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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
(Department of Rural Development)
(Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Division)

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कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली / Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Date: 25.3.2025

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of Rural Development,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub- Release of Funds to Social Audit Unit (1st instalment of 2nd tranche) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) Central Assistance for financial year 2024-25 for conducting Social Audit & Staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit to the State Government of Maharashtra.

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs.4,39,48,500/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only)** as part of 1st instalment of 2nd tranche to the State Government of Maharashtra as Central assistance towards conducting Social Audit in the State & Staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit (SAU) for the financial year 2024-25.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Social Audit Unit's Bank account within 15 days of receipt of these funds. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of the release order to the Central Government addressed as under:

**Shri Ashish Gupta, Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)
Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi, 110001.**

3. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Social Audit Bank account as per the detail given below:

Name of the Account Holder	Name of the Bank & Branch	Bank IFSC Code No.	Account No.
Maharashtra State Society for Social Audit and Transparency	Bank of India Churchgate Branch	BKID0000010	005710210000019

4. The accounts of the grantee institutions will be audited by the comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Internal Audit of the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry in terms of Rule 236 (1) of the General Financial Rules, 2017.

5. The expenditure is debitable of the following Head of Accounts under **Demand No. 87** Department of Rural Development (2024-25).

3601	Grants-in-aid to State Government (Major Head)
06	Centrally Sponsored Schemes
101	Central Assistant/Share
28	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment
28.02	Social Audit
28.02.35	Grants for creation of Capital Assets

6. **The DDO, Mahatma Gandhi NREGA (207172)**, M/O Rural Development will be the Drawing & Disbursing Officer for purpose. The amount mentioned in Para-1 above will be transferred to the State Govt. of Maharashtra.

7. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilization of these funds and further releases:

i SAU must adhere to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 and Auditing Standards.

ii SAU must ensure uploading of Social Audit reports on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA website

8. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No. 1324/Finance/2024-25 dated 21.3.2025**.

Ashish
25/03/2025

(Ashish Gupta)

Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)

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Copy to:

1. The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Maharashtra.
2. The Accountant General, Govt. of Maharashtra.
3. Director, Social Audit Unit (SAU), Maharashtra.

Ashish
25/03/2025

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