EXCERPTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORIES ACT, 1963

Consolidated Fund of the Union territory

Section 47 (1)

As from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint in this behalf, all revenues received in the Union territory by the Government of India or the Administrator of the Union territory in relation to any matter with respect to which the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory has power to make laws, and all grants made and all loans advanced to the Union territory from the Consolidated Fund of India and all moneys received by the Union territory in repayment of loans shall form one Consolidated Fund to be entitled "the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory".

(2) No moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of a Union territory shall be appropriated except in accordance with and for the purposes and in the manner provided in this Act.

(3) The custody of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory, the payment of money into such Fund, the withdrawal of moneys therefrom and all other matters connected with or ancillary to those matters shall be regulated by rules made by the Administrator with the approval of the President.

Amendment of Section 47

In section 47 of the principal Act, for the words "all loans advanced to the Union Territory from the Consolidated Fund of India", the words "all loans advanced to the Union Territory from the Consolidated Fund of India and all loans raised by the Government of India or the Administrator of the Union Territory upon the security of the Consolidated Fund of the Union Territory" shall be substituted.

Insertion of new section 47A. – After section 47 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:-

47A. Public Account of the Union Territory and moneys credited to it.—(1) As from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the official gazette, appoint in this behalf, all other public moneys received by or on behalf of the

Administrator shall be credited to a public account entitled "the Public Account of the Union Territory".

(2) The custody of public moneys, other than those credited to the Consolidated Fund of the Union Territory or the Contingency Fund of the Union Territory, received by or on behalf of the Administrator, their payments into the Public Account of the Union Territory and the withdrawal of moneys from such account and all other matters connected with or ancillary to the aforesaid matters shall be regulated by rules made by the Administrator with the approval of the President."

Contingency Fund of the Union Territory

Section 48. (1) There shall be established a Contingency Fund in the nature of an imprest to be entitled "the Contingency Fund of the Union territory" into which shall be paid from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the Union territory such sums as may, from time to time, be determined by law made by the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory; and the said Fund shall be held by the Administrator to enable advances to be made by him out of such Fund.

(2) No advances shall be made out of the Contingency Fund of the Union territory except for the purposes of meeting unforeseen expenditure pending authorization of such expenditure by the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory under appropriations made by law.

(3) The Administrator may make rules regulating all matters connected with or ancillary to the custody of, the payment of moneys into, and the withdrawal of moneys from, the Contingency Fund of the Union territory.

Insertion of new Sections 48A and 48B. – After section 48 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:-

"48A. Borrowing upon the security of the Consolidated Fund of the Union Territory.- (1) The executive power of the Union extends to borrowing upon the security of the Consolidated Fund of the Union Territory within such limits, if any, as may, from time to time, be fixed by Parliament by law and to the giving of guarantees within such limits, if any, as may be so fixed;

Provided that the powers exercisable by the Government of India under this sub-section shall also be exercisable by the Administrator subject to such conditions, if any, as the Government of India may think fit to impose.

(2) Any sums required for the purpose of invoking a guarantee shall be charged on the consolidated Fund of the Union Territory.

48B. Form of Accounts of the Union Territory.- The accounts of the Union Territory shall be kept in such form as the Administrator may, after obtaining advice of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and with the approval of the President, prescribe by rules.".

Audit Reports

Section 49

The reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India relating to the accounts of the [Union territory] for any period subsequent to the date referred to in sub-section (1) of section 47 shall be submitted to the Administrator who shall cause them to be laid before the Legislative Assembly of the Union territory.