



GOVERNMENT + PEOPLE

- Transparent engagement
- Collaborative oversight
- Inclusive consultation
- Joint social progress

A PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL AUDIT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026

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Mizoram : Aizawl

Annual Review Meeting of Rural Development Schemes

22nd May, 2026 (Friday) 10:30 A.M.

@ Conference Hall of Planning & Programme
Implementation Department, Aizawl.

What is Social Audit?

- Systematic examination of Government schemes and projects
- To ensure that the programs are carried out in accordance with their intended objectives and key features, for the benefit and social security of the populace.
- Effective mechanism to promote transparency, accountability, and public participation within the governance system.
- Plays a crucial role in assessing the impact of developmental and social security programmes on society.

- Unlike conventional financial audits, which primarily focus on financial transactions and compliance.
- Social Audit extends beyond financial scrutiny to include non-financial aspects such as community impact, awareness of rights and entitlements, and adherence to ethical standards in governance.

What is Social Audit?

- In India, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 is the first legislation to vest the Gram Sabha with the authority to conduct Social Audits of all works and expenditures incurred under the MGNREGS.
- **Section 17** of the Act stipulates that “the Gram Sabha shall conduct Social Audit of all the projects under the Scheme taken up within the Gram Panchayat.”

- Under Sub-section (1) of Section 24 of the Act, the Central Government, in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, framed the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Audit of Schemes Rules, 2011.
- These Rules mandate that State Governments shall facilitate the conduct of Social Audits for all works undertaken under the Act in every village at least once every six months.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL AUDIT: A PATHWAY TO ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNANCE

SOCIAL AUDIT: CONCEPT & DEFINITION



A ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL AUDIT UNIT (SAU) - MIZORAM

CONVENTIONAL VS. SOCIAL AUDIT

CONVENTIONAL FINANCIAL AUDIT



SOCIAL AUDIT

- Scrutiny of Financial AND Non-Financial Aspects
- Focus on Community Impact
- Awareness of Rights & Entitlements
- Ethical Governance Standards



REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY (Thres Members)



CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SOCIETY



REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS



REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

FIELD VISITS & DATA VERIFICATION



Verified Long-Standing Experience Credentials

Drafting findings, analysis of data, issues, and recommendations.

D. SAU MIZORAM: IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATE



GOVERNING BODY REVIEW OF GRAM SABHA OUTCOMES



A Robust, Independent, and Legally Mandated SAU for Transparent and Accountable Governance.

SOCIAL AUDIT: ASSESSING IMPACT



I. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Gather feedback
- Focus groups
- Surveys



II. TRANSPARENCY & REPORTING

- Data verification
- Public disclosure
- Accountability



III. SOCIAL IMPACT MEASUREMENT

- Community benefits
- Employee welfare
- Environmental effects



IV. IMPROVEMENT & ACTION

- Identify weaknesses
- Recommend changes
- Monitor progress



What is Social Audit?

- As part of the process, an Entry Conference is generally held prior to the commencement of the audit, during which the villages to be covered and the audit schedule are finalized in consultation with the concerned departments.
- It is followed by the issuance of notifications and the deployment of Resource Persons, after which the Social Audit process formally begins.

- The audit process includes verification of records, physical inspection of works, and conduct of Gram Sabha meetings, all of which are carried out systematically.
- Observations and findings are properly documented, and review meetings are conducted to ensure follow-up action and continuous improvement.

Core Audit Principles



Transparency: Open access to information for all stakeholders and citizens.



Participation: Involvement of marginalized groups in decision-making processes.



Ethics: Maintaining integrity, fairness, and objectivity throughout the audit lifespan.



Disclosure: Ensuring findings are disseminated publicly and grievances are heard.



ESTABLISHMENT

- Rule 4 (1) of the MGNREG Audit of Scheme Rules 2011 stated that *“The State Government should identify or establish, under the Act, an independent organization (hereinafter referred to as Social Audit Unit) to facilitate conduct of Social Audit by Gram Sabhas.”*
- In accordance with the MGNREG Audit of Scheme Rules 2011, the Government of Mizoram, thus established Social Audit Unit (SAU) in Mizoram on 19th March 2012 to become an independent organization/agency i.e. the Mizoram Society for Social Audit, Transparency & Accountability.
- The Society was registered under the Mizoram Societies Registration Act, 2005 (Act No. 13 of 2005) bearing Regn. No. MSR 457 of 26.07.2012.

