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### 15TH FINANCE COMMISSION IN GUJARAT

# Consider helping states adopting prohibition and suffering revenue loss: Rupani to panel

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IN HIS discussions with the 15th Finance Commission on Monday, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani requested it to consider and be helpful to the states that are implementing prohibition policy and suffering loss of revenue because of it, an official release said.

Rupani, the release said, made several such requests and suggestions before the commission during the state government's meeting with the former at Mahatma Mandir.

During the discussion — attended by members of the commission, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel and Chief Secretary J N Singh — Rupani requested the commission to consider including performance-based incentives for state governments in its yardsticks for allocation of

funds. "This will inspire state governments to perform well in various financial, social and economic avenues and the country will progress faster on the path of thorough development," the release quoted Rupani as saying.

Rupani said that the Constitution has put principal responsibility of providing social and economic services to citizens on the state government. And, due to imbalance in income resources and expenditure, state governments have to be dependent on debt.

Rupani said that the hike of 2.5 per cent in the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission for Gujarat was not sufficient.

He added that Gujarat has 5 per cent of the total population of the country and its contribution to the national GDP is 7.6 per cent. As per the Economic Survey of 2017-18, Gujarat's contribu-



Chief Minister Vijay Rupani with 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh in Gandhinagar on Monday. Javed Raju

tion in services and export is 17 per cent, he said.

Explaining the state's budgetary allocations for the current year, the CM said that the budget has

allocated Rs 3,080 crore for Woman and Child Development, Rs 9,750 crore for health services and maximum Rs 27,500 crore for education.

"By adopting complete prohibition, Gujarat has strengthened the foundation of law and order. The commission should consider it to be helpful

### GUJARAT BJP SEEKS FUNDS, CITES RAPID URBANISATION

■ In a separate meeting of the Finance Commission for political parties, a delegation of state BJP led by its vice-president I K Jadeja, vice-chairman of Gujarat Planning Commission Narhari Amin and Chairman of Gujarat Municipal Finance Board Dhansukh Bhandari made several demands seeking more funds for Gujarat. It cited rapid urbanisation in Gujarat, and requirement of infrastructural facilities in border areas.

to the states which are adopting prohibition policy and suffer revenue loss due to it," the release quoted Rupani as requesting the commission.

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## More funds sought to compensate for GST, prohibition losses

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Gandhinagar: The Gujarat government demanded more central government funds from the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, which is



on a visit to the state, to compensate for the income lost due to the adoption of GST (goods & services tax) and the excise on liquor foregone, around Rs 9,864 crore, due to the prohibition policy in the state.

The Gujarat government also demanded special assistance on the basis of its performance in using finance commission grants. It also demanded an increased share in the central devolution, from the present 3.08%, in proportion with the state's population. The Gujarat government also demanded special grants for border areas and for the education and health sectors.

The finance commission team, led by the panel's chairman N K Singh, is in Gujarat to interact with the state authorities. On Monday they met chief minister Vijay Rupani, deputy CM Nitin Patel and government officials. Singh, after the meeting the authorities, praised the state government's financial discipline. About the state government's memorandum of demands, Singh said, "One of the bigger challenges Gujarat is facing is GST collections. Once the 14% guarantee as GST compensation from the Union government winds down, Gujarat will need to look at GST collection projections

### Concern about non-existent state finance panel

Singh said, "Gujarat is not different than the other states. We expect the state finance commission to function in a more orderly manner, as this is a constitutional provision. We recommended to the state government that the state finance commission be made properly functional."

### State demands funds in proportion to population:

Though the Gujarat government didn't divulge details about its financial demands to commission, sources said it demanded nearly double the allocation of the 14th Finance Commission from the 15th commission. Sources in the finance department said, "In 13th Finance Commission, Gujarat got Rs 53,790 crore. From the present 14th Finance Commission, the state got a commitment of Rs 1,39,725 crore. We have also demanded an increase in the percentage allocation to Gujarat on the basis of our performance. We are expecting an allocation of more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore in 15th Finance Commission."

seriously and tax buoyancy may become an issue. The challenge for the state will be on the GST medium-term projection which is so far not be matching the 14% guarantee by the central government.

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# Gujarat seeks larger pie of central tax pool

**Demands compensation for revenue loss of Rs 9,000 cr due to prohibition; Fin Comm chief N K Singh says GST can pose challenge to tax buoyancy, lauds fiscal discipline of state**

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**T**he Gujarat government has asked the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to increase devolution of central tax revenues to states from 42 per cent at present to over 50 per cent. It has also sought compensation for the revenue loss of over Rs 9,000 crore annually due to prohibition in the state.

The state government also urged the Commission to increase devolution to over 50 per cent, expand the net divisible pool, and suggested an alternative formula for devolution based on urbanisation and social deprivation.

