/ RLBs. While the National Workshop set the policy direction, the Regional Workshops carry the dialogue closer to the officers responsible for delivery on the ground.

Reflecting the Ministry's continuing efforts and focus on augmentation of Own Sources of Revenue (OSR), the Workshop also seeks to deliberate on experiences and best practices that enhance the fiscal self-reliance of Panchayats. Elected Representatives and officers from the host State, Goa, are also expected to participate.