



Under article 280 of the Constitution, the President of India appoints a Finance Commission every five years. The Commission is charged with making recommendations to the President on the distribution of the taxes between the Centre and the States and the consequent distribution among the States themselves. It also recommends grants in aid to States and suggests measures to strengthen the functioning of Panchayat Raj and Municipal bodies.

The first Finance Commission was set up on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1951. Its recommendations covered the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1952 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1957. This Finance Commission which is the Thirteenth was appointed on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2007. The Commission is expected to give its report by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2009. Its recommendations will cover period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

The website of Finance Commission is designed to inform and assist all the stakeholders involved in the work of the Commission. It is aimed to be specifically useful to State and Central Government representatives, who are engaged with the Commission as well as researchers and scholars interested in the work of this and previous Finance Commissions. A separate section incorporates press releases describing the ongoing work of this Commission.

As with everything else this website is a work in progress. We welcome suggestions from representatives of State and Central Governments, researchers and all other stakeholders to improve the contents and presentation of this Website.

  
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