MIZORAM SOCIAL AUDIT UNIT (SAU)

1. ESTABLISHMENT



2. Year of Establishment : 2012



Mizoram Societies Registration Act, 2005
(Act No. 13 of 2005)

Regn. No. MSR 457 of 26.07.2012



3. Areas covered : Whole of Mizoram (861 villages)



4. Funding : Directly funded by The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India



5. Office Address : Basement-II, BDO Tlangnuam building, MINECO, Aizawl

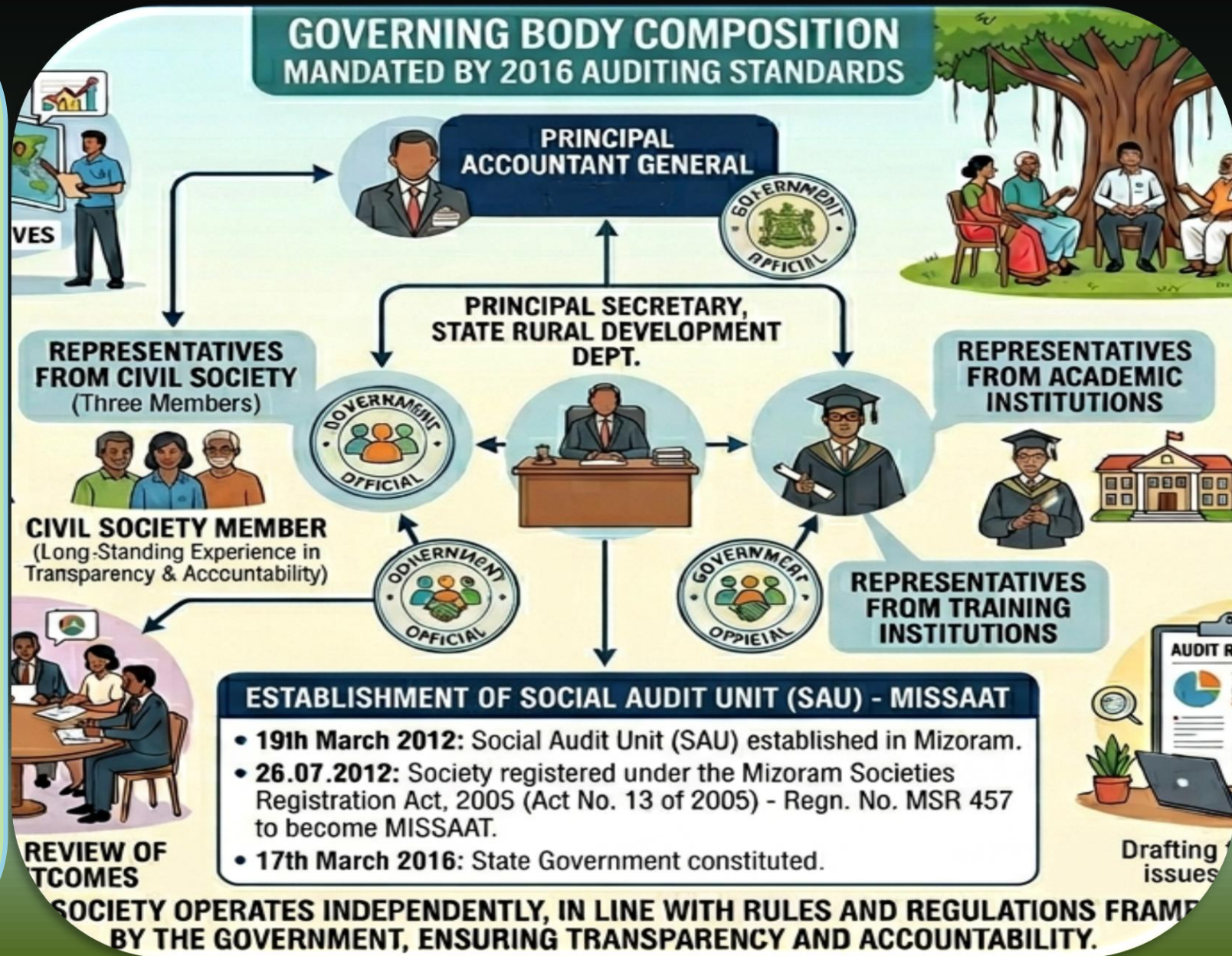


6. Visit us at : sau.mizoram.gov.in



GOVERNING BODY

- The 2016 Auditing Standards mandates the state to constitute the Governing Body for the society consisting of :-
- The Principal Accountant General,
- The Principal Secretary of the State Rural Development Department and
- Three representatives from civil society members,
- Academic and training institutions having long standing experience in working with issues related to transparency and accountability.



Social Audit Process Followed in the State

1. Planning	2. Entry Meeting	3. Collection of Data/ Records & verification	4. Report Preparation
The planning stage defines the scope, objectives, criteria, and coverage of the Social Audit. It involves the identification and selection of areas to be audited, determination of audit parameters, and establishment of the standards and methodology to be followed during the audit process. Subsequently, the selected villages are entered into the NIRNAY MIS portal, and the audit calendar for these villages is uploaded to facilitate systematic planning, monitoring, and timely execution of the Social Audit process.	An Entry Meeting is convened prior to the commencement of the Social Audit, with the participation of all District and Block officials. During the meeting, the officials are briefed on the audit process, schedule, list of selected villages, and the documents required to be made available during the Social Audit..	The audit team collects both qualitative and quantitative data from various sources, including records and reports of the implementing departments, stakeholder feedback, and field observations.	The Social Audit team compiles and scrutinizes all findings and evidence gathered during the verification process. Based on this, an issue-wise report is prepared for presentation before the Gram Sabha, clearly highlighting observations, discrepancies, and key findings.

