

Government of India
National Institute of Social Defence
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

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Dated: 23rd September, 2020.

Sub: Constitution of Social Audit Body-reg.

To improve the monitoring of the quality of services being delivered by GIA institution, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has proposed to conduct social audit for the schemes and institutions of the Ministry. It has been decided that a Social Audit Advisory Body (SAAB) will be set up in NISD.

The following Advisory body has been constituted:

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| 1. Ms. Sowmya Kidambi | : Chairperson |
| 2. Ms. Dheeraja (NIRD) | : Member |
| 3. Mr. Mohd. Tariq Koshish (TISS) | : Member |
| 4. Ms. Rakshita (Expert) | : Member |
| 5. Mr. Gurjeet, Director, SAU, Jharkhand | : Member |

The work profile of the advisory body members is as under:

- 1) To work for the capacity building of the members of Social Justice Cell of the Social Audit Units.
- 2) To train the Social Audit teams comprising five other social auditors from Social Justice Cell.
- 3) To ensure that the SA team's skill set is enhanced in terms of interaction with the community, inmates, organizers and stakeholders to improve the service delivery, and to identify the gaps to be filled.

The training of the SJs of SAUs has to be conducted in the month of September/October 2020.



(Dr. Veerendra Mishra)
Director. NISD

Enclosed:

1. Letter of the MSJE, GOI.



F. No. P.13011/6(18)/2020-DP-III
Government of India

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (DP-III Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 18th September, 2020

To

The Director,
National Institute of Social Defence (NISD),
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ&E),
Plot No.10, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Subject: Social Audit of schemes and institutions - reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that to improve the monitoring of the quality of services being delivered by the Grant-In-Aid (GIA) institutions of the Ministry and to bring greater transparency in their functioning, it is proposed, with the approval of Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, to implement social audit process for the schemes and institutions of the Ministry.

2. To begin with five (5) Pilots would be undertaken in the States of UP, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Meghalaya. The pilot social audit in these (5) States should be done in the month of October/November, 2020 covering (6) institutions in each State.

3. In this connection, the following action may be ensured: -

- a) The Social Audit Units (SAUs), being maintained by State Governments (under the overall supervision of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India), may 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 Audit of institutions. They would be compensated as per the SAU norms.
- b) The SJCs of SAUs would be trained by Advisory body/experts under the overall coordination of National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) in the month of Sept/October 2020.

- c) Social Audit exercise would be done by Social Auditors from the SJC. 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.
- d) In order to assist in implementation of the process, a Social Audit Advisory body (SAAB) would be set up in the NISD for monitoring, implementation of the Pilots and also to do the necessary capacity building of identified social auditors. This advisory body may be chaired by Ms Sowmya Kidambi Director Social Audit Govt of Telangana and may comprise of 3 to 4 social audit experts drawn from State Governments, NIRD and those who have had experience in organizing and conducting social audits. It is expected that the Advisory Body would work on pro-bono basis, though they can be paid TA/DA for their official travel connected with the social audits or capacity building for the social audits. This advisory body would be responsible for capacity building of members of Social Justice Cell (SJs) of SAUs. The Advisory body would also train the SA teams comprising of 5 other social auditors from SJC. They would also ensure that the SA team skill set would be enhanced in terms of interaction with the community, with the inmates, with the organizers and with other stake holders in order to improve the overall service delivery and to identified the gaps to be covered.
4. It is requested to take necessary action for constitution of Social Audit Advisory Body, as suggested above, and ensure that the process for the social audits begin in October 2020.
5. This issues with the approval of Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment.

Yours sincerely,


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Copy to:

1. The Additional Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
2. The Principal Secretaries of Rural Development, State Governments of UP, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Meghalaya (with a request to issue instructions of the State Social Audit Units)
3. The Principal Secretaries to Social Welfare/ (dealing with de-addiction, senior citizens and grant-in-aid institutions)