The Commission led by N K Singh, which is on a four-day visit of the state, said the state's demands will be considered.

Lauding the rapid progress made by Gujarat in key macroeconomic parameters, Singh said GST remains one of the big challenges. Gujarat is improving its expenditure in health and education—areas which deserve fuller attention over the coming years, Singh said.

"Gujarat has shown the lead in achieving more balanced development among primary, secondary and tertiary sectors," he said.

Outlining challenges being faced by Gujarat over GST collections, he said, "On the 14 per cent guarantee as GST compensation by the union Government ends up, Gujarat will need to look at the GST collection projections seriously and tax buoyancy may become an issue."

He added that Gujarat's growth mo-



CM Vijay Rupani and Dy CM Nitin Patel with N K Singh (centre) in state capital

**Gujarat's Debt to GDP Ratio, which at 21 per cent, was close to the 20 per cent stipulated by the new FRBM Act and to be achieved by 2023-24**

mentum is dependent on "some exogenous uncertainties like GST" while maintaining key macro-economic parameters.

Singh said the Commission was particularly impressed with the reduction of Gujarat's Debt to GDP Ratio, which at 21 per cent, was close to the 20 per cent stipu-

lated by the new FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Act and which has to be achieved by 2023-24.

"In other states, it's as high as 29 per cent. Thus, other states need to follow Gujarat in this regard," he told reporters.

He added that Gujarat government also sought a special package from the commission for being a "border state".

The other challenge relates to how to restructure National Disaster Relief Fund considering Gujarat is prone to various kinds of natural disasters, he said.

The other members of the Commission include Shaktikanta Das, Anoop Singh, Ashok Lahiri and Ramesh Chand.



# Congress demands hike in state's share in central taxes

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THE GUJARAT Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) has demanded increase in the state's share in central taxes from the existing 42 per cent to 52 per cent.

The demand was submitted to the 15th Finance Commission chairman N K Singh, who is in the state to consult with the state government and political parties on the issue.

A delegation led by GPCC (CA cell) president Kailash Kumar Gadhvi said that as most of the taxes were imposed and collected by the central government under the existing constitutional arrangement, it was necessary to increase the state's share in central taxes to meet the requirement for infrastructure development in various sectors.

The Congress delegation demanded a special package for developing the 1600-km coastline in view of security considerations as the state shares sea as

well as land border with Pakistan. "This is the specific situation of Gujarat, which no other state is facing, and hence Gujarat be given a special fund or package from the security point," the Congress's letter said.

Gadhvi mentioned that more educational infrastructure was needed in the tribal belt and cities, specially for setting up English-medium schools by the state government. The Congress also demanded more funds for setting up government medical education centres and health facilities across the state. It sought a special package for strengthening and expanding legal infrastructure with a view to disposing pending cases — which number 29.44 lakh as of now, the highest in the country.

Gadhvi said that considering the present pending cases and available infrastructure, Gujarat will have to wait 287 years to have zero cases. Gujarat, he told the commission, has 34 pending cases per 1,000 people, which is the highest in India.



## सरकार ने आयोग से की यह मांग



- वर्टिकल डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन में 14वें वित्त आयोग की अनुसंशा से ज्यादा हिस्सा 15वें वित्त आयोग की अनुसंशा में गुजरात को मिले।
- होरिजेन्टल डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन में परफोमेंस क्राइटेरिया को ध्यान में रखा जाए। जिससे गुजरात को लाभ हो।
- नशाबंदी कानून लागू होने से सालाना 9864 करोड़ के राजस्व का नुकसान हो रहा है। इसकी भरपाई के लिए गुजरात को ज्यादा धनराशि मिले।
- पाकिस्तान से अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा सटी होने के चलते सुरक्षा पर ज्यादा खर्च होता है। इस खर्च को ध्यान में रखते हुए गुजरात को ज्यादा राशि केन्द्र से मिलनी चाहिए।
- बढ़ते शहरीकरण के चलते शहर में सुविधाएं बढ़ाने के लिए भी जरूरी आर्थिक मदद शहरों को मिले इसे आयोग को मापदंडों में शामिल करना चाहिए।
- राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम (एनडीएमए) में फंड आवंटन व उसके उपयोग के प्रावधानों में सुधार हो। बिजली गिरने से मौत को राष्ट्रीय आपदा में माना जाए।

करने के लिए जिन मानकों को ध्यान में लेते हैं उसमें राज्यों के वित्त आयोगों की अनुसंशाओं की भी अहम भूमिका होती है। गुजरात में भी राज्य के वित्त आयोग के कार्य की स्थिति अन्य राज्यों से जुदा नहीं है।