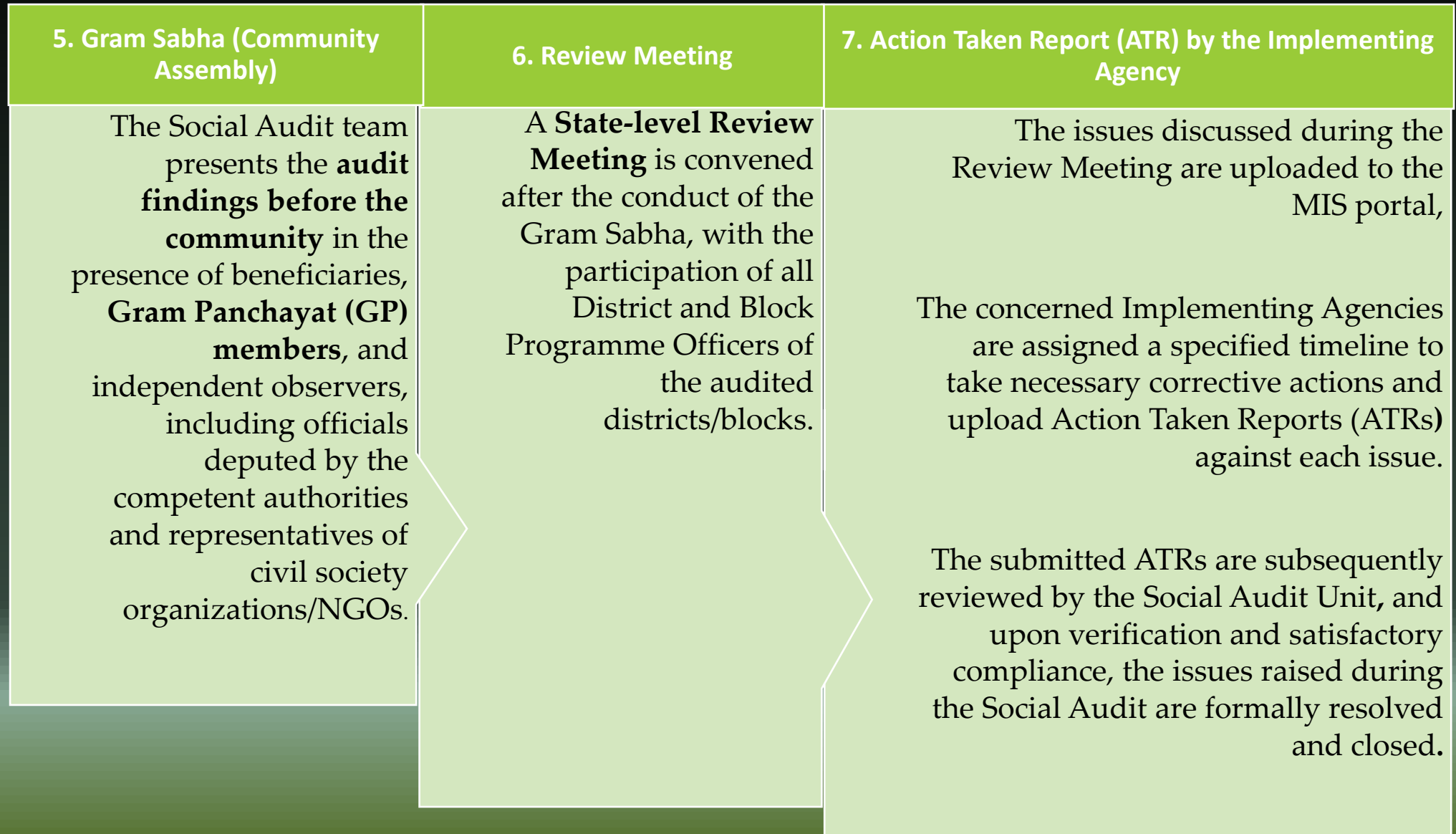
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