

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SOCIAL AUDIT OF GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of gram panchayats in various States, State-wise;
- (b) the number of gram panchayats where social audit were conducted during 2010-11 and 2011-12 so far, State-wise ;
- (c) the major findings of the social audit teams particularly in Andhra Pradesh during the above period ; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government on the findings of the social audit teams particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The number of gram panchayats in various States and the number of Gram Panchayats where social audits were conducted in 2010-11 and 2011-12 are given at Annexure-I;

(c): Out of more than 1 crore wage seekers who have benefited under the scheme, an estimated 3,51,323 wage seekers had expressed grievances during social audits in Andhra Pradesh (AP) mainly related to fraudulent names, delayed payments, extra measurements, material related deviations etc.

(d): Government of AP has taken effective follow up action on the reports of the social audits by putting in place a vigilance mechanism. Actions on the persons found guilty in the social audits in AP are as following:

No. of Cases identified 42864

Persons Suspended 1029

Functionaries Removed 4,651

Punishment Imposed 10,685

Persons Acquitted after enquiry 5774

Total disposed 21110

Criminal cases Filed in grave cases 155