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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 07th June, 2021

To,

**The Chairperson,
Social Audit Advisory Body, NISD
Sector-10, Dwarka,
New Delhi.**

Subject: Social Audit of the outcomes of the schemes by an in depth examination of the scheme implementation through the community with special focus on the stakeholders in all States/UTs- reg.

Madam,

I am directed to say that this Department has formulated a new Scheme namely "Information, Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit (I-MESA) during the current financial year. One of the objective of the newly formed scheme I-MESA is "Social Audit of the outcomes of the schemes by an in depth examination of the scheme implementation through the community with special focus on the stakeholders."

2. Under the scheme I-MESA, it has been decided that the Social Audit shall be conducted for the identified schemes of the Department and number of institutions as decided through the Social Audit Units (SAU) of the States in order to improve the monitoring of the quality of services being delivered in various schemes of the Ministry. It is proposed to conduct a total number of 700 Social Audits during the current financial year 2021-22 and a total of 6000 Social Audits during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Year-wise and scheme-wise details of the Social Audit to be conducted are attached in **Annexure.**

3. As indicated in this Department's letter No.P.13011/(6)18/2020-DP-III dated 18.09.2020, for achieving the above objectives, following may be ensured:

- a. The Social Audit Units (SAUs) being maintained by State Governments (under the supervision of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India) may be requested to constitute a Social Justice Cell consisting of about (10) well trained social auditors drawn from district and state level. These members 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 SAU norms.
- b. The SJs of SAUs would be trained by Advisory Body/experts under the overall coordination of NISD at the earliest.
- c. Social Audit exercise would be done by Social Auditors from the SJC. As a part of this exercise, the SA team will interact with the community, with the inmates, with the organizers 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.

4. In order to assist in implementation of the process, SAAB will be responsible for Planning, implementation of the Social Audits, monitoring, intermittent review, impact assessment and also to do the necessary capacity building of identified social auditors. SAAB would also ensure that the SA team skill set would be ensured in terms of interaction with the community, with the inmates, with the organizers and with other stakeholders in order to improve the overall service delivery and to identify the gaps to be covered. SAAB would also review the outcome of the social audit. For this purpose, SAAB may meet as and when required.

5. NISD will provide secretariat support to SAAB. For carrying out Social Audit as enumerated above, funds will be provided by Ministry/NISD.

6. You are therefore, requested to formulate and submit to the Department:

1. a detailed proposal to carry out the activities as mentioned in above paras above, indicating the timelines and also the budget estimates.
2. Annual Action Plan of social audit for the financial year 2021-22 indicating the timelines and also the budget estimates.
3. draft guidelines pertaining to the component "Social Audit" in terms of scheme I-MESA.

7. An early response is solicited so that necessary steps to start the process of Social Audit in all States/UTs may be initiated in a time bound

manner.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to: Director, NISD for information.

Annexure

Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Grant in aid institutions	200	300	400	500	600	2000
PMS SC, PMS BC etc scholarships @ one per dt	300	400	500	500	500	2200
PM-AJAY, PCR	150	200	250	300	400	1300
Free coaching, Top Class etc	50	75	100	125	150	500
Total social audits	700	975	1250	1425	1650	6000