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# गुजरात के लिए जीएसटी बड़ी चुनौती: वित्त आयोग

15वें वित्त आयोग से सरकार ने राज्य को ज्यादा हिस्सा देने की मांग की

नशाबंदी से सालाना  
9864 करोड़ के घाटे,  
सीमावर्ती राज्य के  
चलते हो रहे खर्च के  
लिए ज्यादा राशि मांगी

गांधीनगर, गुजरात सरकार के लिए  
15वें वित्त आयोग की सम्पत्ति (वर्ष 2020-25) के दौरान वस्तु एवं  
सेवा कर (जीएसटी) सबसे बड़ी  
चुनौती होगी।

15वें वित्त आयोग को गुजरात  
सरकार की ओर से सौंपे गए विस्तृत  
ज्ञापन में वर्ष 2020-25 के लिए  
बतए गए अपने अन्य के अयोजन में  
जीएसटी के लिए केन्द्र सरकार की  
ओर से 14 प्रतिशत हिस्सा निश्चित  
(गारंटी) देने का उल्लेख किया है।  
जबकि जीएसटी के पूरे 12 महीने के  
सभी अंकड़े अप्रैल-मई-2019 में  
मिलने हैं। इसके अलावा 14 प्रतिशत  
केन्द्र से राजस्व मिलने की निश्चितता  
दर्शाई गई है, उसकी अवधि आयोग के  
सम्पत्ति काल से पहले ही खत्म  
होती है। ऐसे में उसके बाद के वर्षों में  
राजस्व कहां से आएगा, उसके लेकर  
अनिश्चितता है। जितना राजस्व  
जीएसटी से बतया है उतना ही  
मिलेगा। ऐसी स्थिति भी पश्चिम के  
राज्य से नहीं दिखती। जो न सिर्फ  
राज्य बल्कि आयोग के लिए भी  
चुनौती पूर्ण है। सही समय में तो  
आयोग को भी अप्रैल-मई-2019 को  
मिलने वाले जीएसटी के अंकड़ों का  
ईत्जार है। यह बात सेप्टेम्बर को  
महात्मा मंदिर में आयोजित संवाददाता  
सम्मेलन में 15वें वित्त आयोग के  
अध्यक्ष एन.के.सिंह ने कही।

इससे पहले सेप्टेम्बर को  
मुख्यमंत्री विजय रूपानी,  
उपमुख्यमंत्री निठिन पटेल ने महात्मा  
मंदिर में वित्त आयोग की टीम के  
साथ बैठक की। उन्हें ज्ञापन सौंपकर  
राज्य की अपेक्षा और मांग को  
सामने रखा। इसमें कहा कि देश की  
5 प्रतिशत आबंदी वाले गुजरात की  
राज्य के जीडीपी में 7.6 प्रतिशत  
हिस्सेदार है। निर्यात में हिस्सेदारी 17  
प्रतिशत है। 14वें वित्त आयोग की  
सभी सिकरिशी को लागू किया है।  
शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, सामाजिक, अर्थिक  
क्षेत्र में बेहतर काम किया है।  
एन.के.सिंह ने कहा कि आयोग केन्द्र  
और राज्यों को राजस्व आवंटन



गुजरात की स्थिति औसत से बेहतर :

उन्होंने गुजरात की वित्तीय स्थिति और कर्ज के विराज से गुजरात की  
स्थिति को अन्य राज्यों और राष्ट्रीय औसत से बेहतर बतते हुए कहा कि देश  
के लिए 60 प्रतिशत कर्ज की स्थिति हो सकती है। इसमें केन्द्र के लिए 40  
प्रतिशत और राज्यों के लिए 20 प्रतिशत तक का कर्ज की मंजूरी है। गुजरात  
में जीडीपी के कर्ज की स्थिति 20.1 (21 प्रतिशत) के करीब है। जो मंजूर  
सीमा से मामूली सी ज्यादा है। जबकि अन्य राज्यों में तो यह 28-29 प्रतिशत  
तक है। गुजरात का वित्तीय घाटा भी 3 प्रतिशत से कम (1.4 प्रतिशत) है।  
आयोग गुजरात में दस वर्षों से 12 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर से हो रहे विकास,  
शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य क्षेत्र में ज्यादा बजट आवंटन, मानव संसाधन की जरूरत को  
पूरा करने को उदाहरण के रूप में प्रभावित हुआ।

