



ABSTRACT

SASTA – Reconstitution of Governing Body of Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu – Orders - Issued.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ (CGS.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms). No.11

Dated: 03.02.2022

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Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No.64, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated 27.07.2012.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.125, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (CGS.1) Department, dated 21.12.2012.

Read also:

3. From the Joint Director of Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu, Letter Roc.No.274/2020/S-2, dated 06.02.2020 and 06.07.2021.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, orders were issued for the establishment of Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu as an independent organisation under the Societies Registration Act, 1975 to facilitate conduct of Social Audit in all districts of Tamil Nadu.

2. In the Government order second read above, the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu (SASTA) under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been approved.

3. In the letter third read above, the Joint Director, Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu has sent a proposal stating that as per Para-8 of Memorandum of Association and Para-9 of the Bye-laws of the Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu, the management of the affairs of the society shall vest in the Governing Body and the composition of the Governing Body was also provided. Meanwhile, during the year 2016, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has brought out common

guidelines called the 'Auditing Standards of Social Audit'. In Para 2.1(ii) of the Auditing Standards of Social Audit, 2016, Para 2.9.1.2 of Annual Master Circular 2016-17 and in Para 10.1.2 of the latest Annual Master Circular 2019-20, the minimum composition of Governing Body has been mentioned. As per Chapter 10, Para 10.1.2 of Annual Master Circular for the year 2019-20, the minimum composition of Governing Body shall comply with the following:-

- a. Principal Accountant General, Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- b. Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj
- c. Director, Social Audit Unit
- d. 3 representatives from Civil Society Organizations, Academic and Training Institutions, working in the State or outside, having long-standing experience in working with issues related to transparency and public accountability. At least one of these should be a woman member.
- e. Other special invitees from Departments that are undertaking social audits in their programmes.
- f. It shall be ensured that the Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development / Panchayati Raj does not chair the Governing Body to ensure independence of the Social Audit Unit from the implementing agency.
- g. The Governing Body of the SAU should be chaired by a senior officer or an eminent person identified by the State Government. The Director, SAU should serve as the Convener of Governing Body.
- h. The officials of implementing agencies should not be member of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee.

Moreover, during the Mid Term review conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development, it has been insisted that the State shall ensure formation of the Governing Body as per the "Auditing Standards of Social Audit, 2016". Thus, in order to comply with the guidelines mentioned in the "Auditing standards of Social Audit, 2016", Annual Master Circular 2016-17, Annual Master Circular 2019-20 and based on the Minutes of the 6th Governing Body meeting, the following changes are proposed in the Governing Body:-

Sl. No	Existing Provisions	Governing Body proposal
1	(i) Chairman Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai.	(i) Chairman A Senior Officer or an eminent person identified by the State Government.

2	(ii) Vice-Chairman Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai.	(ii) Vice-Chairman Additional Chief Secretary / Director General, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training)
3	(iii) Secretary Director, Social Audit Society, Chennai.	(iii) Secretary Director, Social Audit Society, Chennai.
4	(iv) Members a) Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai – 9 b) Director of Rural Development (Training) c) Joint Secretary (National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. d) Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary / Deputy Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. e) Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, Chennai f) One Representative from National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad. g) Additional Director of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj (MGNREGS) h) Project Director, Pudhu Vazhvu Thittam, Chennai. i) Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Kanchipuram.	a) Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj b) Principal Accountant General, Comptroller and Auditor General of India c) Director, State Institute of Rural Development, Maraimalai Nagar d) ACS/Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai – 9. e) Joint Secretary (National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) / Representative of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. f) Special Secretary / Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary / Deputy Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. g) Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Limited, Chennai. h) One Representative from National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad.

	j) Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Thanjavur. k) Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Thirunelveli. l) Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Coimbatore. m) Director, State Institute of Rural Development, Maraimalai Nagar n) Principal, Regional Institute of Rural Development, SV Nagar o) Principal, Regional Institute of Rural Development, Krishnagiri p) Principal, Regional Institute of Rural Development, Bhavani Sagar q) Principal, Regional Institute of Rural Development, Pattukottai r) Principal, Regional Institute of Rural Development, T.Kallupatti s) Chartered Accountant of SASTA	i) Principal of RIRD.... j) Principal of RIRD..... k) 3 representatives from Civil Society Organizations, Academic and Training institutions, working in the State or outside, having long standing experience in working with issues related to transparency & public accountability. At least one of these should be a Woman member. l) Special Invitees 1. DRD/CRD & PR., 2. Additional Director Rural Development(MGNREGA) 3. ADRD (Housing) 4. Project Director, DRDA,..... District (Plain area district) 5. Project Director, DRDA,..... (Hilly area district) 6. Director, Noon meal Programme (Social welfare department) 7. Representative of Commissioner of Revenue Administration dealing with Social Security Schemes.
5.	Quorum Assembly of three members shall be construed as 'quorum' for the purpose of conducting the Governing Body	Assembly of five members shall be construed as 'quorum' for the purpose of conducting the Governing Body

4. The Joint Director, Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu has, therefore, requested the Government to provide necessary orders on the above reconstitution of Governing Body of the Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu.

5. The Government after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj and issue orders for reconstitution of Governing Body of the Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu as follows:-

1.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department.	- Chairman
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2.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government / Director General, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training).	- Member
3.	The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.	- Member
4.	The Principal Accountant General / Comptroller and Auditor General	- Member
5.	Director, State Institute of Rural Development, Maraimalai Nagar	- Member
6.	Joint Secretary (NREGS) / Representative of Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.	- Member
7.	Managing Director, Tamil Nadu corporation for Development of Women, Chennai.	- Member
8.	One Representative from National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad.	- Member
9.	Principal of Regional Institute of Rural Development, S.V. Nagaram.	- Member
10.	3 representatives from Civil Society Organizations, Academic and Training institutions, working in the State or outside, having long standing experience in working with issues related to transparency and public accountability. At least one of these should be a Woman member	- Member (i) Thiruporur Block Level Federation. (ii) Gummidipoondi Panchayat Level Federation (iii) Singaperumal Kovil Panchayat Level Federation.
11.	Special Invitees	- Member
	a) Director / Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj	
	b) Project Director, DRDA, Kanchipuram District (Plain area District)	
	c) Project Director, DRDA, The Nilgiris District (Hilly area district)	

	d) Representative of Commissioner of Revenue Administration dealing with Social Security Schemes	
12.	Director, Social Audit Society of Tamil Nadu, Chennai	- Secretary
Quorum:	Assembly of five members shall be construed as 'quorum' for the purpose of conducting the Governing Body	

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**P.AMUDHA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.

The Additional Chief Secretary / Director General, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (Training), Chennai-15.

The Principal Accountant General / Comptroller and Auditor General, Teynampet, Chennai-18.

The Joint Secretary (MGNREGS), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, New Delhi-110001.

The Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

The Principal Private Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-9.

The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women, Chennai-34.

The Director, State Institute of Rural Development, Maraimalai Nagar, Chennai-603 204. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad- 500 030. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Principal of RIRD, S.V.Nagaram - 632 217. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Member of Civil Society Organisation, Thiruporur Block Level Federation. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Member of Civil Society Organisation, Gummidipoondi Panchayat Level Federation. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Member of Civil Society Organisation, Singaperumal Kovil Panchayat Level Federation. (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Kanchipuram District (Plain area District) (through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)

The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,
The Nilgiris District. (Hilly area district)
(through DRD & PR, Chennai-15)
All District Collectors (Except Chennai)
(thro' Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Chennai-15.)

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