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Jharkhand Received Rs. 19.06 Crore for Infra Dev of Subordinate Judiciary

No Grant in '11-12 & '12-13 Due to Non-receipt of Utilization Certificates

Ranchi : September 6, 2012 : The government of Jharkhand has been released a grant of Rs.19.06 crore so far under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for infrastructure development of subordinate judiciary. However, no grant could be released to the State in 2011-12 and 2012-13 due to non-receipt of utilization certificates for the previous grant. Mr. Salman Khurshid, the union minister for law and justice stated in rajya sabha the other day in a written reply to Mr. Parimal Nathwani's question on the funds from centre to the states including Jharkhand for infrastructure development in the lower judiciary.

The minister further stated that the State of Jharkhand completed construction of 25 court buildings and ten projects of residential accommodation at a cost of around Rs. 38.64 crore between 12th July 2010 and 31st July 2012 as per the information furnished by the Government of Jharkhand under all India Judges Case. He said that the State Government was requested to furnish the utilization certificates for the previous grant for release of further assistance from the centre.

In accordance with the minister's reply, the primary responsibility of infrastructure development for subordinate judiciary rests with the state governments. The Central Government however has been augmenting the resources of the state governments for development of infrastructure of subordinate judiciary through CSS since 1993-94. The pattern of assistance is made 75:25 for states other than North-Eastern states from 2011-12. For North-Eastern states the pattern is 90:10; the statement added.

The minister also stated that Rs. 2111.23 crore were released to the States / UTs since inception of the Scheme in 1993-94, utilization certificates for around Rs. 111.15 crore were pending with different states / UTs. Like Jharkhand, other states which did not receive the assistance during 2011-12 and 2012-13 on this account include Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Daman & Div and Lakshadweep; the statement added.