

The 15th Finance Commission health grant has the potential to create robust health ecosystem in PRIs. Explain.

As per the recommendations of the

15th Finance Commission ₹8400 Crores were granted for the urban and rural local bodies.

Status of healthcare in the 3rd tier

The PRIs have been the primary focal point in health delivery. The PRIs are resource crunched and always look up to the state governments.

The National Rural health mission and Urban health mission are fully funded exacerbating the infrastructure and service delivery issues.

Benefits of the grants

The grants can help improve the infrastructure and construction of health units.

The PM Swasth Bharath Yojana which aims to integrate public health labs and primary to tertiary healthcare can be strengthened.

The village healthcare committee and district health mission components can be utilized to deliver health services.

The diagnostics and dispensary facilities can be greatly increased and at an affordable cost.

~~From~~ Community clinics must be opened with the fund at the urban and rural areas. Co-ordination and innovation between stakeholders is bound to improve.

The first line healthcare delivery units such as the PRIs can help us achieve

SDG-3 - good health and well being and

SDG-10 - reduced inequality.