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Sir,

I would like to inform you that this Department is organizing a National Seminar on Social Audit of Rural Development Programmes to be held on November 13-14, 2019 at Hall No. 6, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

2. In this regard Secretary, Department of Rural Development vide DO letter No. M.11015/37/2019-RE.III dated 7th October, 2019 (copy enclosed), has requested the Chief Secretaries of States /UTs to nominate Principal Secretaries in charge of MNREGA, NSAP and PMAY-G to attend the said Seminar.
3. As you are aware, NSAP guidelines vide para 6.10 underlines the importance of social audit in the implementation and monitoring of the Schemes under NSAP and explains the mechanism thereof. 1/6th of the total funds allotted for administrative expenses is meant for social audit under NSAP guidelines. You may also be aware that draft social audit guidelines and SoPs for initiating Social audit was provided to States for initiating Social Audit for NSAP schemes States/UTs (copy enclosed), on which the response of the State is yet to be received.
4. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that NIRD &PR which was entrusted with the work of pilot social audit for NSAP schemes in five states, viz., Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu has completed the task and has commenced the said studies in 10 more States (Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Telangana, Mehalaya and Mizoram).
5. Social audit is mandated by MGNREGA Act which is to be undertaken by Gram Sabhas with the objective to bring transparency and accountability in the implementation of the said Scheme. Some other States are also undertaking social audit of certain other rural development schemes. A review of implementation of Social audit in various States will lay out a road map for NSAP social audit also.
6. In view of above, I shall be grateful if you could kindly make it convenient to attend the above mentioned National Seminar on Social Audit of Rural Development programmes scheduled on 13-14 November, 2019 at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi and confirm your participation through e-mail @ manikc.pandit@nic.in.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Secretaries of all States / UTs