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हिस्सा 15वें वित्त आयोग की अनुसंधान में गुजरात को मिले।
- हेरिजेन्टल डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन में परफोमेंस क्राइटेरिया को ध्यान में रखा  
जाए। जिससे गुजरात को लाभ हो।
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नुकसान हो रहा है। इसकी भरपाई के लिए गुजरात को ज्यादा धनराशि  
मिले।
- पकिस्तान से अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा सटी होने के चलते सुरक्षा पर ज्यादा  
खर्च होता है। इस खर्च को ध्यान में रखते हुए गुजरात को ज्यादा राशि  
केन्द्र से मिलनी चाहिए।
- बड़ो शहरीकरण के चलते शहर में बुनियादी ढराने के लिए भी जल्दी अधिक  
मदद बहरी को मिले इसे आयोग को मापदंडों में शामिल करना चाहिए।
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उपयोग के प्रावधानों में सुधार हो। बिजली मिलने से मौत को राष्ट्रीय  
आपदा में माना जाए।

करने के लिए जिन मानकों को ध्यान  
में लेते हैं उसमें राज्यों के वित्त  
आयोगों की अनुसंधान की भी  
अहम भूमिका होती है। गुजरात में भी  
राज्य के वित्त आयोग के कार्य की  
स्थिति अन्य राज्यों से जुदा नहीं है।

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15वें वित्त आयोग के साथ सरकार की बैठक

प्रदर्शन आधारित प्रोत्साहन को आयोग  
के पैमाने में शामिल किया जाए : रूपाणी

राज्य में वित्तीय घाटा  
कम होकर जीएसटीपी के  
1.7 फीसदी तक पहुंचा  
गांधीनगर

मुख्यमंत्री विजय रूपाणी ने गुजरात दौरे पर आए 15वें वित्त आयोग के साथ सोमवार को गांधीनगर में आयोजित राज्य सरकार की बैठक में राज्यों को प्रदर्शन आधारित प्रोत्साहन देने के मामले को आयोग के मानकों में शामिल करने का अनुरोध किया। इस संदर्भ में उन्होंने कहा कि इसके चलते राज्य वित्तीय एवं अन्य सामाजिक-आर्थिक परिप्रेक्ष्य में बेहतर प्रदर्शन करने को प्रेरित होंगे और देश सतत व सर्वग्राही विकास के पथ पर तेज गति से आगे बढ़ेगा। 15वें वित्त आयोग के अध्यक्ष एन.के. सिंह की अध्यक्षता में गुजरात सरकार की इस बैठक में आयोग के सदस्य शशिकांत दास, अनूप सिंह, डॉ. अशोक लाहिड़ी, डॉ. रमेश चंद और सचिव अरविंद मेहता ने भाग लिया। उप मुख्यमंत्री नितिनभाई पटेल, मुख्य सचिव डॉ. जे.एन. सिंह और राज्य सरकार के



विभिन्न विभागों के वरिष्ठ सचिवों ने भी बैठक की चर्चाओं में शिरकत की। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि संविधान ने राज्यों को प्रमुख जवाबदारी यह दी है कि वे अपने राज्य के नागरिकों के लिए सामाजिक सेवाओं और उसके समतुल्य उत्तरदायित्व को पूर्ण करने के लिए सभी प्रकार की आर्थिक सेवा प्रदान करें। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसी सेवाएं मुहैया कराने में राज्यों के आय और व्यय के असंतुलन के कारण उन्हें ऋण पर निर्भर रहना पड़ता है। मुख्यमंत्री ने वित्त आयोग से राज्यों की राजस्व आय और खर्च की जवाबदारियों के बीच के वर्तमान असंतुलन पर विचार करने का आग्रह किया। गुजरात में करीब 50 फीसदी आबादी के शहरों में रहने और शहरीकरण के निरंतर बढ़ रहे दायरे का जिक्र करते हुए

रूपाणी ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि शहरी क्षेत्रों में आधारभूत सुविधाओं और सेवाओं में गुणवत्ता के लिए शहरीकरण से संबंधित मानकों का भी आयोग को समावेश करना चाहिए। बैठक में गुजरात सरकार के वित्त विभाग द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए प्रेजेंटेशन में राज्य सरकार के विभिन्न विभागों की उपलब्धियों तथा केंद्र सरकार के कोष से मिलने वाले हिस्से के समक्ष राज्य में हुई प्रगति की जानकारी को दर्शाया गया। केंद्रीय वित्त आयोग के अध्यक्ष एन.के. सिंह और सदस्यों ने गुजरात सरकार के प्रो-एक्टिव योगदान और प्रस्तुतिकरण की सराहना कर सकारात्मक सुझाव भी दिए। मुख्य सचिव डॉ. जे.एन. सिंह ने आयोग के अध्यक्ष एवं सदस्यों का स्वागत करते हुए बैठक की भूमिका पर प्रकाश डाला।



