

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SOCIAL AUDIT OF SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any provision for carrying out social audit of rural development schemes;
- (b) if so, the names of the schemes having such provision as well as those wherein such provision is not included;
- (c) whether any positive results have come out from the social audit of the Rural Development Schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Provision of social audit has been made in the programme guidelines of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and National Rural livelihood Mission (NRLM). In other schemes of rural development the utilization of funds is audited through authorized/certified Chartered Accountants, as mentioned in programme guidelines.

(c) to (e): The social audit mechanism has enhanced awareness about the programmes among the people and achieved transparency, accountability, resulting in proper utilization of funds and physical achievement of targets.