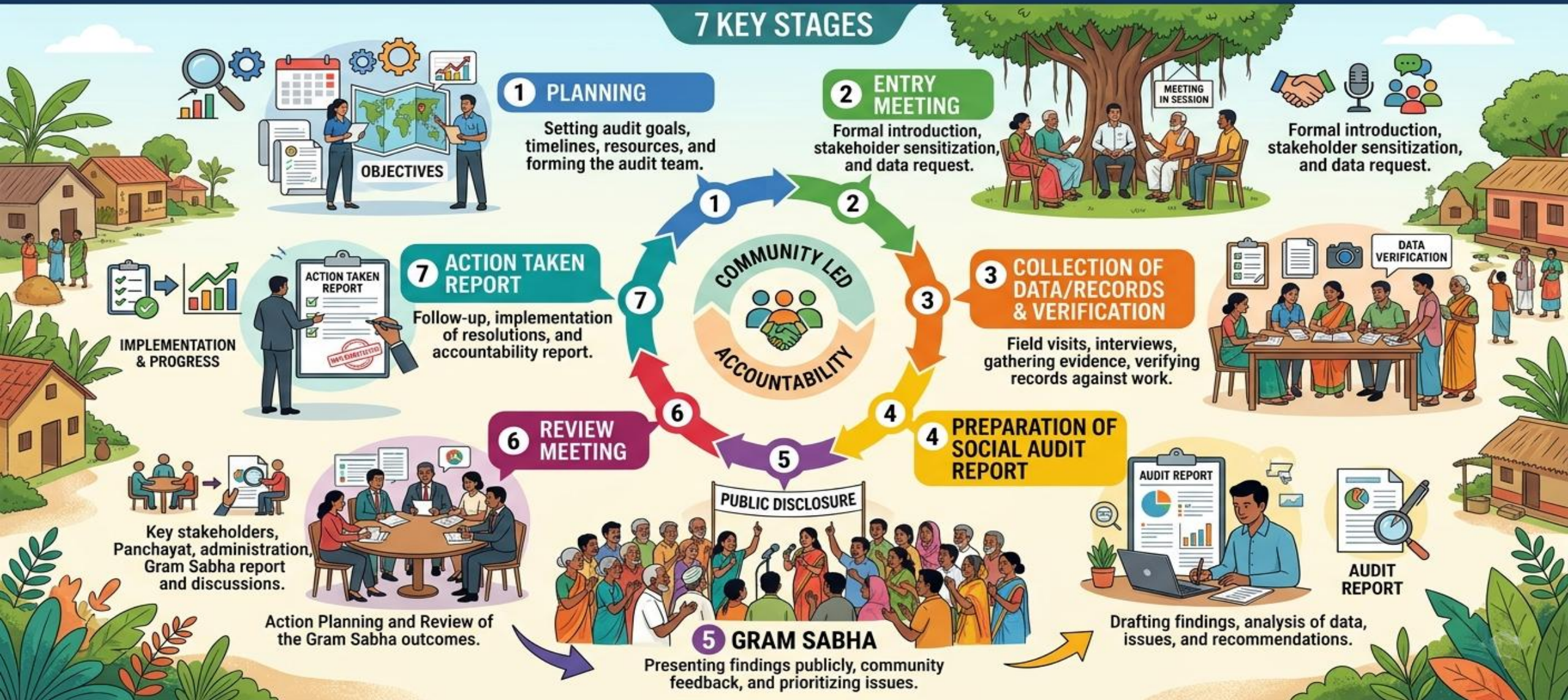


