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D.O. No. J-16012/1/09-NREGA

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2009

**Subject: Enforcing Social Audits under NREGA by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009**

**Dear**

Kindly refer to this Ministry's earlier instruction dated 19/06/2009 on conducting social audit under NREGA in a time-bound manner. The Ministry has accorded the highest priority to this and is monitored at the highest level. It is included in the 100 days plan of action in Para 32 of the President's Address to the Parliament: "increasing transparency and public accountability of NREGA by enforcing Social Audit". The time line to complete this action in 100 days is as follows:

- Initiation of social audit in districts by 20/07/2009;
- Submission of action taken report by the State Governments by 01/09/2009 in the format prescribed by the Ministry.

A format for capturing Social Audit is available on line on the website [www.nrega.nic.in](http://www.nrega.nic.in). It is expected that States would have by now have initiated action and the districts would have started their preparations for their time-bound social audit, to be definitely started in all districts by the 20/07/2009.

For concurrent monitoring of quality of social audits conducted, the Ministry has decided to field National Level Monitors (NLMs) to report on the social audit conducted. All districts should therefore put up their social audit calendars on the NREGA website [www.nrega.nic.in](http://www.nrega.nic.in) through the social audit link on the home page. This will enable the NLMs and any other persons / institutions to visit and observe the quality of social audit. The Ministry is monitoring this closely and it is expected that by 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 social audit calendars of each district would be on the NREGA website. Principal Secretary/ Secretary in charge of NREGA should ensure that all arrangements have been made to ensure a transparent social audit process as per the instructions of the Ministry and the provisions of the Law.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

( **Amita Sharma** )

All Principal Secretaries /Secretaries in charge of NREGA

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Dated : 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

**ORDER**

**Sub : Order under Section 27(1) of National Rural Employment  
Guarantee Act for enforcement of provisions of social audit under  
the Act.**

In exercise of its powers under Section 27(1) of the NREG Act, the Central Government hereby makes the following order :

- (i) That the State Governments shall implement the provisions of Section 17 read with para 13 of Schedule-I of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act regarding the organization of social audit in their States.
- (ii) That the social audit shall be conducted in a campaign mode and shall begin not later than 15.07.09 and be completed before 31.08.09.
- (iii) That the State Governments shall direct the District Programme Coordinators to conduct the social audit bearing in mind the new provisions of social audit as notified in Schedule-I of the Act before 31.12.08.
- (iv) That the State Governments shall direct the District Programme Coordinators to complete the social audit and the entry of the information related to the social audit in the prescribed format in the NREGA MIS by 31.08.09.

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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary  
State/UT Department (Dealing with NREGA)  
(All States/UTs)

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- (2) Social audit Section
- (3) NIC for placing the Order on the NREGA website.
- (4) IEC Division.