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The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) has integrated Social Audit in its Schemes and Programmes to improve transparency and accountability in the implementation. The Social Audits are now part of the Scheme of the Department named '**Information, Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit (I-MESA)**' and has been sanctioned till 2024-25.

As a part of this, the major programmes of the Ministry of Social Justice, including the scholarship schemes, infrastructure schemes like PMAGY and NGO schemes would be social audited.

To facilitate and coordinate the process of Social Audits, **National Resource Centre for Social audits (NRCSA)** has been established within Centre of Social Audits, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (NIRD&PR) Hyderabad. The NRCSA will liaise with the State Governments and work with the State Social Audit Units to make these social audits participatory and effective. The Social audits at the field level would be carried out by the Social Audit Units (SAUs), which are already set up in every State and are already actively engaged in facilitating Social audit of MGNREGS and other schemes. The Number of social audits to be conducted every year for each scheme under DoSJE shall gradually increase nation-wide from 700 to 6000 in five years.

I seek your cooperation in taking the process forward; and for suitable instructions to the State Departments (concerned) and the Social Audit Units (under the Rural Development Department).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-

( R. Subrahmanyam )

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