



**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment**

Subject: Social Audit of schemes and institutions

HMSJE has approved conducting of social audit in order to improve the monitoring of the quality of services being delivered by the GIA institutions. Social Audit, which is an exercise conducted by the stakeholders and the community, is expected to bring greater transparency in their functioning.


2. In accordance with the approval given by the Minister, Sub-Groups have prepared draft social audit guidelines for various schemes. After examining the draft guidelines and after due discussion with the Social Audit experts Ms. Rakshita Swami and Ms. Anindita Adhikari, the following has been decided as the way forward:-

- i) The Social Audit Units (SAUs) being maintained by State Governments (under the overall supervision of Ministry of Rural Development, Govt of India) will be requested to constitute a Social Justice Cell (SJC) consisting of about (10) well-trained social auditors drawn from the district and the State levels. These members of the SJC will not be full-time, but their services would be used for 4 to 6 days a month depending on the scheduling of Social Audits of the institutions. They would be compensated as per the SAU norms. For this purpose, a letter would be sent to the State Social Audit Units and the Ministry of Rural Development.
- ii) The SJCs of SAUs would be trained by experts under the overall coordination of NISD in the month of Sept/October.
- iii) The PMU State Coordinators will lead the Social Audit exercise along with 5 other Social Auditors from the SJC. As a part of this exercise, the SA team will interact with the community, with the inmates, with the organisers and with other stakeholders; and would present a report soon after. The purpose of this exercise is to improve the overall service delivery and to identify the gaps to be covered.

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- iv) The social audit exercise will initially focus on institutional audit of the GIA institutions. Subsequently, it can be extended to major schemes like scholarship schemes also.
- v) The Social Audit exercise will start in (5) pilot States viz:- Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Meghalaya. The pilot social audits in these (5) States should be done in the month of October/November, 2020 covering (6) institutions in each State. Depending on the learnings from these five States, this will be extended to all the States from January 2021.


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