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गुजरात पर 2.17 लाख करोड का ऋण फिर भी वित्त आयोग ने  
कहा - दूसरे राज्य इनसे प्रेरणा ले, गुजरात के वित्त आयोग की  
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## ગુજરાત પર 2.17 લાખ કરોડનું દેવું પણ નાણાપંચે કહ્યું- બીજાં રાજ્યો પ્રેરણા લે ગુજરાતના નાણાપંચની કામગીરીની પંચે ટીકા કરી

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રાજ્યમાં સ્થાનિક સ્વરાજ્ય, વિધાનસભા કે લોકસભાની કોઈપણ ચૂંટણી હોય પણ ગુજરાતનું જાહેર દેવું હંમેશા ચૂંટણીનો મુદ્દો બન્યો છે. ગુજરાત સરકારે વિધાનસભાના બજેટ સત્રમાં વર્ષ 2017-18માં ગુજરાતનું જાહેર દેવું રૂ. 2.17 લાખ કરોડ હોવાનું સ્વીકાર્યું હતું. આ સાથે વર્ષ 2018-19ના નાણાકીય વર્ષમાં રૂ. 2.38 લાખ કરોડ દેવું થશે તેવું સરકારનું

અનુમાન છે. આવી સ્થિતિમાં 15મા નાણાપંચની ટીમના અધ્યક્ષ એન.કે.સિંહે ગુજરાતનું દેવું કંટ્રોલમાં છે, ગુજરાતનું નાણાકીય વ્યવસ્થાપન સાતું હોવાથી અન્ય રાજ્યોએ પણ તેમાંથી પ્રેરણા લેવી જોઈએ તેવું સ્પષ્ટ મંતવ્ય વ્યક્ત કર્યું હતું.

આ બાબતે જણાવતા 15મા નાણા પંચના અધ્યક્ષ એન.કે. સિંહે ગુજરાતના નાણાકીય વ્યવસ્થાપનની પ્રશંસા કરી હતી. તેમણે કહ્યું કે મેક્રો ઇકોનોમિક



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પેરામીટર્સ મેનેજમેન્ટમાં ગુજરાતે દેશમાં લીડ લીધી છે. દેવું જીડીપીના 20 ટકા સુધી ટકાવી રાખવામાં ગુજરાત સફળ બન્યું છે.

અન્ય રાજ્યોમાં તો આ ટકાવારી 28-29 ટકા છે. વર્ષ 2016-17 દરમિયાન ફિસ્કલ ડેફિસિટ ઘટીને જીએસડીપીના 1.42 ટકા થઈ છે. અન્ય રાજ્યોએ ગુજરાતમાંથી પ્રેરણા લેવી જોઈએ. સિંહે રાજ્ય નાણાં પંચની કામગીરીની ટીકા કરતા કહ્યું હતું કે, રાજ્ય નાણાપંચની કામગીરી વ્યાપક જણાતી નથી. એક પ્રશ્નના ઉત્તરમાં સિંહે કહ્યું હતું કે, રાજ્ય નાણાપંચનો રિપોર્ટ ટૂંક સમયમાં ગુજરાત વિધાનસભામાં રજૂ કરાશે.



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ગુજરાત માટે જીએસટીની આવકનો  
મુદ્દો પડકાર બનશે-વસૂલાતના  
અંદાજ ગંભીરતાથી લેવાની જરૂર

■ ક્ષયનાન્સ કમિશનના ચેરમેન એન.કે. સિંઘની સરકારને લાલબત્તી-કેન્દ્ર 14 ટકા વળતર બંધ કરશે પછી શું?



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■ ગુજરાતનો ટેપિડ પ્રોગ્રેસ અને આર્થિક માપદંડો પ્રભાવિત કરનારા છે અને તે રાજ્યને સર્વાંગી વિકાસ તરફ દોરી જાય છે પરંતુ જીએસટીનાં મુદ્દો રાજ્ય સરકાર માટે પડકારરૂપ બની રહેશે તેવી ભવિષ્ય પંદરમા ક્ષયનાન્સ કમિશનના ચેરમેન એન.કે. સિંઘને વ્યક્ત કરી છે. તેમણે સ્પષ્ટ કહ્યું હતું કે, ગુજરાત સમક્ષ મોટા પડકારમાં એક જીએસટીની આવક છે. એક વખત જીએસટીની આવકમાં નુકસાન પેદા કરે તો 14 ટકા વળતર કેન્દ્ર સરકાર દ્વારા બંધ કરી દેવાશે તે વડો ગુજરાત સરકારે જીએસટી ક્લેરિફિકેશનના જે અંદાજ છે તેને વધુ ગંભીરતાથી લેવાની જરૂર પડશે અને કરવેચની વસૂલાત વધારવી પડશે.