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SOCIAL AUDIT PROCESS FLOW: A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



Funds FY 2025-2026

Tranche(s)	Installment(s)	Amount (Rs.)	Date of Release from MoRD	Mode of Payment
1 st Tranche	1 st Installment	71,67,000	23.06.2025	PFMS
	2 nd Installment	71,67,000	22.10.2025	SNA-SPARSH
2 nd Tranche	1 st Installment	71,67,000	06.03.2026	SNA-SPARSH

A total amount of Rs. 2,15,01,000 (Rupees Two Crore Fifteen Lakh One Thousand) was received during the Reporting Year.

Social Audit Reports

- **Number of MGNREGS Social Audits Conducted**

Financial Year	Number of GPs in the state	GPs where audit was done once		GPs where audit was done twice	
		Number of GPs	% of GPs	Number of GPs	% of GPs
2025-26	861	682	79.21%	0	0
2026-27	861	179	20.79%	0	0

- **Social Audit Findings and Action Taken Reports**

Financial Year	Total number of issues reported	Total number of issued on which Action Taken Report (ATR) has been submitted	Total Number of Issues closed satisfactorily	Total Number of issues entered in the MIS	Total number of Action Taken Reports uploaded in the MIS
2025-26	1,044	1,044	1,042	1,044	1,044

Social Audit Process Followed in the State



Social Audit Reports

•Financial Misappropriation (FM)

Financial Year	Number of FM Issues reported	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of Issues closed satisfactorily	FM Amount as reported in Social Audit (Rs.)	Amount accepted (Rs.)	Amount recovered (Rs.)
2025-26	166	166	162	6,74,867	6,71,267	6,71,267

•Financial Deviations (FD)

Financial Year	Financial Deviation Issues			Financial Deviation A		
	Number of FD issues reported	Number of Issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of issues closed satisfactorily	Financial Deviation Amount as reported in SA	Amount ordered to be recovered	Amount recovered
2025-26	38	38	38	-	-	-

Social Audit Reports

•Grievances

Financial Year	Number			Amount			
	Number of grievances registered	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of grievances redressed satisfactorily	Amount due to work as reported in Social Audit	Amount Accepted	Amount Rejected	Amount paid to workers
2025-26	47	47	47	-	-	-	-

•Process Violations

Financial Year	Number of Process Violation Issues reported	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of Issues closed satisfactorily
2025-26	793	793	793

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

FINANCIAL MISAPPROPRIATION (No. of Issues : 166)

