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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS  
(GOOD GOVERNANCE CELL)

Dated Aizawl, the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** Social Audit of all development programmes

The State Government implemented a large number of development programmes for promoting the socio-economic upliftment of the citizens. These include programmes for poverty alleviation, employment generation schemes, schemes to strengthen infrastructure, measures for the welfare of weaker sections of society, programmes to improve the health and nutritional status of citizens etc. These programmes are implemented largely by the State Government through its line agencies as well as through the local bodies.

The Steering Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Reforms Commission in its meeting dated 12.12.2014 considered that while citizens are actively involved in the process of planning and implementation of several flagship schemes such as MGNREGA, NLUP, IWMP, ICDS, IAY, NSAP, etc., however, monitoring and evaluation of such citizens oriented development programmes appear to be inadequate except in the case of MGNREGA where the mandatory Social Audit is held twice every year and a separate Social Audit Unit with separate staff established.

Social Audit is an important tool to ensure transparency in utilisation of development funds and ensure higher level of accountability of the implementing agency. It also offers an important opportunity to generate awareness amongst the general public about such development programmes besides facilitating citizen-administration interface at the cutting edge level on issues encountered towards implementation of such programmes.

Considering the importance of Social Audit in ensuring transparency and accountability, the fact that the institution of Social Audit is well established in the case of MGNREGA and in compliance to the recommendations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrative Reforms Commission in its 12<sup>th</sup> Report on "Citizen-Centric Administration - The Heart of Governance" vide Para 3.4.2(c), the Government decided that Social Audit of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Flagship Programme be conducted at least once in a financial year in each village under the overall supervision of the Deputy Commissioner.

For the conduct of Social Audit of all development programmes, the existing procedure under MGNREGA may be followed as far as possible. The Social Audit may be conducted on the same day as the Social Audit under MGNREGA for a particular village to maximize convenience for citizens and to ensure greater

participation in such programmes. The venue and timing of the Social Audit along with the detailment of Official representatives of the line Departments shall be carefully worked out under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District. The line Departments concerned as well as the Village Councils must be actively involved.

Action Taken Reports should be submitted by all the Districts as early as possible.

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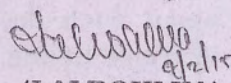
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