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Division/Agency: Commonwealth-State Relations Division
Question No: 183
Topic: Financial Assistance Grants
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Question:

1. What is the status of the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants to local government?
2. Irrespective: what is the cumulative shortfall in Financial Assistance Grants to local government: from since indexation was frozen (2014-15) to the end of the forward estimates (2020-21); compared with if the indexation was not frozen at any point over that same period.

Answer:

1. Indexation on the Financial Assistance Grant program resumed from 2017-18.
2. As the Financial Assistance Grants for the 2017-18 to 2020-21 years have not been finalised, the cumulative shortfall for the period 2014-15 to 2020-21 cannot be calculated at this time.