

**ORIGINAL FOR PAYMENT**

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

26/03/2025  
Ashish Gupta / ASHISH GUPTA  
Deputy Secretary / Deputy Secretary  
Govt. of India / Ministry of Rural Development  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Date: 26.03.2025

To

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

**Subject –Release of Funds to Social Audit Unit (1<sup>st</sup> Installment of 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA) – Central Assistance for Financial year 2024-25 for conduction & staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit to the State Government of Odisha.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to the payment of Grants-in-aid amounting to **Rs. 7,14,24,350/- (Rupees Seven Crore Fourteen Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Only)** as part of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche to the State Government of Odisha as Central assistance towards conducting Social Audit in the State & Staffing of Independent Social Audit Unit for the financial year **2024-25**.

2. The State Government must transfer these funds to the Social Audit Units Bank account within 15 days of receipt of these funds. In cases of non transfer beyond this period, The State Government would be liable to pay interest @ 12% per annum for the period of delay beyond the specified period. The State Government is requested to endorse the copy of 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 on the detail give below.

Name of the Account Holder	Name of the Bank & Branch	Bank IFSC Code No.	Account No.
OSSAAT	UCO BANK CRP HQ	UCBA0000928	09280110051511

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. No Utilization Certificate is pending against the Recipient Organization under the Scheme.

6. The Utilization Certificate should be submitted within 12 months of the closure of Financial Year which shall include interest accrued interest accrued should be computed based on the details of ledger account maintained for the purpose.

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

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

8 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 Government of Odisha.

9. Further the following conditions shall be fulfilled in utilization of these funds and further release.

- SAU must adhere to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 and Auditing Standards
- SAU must ensure uploading of Social Audit reports on the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA website.

10. This issues under the powers delegated to this Ministry and in consultation with the Integrated Finance Division vide their **U.O. No.1401/Finance/2024-25 dated 26.03.2025**.

*Ashish*  
26/03/2025  
**(Ashish Gupta)**

**Deputy Secretary (Mahatma Gandhi NREGA)**

**Copy to:**

- The Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha
- The Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of Odisha
- The Accountant General Govt. of Odisha
- The Director Rural Development, Govt of Odisha
- Director, Social Audit Unit (SAU), Govt. of Odisha
- The Director of Audit , E&S Ministries, IP Estate, AGCR Building, New Delhi -110002
- Economic Officer RE-V Section/ the Section Officer (Fin-I)
- Guard file folder / RE-VII Section

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