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5.1 *Unauthorised diversion of ₹35.98 lakh towards meeting administrative charges*

The GMC unauthorisedly diverted ₹ 35.98 lakh from SJSRY in contravention of the scheme guidelines and terms of sanction.

According to *Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojna* (SJSRY) guidelines (Para 2.1), the funds under the scheme should be utilised for addressing urban poverty alleviation through gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor by encouraging them to set up self-employment ventures, etc.

Gangtok Municipal Corporation (GMC) received (November 2011) ₹ 35.98 lakh under the SJSRY from State Government for implementing the scheme in Gangtok Municipal area. However, GMC did not work out the *modus operandi* for utilising the funds for the intended purposes. Instead, the fund was kept idle for a few months and then the entire fund was spent (September 2010 to March 2012) towards meeting administrative charges (salary, office expenditure, etc.).

Thus, the GMC unauthorisedly diverted ₹ 35.98 lakh sanctioned for addressing urban poverty alleviation in contravention of the scheme guidelines and terms of the sanction.

The matter was reported to the Government (October 2013); reply is awaited (April 2014).



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