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Q3

"The states in India seem reluctant to empower urban local bodies both functionally as well as financially." Comment.

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Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

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Constitution (74th Amendment) Act, 1992

Inserted Part IXA and the **Twelfth Schedule** of 18 municipal functions.

Article 243W

Empowers the State legislature to endow municipalities with **Twelfth Schedule** powers and authority.

Article 243Y

Requires a **State Finance Commission** to review municipal finances and recommend devolution.

GST compensation

Paid to State governments for five years after GST; it did not create a direct municipal share of GST.

Fifteenth Finance Commission

Recommended tied and untied grants to urban local bodies, subject to entry-level reforms such as audited accounts.

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