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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Budget Branch
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata 700 001

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Kolkata, the 22nd February, 2006.

NOTIFICATION

In pursuance of the provisions contained in clause (1) of Article 243-I, and clause (1) of Article 243Y, of the Constitution of India, the Governor is pleased to constitute the West Bengal Finance Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) consisting of Dr. Sukhbilas Barma, IAS (Retired) as the Chairman and the following members, namely,

1. Prof. Nripendra Nath Bandyopadhyay — *Member*
2. Shri Bijan Kundu, IAS, Special Secretary, Home Department — *Member*
3. Dr. B. P. Shyam Roy, IAS, Special Secretary, Development & Planning Department. — *Member-Secretary*

2. The Chairman and the other members of the Commission shall hold office from the date on which they respectively assume office up to the 28th day of February, 2007.

3. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Governor as to—

(A) in the case of the Panchayats

(a) the principles which should govern—

(i) the distribution between the State and the Panchayats of the net proceeds of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, which may be divided between them under Part IX of the Constitution and the allocation between the Panchayats at all levels of their respective shares of such proceeds;

(ii) the determination of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by the Panchayats;

(iii) the grants-in-aid to the Panchayats from the Consolidated Fund of the State;

(b) the measures needed to improve the financial position of the Panchayats;

(B) in the case of the Municipalities—

(a) the principles which should govern—

(i) the distribution between the State and the Municipalities of the net proceeds of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees leviable by the State, which may be divided between them under Part IXA of the Constitution and the allocation between the Municipalities at all levels of their respective shares of such proceeds;

(ii) the determination of the taxes, duties, tolls and fees which may be assigned to, or appropriated by, the Municipalities;

(iii) the grants-in-aid to the Municipalities from the Consolidated Fund of the State;

(b) the measures needed to improve the financial position of the Municipalities;

4. In making its recommendations, the Commission shall have regard, among other considerations, to—

(i) the resources of the State Government and the demands thereon on account of expenditure on administration, development and debt-servicing;

(ii) the resource-raising powers of the Panchayats and Municipalities;

(iii) the responsibilities entrusted upon the Panchayats and Municipalities by Statutes and Government Orders;

5. The Commission shall determine its own procedure.

6. The Commission shall make its report available by the 28th day of February, 2007.

By order of the Governor,

SAMAR GHOSH,

Principal Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal.

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