કેન્દ્રીય નાણા પંચના સભ્યોએ સોમવારે મુખ્યમંત્રી વિજય રૂપાણી, કે. સીએમ નીતિન પટેલ, મુખ્ય સચિવ ડો. જે.એન. સિંઘ અને વરિષ્ઠ સચિવો સાથે બેઠક યોજી હતી. જેમાં ગુજરાત સરકાર તરફથી નાણાકીય સ્થિતિ અને મહત્વની યોજનાઓ અંગે પ્રેઝન્ટેશન કરવા સાથે મેમોરેન્ડમ પણ આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. સરકાર સાથેની બેઠક બાદ મીડિયા સાથે વાત કરતા પંચના અધ્યક્ષ એન.કે. સિંઘે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, ગુજરાત અનેક કુદરતી આપત્તિઓનું જોખમ ધરાવે છે ત્યારે નેશનલ ડિઝાસ્ટર રીલીફ ફંડના રિફંડનાર અંગે પણ રાજ્યએ વિચારવું પડશે. તો સ્થાનિક સ્તરે જીએસટીની સંચયોને બધી સત્તાઓ મળી છે અને કિશોરો પણ બરાબર છે ત્યારે પ્રંપારમાની ૨૮૦મી કલમ મુજબ સ્ટેટ ક્ષયનાન્સ કમિશનને તેનું અનુચારન કરી તેના કાર્યને ચૂસ્તતાથી વળગી રહેવાની જરૂર હોવાનું કહ્યું હતું. હેલ્થ અને એજ્યુકેશનની વાત કરતા સિંઘે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, રાજ્ય સરકારે આ બંને ક્ષેત્રમાં તેના દ્વારા વાત

નાણાપંચ રાજ્યોને પરફોર્મન્સના આધારે પ્રોત્સાહનો આપે: સીએમ

ગાંધીનગર : મુખ્યમંત્રી વિજયભાઈ રૂપાણીએ કેન્દ્રીય નાણાપંચ સમક્ષ રાજ્ય સરકાર સાથેની બેઠકમાં નાણાપંચે રાજ્યોને પરફોર્મન્સના આધારે પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાની બાબત પંચના માપદંડમાં આવવી લેવા અનુરોધ કર્યો હતો. તે અંગે દારૂબંધીના કારણે રાજ્યને જે વેરામાં આર્થિક ભુકસાન વધે રહ્યું છે તેનું વળતર આપવા પણ માગણી કરી હતી. રાજ્ય સરકાર તરફથી સર્વાંગી પ્રેઝન્ટેશન સાથે મેમોરેન્ડમ પણ કમિશનને આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું. મુખ્યમંત્રી રૂપાણીએ કહ્યું કે, વડામા નાણાપંચની ભલામણોમાં લગભગ ૨.૫૦ ટકાની ફુલ વૃદ્ધિ થયું છે પરંતુ રાજ્યોની વિકાસ વરૂરીયાતોની આપણે માટે પૂર્ણાપ્ત નથી. ગુજરાતમાં લગભગ ૫૦ ટકા વસતી શહેરોમાં વસે છે ત્યારે શહેરી ક્ષેત્રમાં ઇન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર સુવિધા અને સેવાઓમાં ગુજરાત ગાદે શહેરીકરણ સંદર્ભના માપદંડો પણ અંશે સમાવિષ્ટ કરવા જોઈએ. સરકાર દ્વારા વિવિધ યોજનાઓ અને સિદ્ધિઓને લગતું પ્રેઝન્ટેશન કમિશન સમક્ષ રજૂ કરાવ્યું હતું જેની પ્રતિભા કરવા હતી. પ્રેઝન્ટેશનમાં સરકારે સર્વિસ કારીઓ દ્વારા કમિશનને કેટલાક મુદ્દો ફરજી અને સત્તા વહેંચણીની સોંપણીના સૂચનો પણ રજૂ કરાયા હતા. >> અનુસંધાન p4

ખર્ચો આગામી સમયમાં વધારે કરવાની વાત કરી છે તે સાથે તેની પર કોક્સ કરશે તેમ પણ કહ્યું છે.

