

Information Required from Different Departments for Preparing the Memorandum for 14th Finance Commission

1. Views of the State Government on Special Emphasis Needed on Basic Fabric of Federal Structure.
2. Geographical Features: Physical Features, Important Mountains, Important Passes with their Altitude, Important Lakes, Important Hot Springs, Important Glaciers,
3. State Economy in Macro Perspective.
4. Economic Features-- Estimates of Gross Domestic Product and Per Capita Income at Current Prices and constant prices; Structural Change in the Gross Domestic Product; Sectoral Performance: Horticultural and agricultural yield, modern farming practices, ensuring the timely supply of inputs, Animal husbandry, co-operative societies.
5. Power: installed capacity, shortage.
6. Roads are a critical input for the growth of all the sectors.
7. The absence of a rail network and commercial air services into the State.
8. The industrial activity; the Industrial Development and Investment Corporation.
9. State's Views on 1971 Population as a Factor for Devolution of Resources-Data on Decennial Growth of Population of Meghalaya and All-India
10. State Finances: An Overview:
 - a. Non-Plan Revenue Receipts
 - b. State's Own Tax Revenue
 - c. State's Own Non-Tax Revenues,
 - d. Central Devolution to the State
 - e. Central Non-Plan Grants
 - f. Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure
 - g. Revenue Deficit;
 - h. Over-all Revenue Receipts, Expenditure and Deficit
 - i. Fiscal deficit, Primary deficit,
 - j. Fiscal Reforms and Additional Resource Mobilization

k. Efforts at Introducing VAT and GST

11. Additional Resource Mobilization through Land Revenue, Stamp Duty and Registration Fee, State Excise Duty, Profession Tax, Cesses/ Surcharges.
12. Impact of Centrally Sponsored Schemes on State Revenues.
13. Impact of the Scheme of Right to Education and Free Education for Children on state finances.
14. Urban- rural infrastructure.
15. Likely impact of Seventh Pay Commission on State Finances.
16. Bus Fare: Any increase due to increase in the cost of HSD and other operational costs, Minimum chargeable fare.
17. Measures to Reduce Expenditure: Measures initiated by the State to reduce expenditure.
18. Administrative Reforms Measures: Measures undertaken by the Government to improve its administrative efficiency:
19. Computerization of the State
20. Capacity Building for E-governance
21. Tax Sharing: Significance of the Tax Sharing, Evolution of the Pool for Tax Sharing, The Magnitude of Sharing, Criteria and Weights Used for Tax Sharing, Views of the State. Magnitude of Devolution through Sharing of Taxes.
22. Grants-in-Aid: Grants for Horizontal Equity; Principles for Grants-in-aid Adopted by Various Commissions; Basis of Norms for Forecast or Projections; Estimates of Non-plan Revenue Gap; Grants Recommended for Meghalaya by XI, XII and XIII FC.
23. In spite of all these positive developments, the State is still confronted with problems of lack of infrastructure, poor standards of delivery of public services and special economic problems. These problems of the State of Meghalaya needs to be given due importance by the 14th Finance Commission while awarding grants to the State.
24. Social Infrastructure --Literacy rate. Strategy for Social Sector, access to schools, status of basic medical health care, child mortality with particular reference to the mortality rate in respect of the female child.
25. Interface with Plan Assistance.

26. Debt Burden and Need for Special Relief: The current status of the indebtedness of the State and putting forth a case for debt relief, which is extremely necessary for the sound fiscal health of the State. Debt Liability of the State. Composition and Level of Debt. Debt Consolidation and Relief Facility (DCRF); Capacity Building for Debt Repayment; Debt Relief and Debt-Restructuring; the scheme of debt relief recommended by the Twelfth and Thirteenth Finance Commission: views on Rescheduling of all Central loans; Central Assistance; Loan component of the Central assistance; External Assistance; An Earnest Appeal for Debt Relief
27. Relative Priority of Sources of Debt
28. Economic Challenging Features of Meghalaya:
29. Local Bodies in Meghalaya: Introduction
30. Functions and resources of Local Bodies
31. Local-Self Governance in Meghalaya
32. Duties of PRIs
33. Meghalaya State Finance Commissions and Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Recommendations
34. Recommendations of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Finance Commissions on local bodies.
35. Suggested Approach for the Fourteenth Finance Commission (TFC).
36. State burden due to protection of environment.
37. Data to be collected on the pattern given in the enclosed Tables.

Data to be collected on the following aspects

Table 1.
Area (sq. kms.)
Population 2001
Urban Population (%)
Rural Population (%)
Decennial growth rate 1991-2001
Population density (per sq. km)
Districts (no.)
Sub-divisions (no.) (2001)
Zilla Panchayat wards (no.)
Gram Panchayat units (no.)
Gram Panchayat wards (no.)
Revenue blocks/ villages (no.)
Towns (no.)
Households (no.) 2001
Literacy rate 2001
Males
Females
Total main workers (%) 2001 Comparative Profile if Meghalaya and India on the following aspects:
Population
Poverty
Literacy Rates
Sex Ratio