



ABSTRACT

Schemes – Centrally Sponsored Schemes – Indira Awaas Yojana – Nominating Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu (SASTA) as Nodal Agency for conducting Social Audit for Indira Awaas Yojana Scheme – Orders issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No. 17

Dated: 05.02.2015

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.64, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated 27.2.2012
2. G.O.(Ms) No.125, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, Dated 21.12.2012
3. Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter Roc.No.79371/2012-RHS 2.1, dated 07.01.2015

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Government have established an independent organization "Social Audit Unit" and registered the same under Societies Registration Act to facilitate the conduct of social audit under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The Government have approved the composition of Social Audit Unit therein.

2. Subsequently, in the Government order second read above, the Government have approved the Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws of Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu (SASTA) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

3. In the letter third read above, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has stated that in the Indira Awaas Yojana guidelines published by the Ministry of Rural Development in 2013, among other things, it has been directed to conduct Social Audit for Indira Awaas Yojana. Accordingly, para 8.3 and sub para 8.3.1. and 8.3.2 of the guidelines says:

"Social Audit is a continuous and ongoing process, involving public vigilance and verification of implementation of the scheme. Formal Social Audit is to be conducted in every Gram Panchayat at least once in a year, involving a mandatory review of all aspects.

The basic objective is to ensure public accountability in implementation and provide an effective means for its achievement. The process combines people's participation and monitoring with the requirements of the audit discipline. It is a fact finding process and not a fault finding process".

4. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has also stated that more over as per para 8.3.3, it is suggested that Social Audit Units (SAU) set up by the State Government under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act can be roped into facilitate conduct of Social Audit of all component of Indira Awaas Yojana including implementation of the house site programme. Accordingly, Social Audit have to be done for Indira Awaas Yojana in the Panchayats, where Indira Awaas Yojana is being implemented. This has been reiterated during the Performance Review Committee Meetings of Government of India also. In our State Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu (SASTA) is functioning as a Nodal Agency for conducting Social Audit of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Further, Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu is having exclusive staff for conducting Social Audit, who are conducting Social Audit in various Village Panchayats periodically. Hence, as suggested in the Indira Awaas Yojana guidelines, the Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu may be nominated as Nodal Agency for conducting Social Audit for Indira Awaas Yojana scheme also by following the procedures laid down in the Indira Awaas Yojana guidelines.

5. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has further stated that Government of India have also permitted to utilize upto 1% out of the 4% amount of Administrative expenses provided in the Indira Awaas Yojana fund every year. Hence, necessary fund may be provided to Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu based on their proposal for conducting Social Audit.

6. The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders for nominating Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu as Nodal Agency for conducting Social Audit for Indira Awaas Yojana scheme.

7 The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, have decided to accept it and nominate Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu (SASTA) as Nodal Agency for conducting Social Audit for Indira Awaas Yojana scheme.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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