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Dear *Shri Taggu,*

The Ministry has been receiving representations from States for funding the cost of Social Audit Unit and cost of conducting Social Audit of MGNREGS works from outside the 6% 'Administrative Charges', provided to the States.

2. Administrative expenses under MGNREGA were enhanced from 4% to 6% to strengthen professional support for transparency and accountability in the MGNREGA vide circular no. J-11011/18/2007-NREGA of March 2009.
3. The matter has been examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that cost of establishing the Social Audit Unit and conducting Social Audit in the States shall be met from within the 'Administrative Charges' under MGNREGA. The States may spend upto 1% (one percent) within the 6% permissible limit under this head.
4. Establishment of Social Audit Unit and conduct of Social Audit of MGNREGS works is a mandatory activity as per MGNREGA Audit of Scheme Rules, 2011. It is a prerequisite for the release of second installment of the fund under MGNREGA.
5. Keeping in view the importance of this matter, it may kindly be accorded utmost priority.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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