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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development  
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110 114.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.

To,

The Principal Secretary/Secretary  
Department of Rural Development  
All States/UTs

Subject: Workshop on Social Audit in MGNREGA held at Vigyan Bhawan  
Annexe on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of minutes of the Workshop on the above  
subject. All State Governments are requested to take immediate action  
accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(R.K. Sood)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Encl. as above

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**Workshop on Social Audit in MGNREGA held at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 – Minutes.**

A workshop on social audit was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development with the States. The list of participants of the workshop is annexed as Annexure –I. The following decisions were taken in the Workshop.

1. It was decided that Social Audit will be taken up on pilot basis in a few blocks in each State before March, 2012. Based on the experience and after evaluation of the pilot, the institutional structure for social audit for the State will be evolved.
2. States will establish an independent organisation preferably an autonomous Society under the auspices of the State Rural Development Department to facilitate conduct of social audit. This will be done in a month's time.
3. Some States like Gujarat are undertaking social audit through an NGO. Though this arrangement may be useful as an interim measure, it is advisable to establish an independent Society under the State Rural Development Department to undertake social audit in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. This will ensure continuity, consistency and reliability in the social audit process.
4. States to constitute a search committee to identify and appoint a committed officer as the Director of Social Audit. This should be done within a month.
5. States to send proposal to MoRD for setting up state unit and staffing for pilot social audit. This is to be sent within a month.
6. MoRD will organise capacity building to the core team of resource persons (10 to 20 from each State) from 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, in batches. This core team will spearhead the social audit process. The core team of resource persons can train the remaining resource persons and take the social audit process forward.
7. At least 100 resource persons will be needed for each State to undertake the pilot social audit. States may identify these resource persons from Bharat Nirman Volunteers, who are already trained and fully aware of RD schemes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.