કમિશનને ગુજરાતનો વિકાસ દર દેશના સરેરાશ વિકાસ દર કરતા વધુ હોવા અંગે તેમજ સુચારુ નાણાકીય વ્યવસ્થાપન મુદ્દે ગુજરાતનો વિકાસ સમર્થતા હોવાનું કહીને વખાણ કરતા અન્ય રાજ્યો માટે ગુજરાત ઉદાહરણીય હોવાનું જણાવ્યું હતું. ગુજરાત સરકાર દ્વારા જે પ્રેઝન્ટેશન કરાયું તેની નોંધ લીધી છે પરંતુ રાજ્યના વિકાસની જે ગતિ છે જીએસટીની આવકની અનિશ્ચિતતા પર આધારીત છે તે સાથે રાજ્યના પોતાના જે ચાવીરૂપ મેક્રો-ઈકોનોમિક માપદંડ છે તે પણ તેવા જ જળવાઈ રહેવા જરૂરી છે. અન્ય રાજ્યો તેમાં ઉદાહરણીય ક્રમ કરી રહ્યા છે. સ્ટેટ ક્ષયનાન્સ કમિશનની ભલામણો અંગેના અહેવાલને વિધાનસભામાં મુકવામાં આવતો નથી હોવાના એક પ્રશ્નના જવાબમાં તેમણે સરકાર તે અંગે સમીક્ષા અને વિશ્લેષણ કરીને અહેવાલ મુકશે તેવી આશા વ્યક્ત કરી હતી. >> અનુસંધાન p4

# Gujarat asks Centre for Rs 31,000 crore special package

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**GANDHINAGAR:** Gujarat government has demanded a special package of Rs 31,190 crore from the 15th Finance Commission on top of statutory devolution of funds and performance-based grants.

The state has also asked for an additional Rs 9,654 crore to compensate the excise loss incurred due to liquor prohibition. Demanding Rs 23,720 crore extra to control land degradation, the government has stated that 52.3% of the state faces severe land degradation and desertification — the

worst in the country after Rajasthan.

A key officer of the state finance department said, "We have demanded a special package of Rs 31,190 crore to cater for statutory grants. Gujarat is facing the highest, 52.3% land degradation and our own funds are not sufficient to tackle this issue. So we have demanded Rs 23,720 crore special grants for land degradation."

The big grant to check land degradation has been asked for Narmada, water resources, water supply and Kalpsar department, and will tackle issues like coastal erosion, salinity ingress, groundwater recharge, desalination, flood control, reuse of treated waste water, infrastructure creation for water treatment and drinking water supply.

The official added, "In total, we have demanded Rs 31,190 crore additional grants to meet special needs of the state. We have also demanded additional compensation against the loss of Rs 9,654 crore excise duty due to liquor prohibition."

"Along with demand for overall increase in the percentage of central devolution of funds in proportion with the population ratio and other criteria we have also demanded

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## Rajkot civic body seeks Rs 2950 crore from Finance Commission

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The Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) has sought aid of Rs 2950 crore from the 15th Finance Commission for carrying out various developmental works in the city.

The Commission, led by chairman N K Singh, is currently on a three-day tour of Gujarat which began on July 23.

The Commission held a meeting with civic officials and elected representatives from Rajkot.

"We have demanded around Rs 2950 crore as a financial aid from the Commission to carry out various developmental projects in the city," city Mayor Beenaaben Acharya told reporters after the meeting.

Earlier in the day, the Commission visited Aji-I reservoir, SAUNI Yojana Phase-II and Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) under the Smart City Project for Rajkot.

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## 'Fiscal challenges include balancing equity with efficiency'

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Ahmedabad: Planning for a country with a size like that of India is always a herculean task. Add into the mix the centre-state equations, growing population, demands for equal development opportunities and the country's aspirations to become a global superpower, and it gets more challenging.

On Sunday, N K Singh, chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission of India, gave a peek into the planning process in a lecture on the theme of 'Fiscal Federalism: Opportunities and Challenges' as part of PGPX Speaker Series.

Singh explained the role of the finance commission in absence of Planning Commission and how the fiscal federal structure of India is similar to but different from countries such as the US, Canada, Australia and European nations.

Some of the challenges he outlined included striking a balance between allocation of equity with efficiency among the Union and states, to allocation of items included in Concurrent List (List III) of Seventh Schedule of Constitution of India into Union List (List I) & State List (List II) current geopolitics, and rationalization of centrally sponsored schemes.



Talking about Gujarat, Singh said that the Gujarat Model has been successful in delivering the results. "We are meeting with the state officials and are hopeful of fruitful discussion," he said.

Singh during his talk stressed on the need for re-evaluation of weights and proportion currently allocated to various horizontal criteria, such as population, geographical area, distance from the national average, fiscal rectitude, and forest cover, for arriving at the allocation of equity among the Union and states.

Answering student queries, Singh said that data analytics is a major part of decision making and elaborated on the difficulty in establishing measurable performance criteria. He also praised grassroots implementation in a few states whereas explaining how some of the states had successfully implemented central government schemes.



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## 'For growth, local bodies need to be empowered'

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THE ISSUE of empowering the third tier of the government, the urban and rural local bodies, is exceedingly important, and unless that is done a lot of India's growth potential will be not tapped. This was stated by N K Singh, Fifteenth Finance Commission Chairman, at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) as he shared his views on monitoring and funding of local bodies on Sunday. Singh, along with members of the Finance Commission, were on a four-day visit to the state beginning Sunday.

