

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)  
NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 29th October, 1983.

S.O. 783 E The following Order made by the President is published for general information.

ORDER

In pursuance of the provisions of article 280 of the Constitution of India and of the Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1951 (33 of 1951), the President hereby directs that in the order dated the 20th June, 1982 [published with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) No. S.O.434(E), dated the 21st June, 1982]—

- (a) in paragraph 2, for the words, figures and letters "the 31st day of October, 1983", the words, figures and letters "the date of making the final report by the Commission or the 29th day of February, 1984, whichever is earlier" shall be substituted;
- (b) in paragraph 11, for the portion beginning with the words "The Commission shall make its report" and ending with the figures, letters and words "1st day of April, 1984" the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"The Commission shall make an interim report by the 15th November, 1983, covering as many of the matters mentioned above as possible and covering the year commencing on the 1st day of April, 1984; and make the final report by the 29th February, 1984 on each of the matters aforesaid and covering a period of five years commencing on and from the 1st day of April, 1984"

DATED 29th OCTOBER, 1983

(No. 5(1)FCC/83)

ZAIL SINGH  
PRESIDENT

Sd/-  
(A. RANGACHARI)  
JOINT SECRETARY

**INTERIM REPORT OF THE FIFTH FINANCE COMMISSION**

Annexure 1-2  
(Para 1.5)

This Finance Commission was constituted by the President's Order dated the 20th June, 1982 hereinafter referred to in this interim report as the "Order". One of us (Shri Justice T.P.S. Chawla) was appointed as a Member of this Commission by the President's subsequent Order dated the 2nd June, 1983, in place of Shri Justice Sabyasachi Mukherji whose resignation as Member of the Commission was also accepted from the 28th April 1983 in the same Order.

2. The Order required the Commission to make its report by the 31st October, 1983. On the 1st July 1982, demi-official letters were addressed by the Chairman to the Chief Ministers of all States (the Governor, in the case of Assam) requesting them to send before the 31st August 1982 a Memorandum containing their Governments' views on the various terms of reference given to this Commission. On the 26th July, 1982, the Chairman requested the Union Finance Minister to send the forecast of receipts and expenditure of the Government of India and also indicate their views on the various terms of reference given to the Commission. Our tentative schedule of work contemplated the completion of the discussions with the Chief Ministers of States by the end of June or July 1983 and with the Government of India by the end of August 1983. However, for reasons beyond our control, this schedule could not be adhered to and as a result we had to seek an extension of time to make our report. The President acceded to our request by his Order dated the 29th October 1983 which directs us (a) to make an interim report by the 15th November, 1983 covering as many of the matters mentioned in the Order as possible and covering the year commencing on the 1st day of April 1984 and (b) to make the final report by the 29th February 1984 on each of the matters mentioned in the Order and covering a period of five years commencing on and from the 1st day of April, 1984.

3. In the light of these requirements we considered the question as to which of the matters could be covered in the interim report. We concluded that, within the limited time available, it would not be possible for us to make final recommendations on any of the matters mentioned in the Order and that, as an interim measure to be applicable provisionally for the financial year commencing on the 1st April 1984, we would have to recommend the continuance of the existing arrangements except in cases where