Singh spoke on 'Fiscal Federalism-

Opportunities and Challenges' as a part of the IIMA PGPX speaker series in association with JSW School of Public Policy. The session was co-presided over by IIM Ahmedabad Director Enrol D'Souza.

"We have no option but to empower the panchayats and make them more responsible. Also, for that matter, the urban local bodies. There is a sense of hesitation among these to use the property tax, hesitation to come up with credible development scheme. So we need to overcome that. These are the classic questions --- what conditions, more conditions, no conditions, routing of money directly through state government, other intermediaries, monitoring of accounts. All these are constant challenges we have to counter

and we do not have a satisfactory answer to these," Singh said when asked about criteria of funding and monitoring of local bodies.

"This is one of the very big issues we are grappling with... So, how should the money go to the panchayats? Should it go directly from the finance commission to the state panchayats or routed through state governments. If they are not routed through the state governments, then they (states) say they did not route through us, they gave it directly to panchayats, so we do not have any control over that. If they are routed through the state governments, sometimes the conditions and control are such that because of their non fulfillment of those criteria, the funds are not received by panchayats," he added.

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# Need to balance equity and performance: N K Singh

Distribution of funds to states will be based on equal opportunity for growth vis-a-vis performance, says chairman of 15<sup>th</sup> finance commission at IIMA lecture

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The Chairman of India's 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission on Sunday outlined the changes in criteria that affect the mandate of the panel and the various challenges that lie before it. Nand Kishor Singh, former IAS officer and former Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar, also the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission which will lay India's fiscal roadmap from 2021 to 2025, was speaking at IIMA. He elaborated on the functioning of the finance commission, his mandate and his plans for choosing parameters for allocation of funds to states.

Speaking about the challenges before the commission, Singh said, "The foremost challenge is to balance equity and performance. While, broadly speaking, all Indians have an equal right to development, we must also see how certain states have used or not used these funds before allocating them."

Speaking about the seventh schedule of the Constitution that defines the roles of the union and state governments, Singh said, "While the union list and state lists define the roles of the respective governments, the concurrent list, on which both governments can work, is the one where



N K Singh takes questions from IIMA students after his lecture

roles need to be defined clearly. If states can complain that health, education were in the union list, it is not their fault that it has been in the concurrent list, this is not a cut in state funding in itself. We have to see the liabilities of government and their distribution of resources." The most important aspect is the distribution of funds based on parameters and what should be the weightage of each criteria he said. "We have to look at population, size of states, equalisation of development and history of management of state funds."

Fielding questions on the topic of selection, Singh said that he had

reviewed more than 60 studies all over the country. On the weightage of each parameter and if all four will be taken into account, Singh said, "We are focusing a mix of all parameters, but also look to the weightage given to each one by previous commissions before coming to a decision."

Speaking on the population criterion, Singh mentioned that the previous commissions used census data from 1971 as base value while he would be using the 2011 census data. It is interesting to note that several CMs of the Indian states opposed the changing of the census year arguing that the funding would be cut due to declining populations.

On the criterion of equalisation between states, Singh said, "While the commission appreciates the development in states like Gujarat for their own people and contribution to the national economy, we cannot forget lesser developed states and the need for the development of their people."

Answering a question on the funding of panchayats and urban civic bodies and higher rates of corruption and inefficiency therein, Singh concurred, saying, "The accounts of panchayats in some states are deplorable. However, recent visits to panchayats of Kerala and West Bengal have opened my eyes to many innovations in governance and book-keeping."

Introducing the audience to Fiscal Federalism and the role of the Finance Commission therein, Singh said, "There are three major roles of the Commission. First is to get to the distribution of funds as to total collection of taxes as against the cost of collection. The second is horizontal distribution which is recommending the allocation of funds for the union government and to each state. The third is to provide recommendations on funding for local bodies, both urban and rural."

The fifteenth Finance Commission was set up through a gazette notification after approval by the President of India in November 2017.



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राज्यकक्षानी गांधीनगर भाते मछाल्वा मंदिरभां योजनार 15वा नाशापंचना के टुक मजे जावक. चेयरमैन नाशापंचना बेरमेन एन के सिंघ अने नाशा पंचना मेम्बर अशोक बहेरीजे तेमनी टीम साथे रविवारे पाटणनी मुबाकत करी छती. तेमने ऐतिहासिक वासी गीताना निकाणी कवा कीतरजीने अदभुत बेजावी छती. उमरना कारणे तेओ वावनी अंदर उतरयो न छता परंतु आल्बमभां फोटोग्राफ्स जेया छता. पुरातन अभियाने उमरना मजदूरीजे तेमने ऐतिहासिक वासिती पूरी पाये छती.