S/ N.	Issue Category	No. of Issues filed	Major Findings/ Most Common Issues	Misappropriated Amount (Rs.)	Amount Recovered (Rs.)
1	Payment to person who did not work	11	Payment to person who did not work (5)	59,686	59,686
			Payment to migrated person (3)	5,058	5,058
			Payment made to dead person (3)	10,678	10,678
2	Bribes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
3	Work related	155	Work wan not done/No work found at the worksite (2)	25,000	25,000
			Inappropriate work was executed (153)	5,74,445	5,62,445
4	Material Procurement	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
5	Others	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL		166	166	6,74,867	6,71,267

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

FINANCIAL DEVIATION (No. of Issues : 38)

S/N.	Issue Category	No. of Issues filed	Major Findings/ Most Common Issues
1	Records not produced	18	Records not produced for Social Audit (7)
			NMRs not produced for Social Audit (6)
			M-Book not produced for Social Audit (2)
			Bills and Vouchers not produced for Social Audit (3)
2	Work Selection	8	Work taken up without Administrative Sanction (4)
			Work taken up without Technical Sanction (4)
3	Work Records	12	Expenditure amount is greater than the amount sanctioned (12)
4	Work Execution	NIL	NIL
TOTAL		38	38

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

GRIEVANCE (No. of Issues : 47)

S/N.	Issue Category	No. of Issues filed	Major Findings/ Most Common Issues
1	Job Card related	NIL	NIL
2	Aadhaar/Bank Account related	NIL	NIL
3	Work related	NIL	NIL
4	Worksite facilities	21	Complaint – Non provision of worksite facilities (3)
5	Wages related	1	Complaint – Application for payment of delayed wages (1)
6	Injury/Death	NIL	NIL
7	Individual Assets related	NIL	NIL
8	Public Works related	NIL	NIL
9	Gram Sabha related	22	Gram Sabha is not held regularly (6)
			Adequate information is not given about Gram Sabha (1)
			Works are not selected in the Gram Sabha (2)
			Mates are not selected in the Gram Sabha (13)
10	Complaint on specific individual	3	Complaint on Technical Staff (3)
11	Others	NIL	NIL
TOTAL		47	47

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

PROCESS VIOLATION (No. of Issues : 793)				PROCESS VIOLATION (No. of Issues : 793)			
S/ N .	Issue Category	No. of Issues filed	Major Findings/ Most Common Issues	6	Work Quality	10	Quality of work is poor (6)
							Work is not useful for the community (3)
							Failure to safeguard and maintain completed work (1)
1	Denial of Entitlements	77	Worksite facilities are not provided (77)				
2	Transparency & Accountability	307	Rozgar Diwas is not conducted once every month (66)	7	Maintenance of Registers, Records	146	Job Card Application Register is poorly maintained (6)
			Awareness on MGNREGS and implementation processes is very poor (10)				Job Cards have been maintained poorly (32)
			Citizen Information Boards are not put up (39)				NMRs have been maintained poorly (1)
			Job Cards are not with workers (20)				Panchayat Registers have been maintained poorly (16)
			Pay slips are not issued to workers (1)				Block Registers have been maintained poorly (5)
			Wall writings have not been done (169)				Asset Register is poorly maintained (13)
			Panchayat Registers not produced for Social Audit (1)				Other records irregularity (18)
			Block Registers are not produced for Social Audit (1)				Photos in 3 stages not available (55)
3	Financial	NIL	NIL	8	Administration	188	Staff vacancies have led to poor implementation (1)
4	Work Selection	5	Work Selection is not done through Gram Sabha Resolutions (2)				Mates have not been trained properly (172)
			Shelf of works is not available (3)				Irregularity in selection of Mate (8)
5	Work Execution	60	Overseer/TA does not visit the worksite regularly (60)				
				TOTAL		793	793

Social Audit Process Followed in the State



Social Audit Reports 2025-2026									
R 9.2.6 Financial Misappropriation Recovery Report									
Financial Year : 2025-2026, State : MIZORAM									
SR#	District	Total No. of Cases reported by SAU	Corresponding Financial Misappropriation (FM) amount (Rs.)	Total No. of decided cases (ATR uploaded)	Corresponding FM amount of decided cases, as reported by SAU (Rs.)	No. of decided Cases for which FM amount needs to be recovered	Final Recoverable Amount to be recovered (Rs.)	No. of decided cases for which recovery is done	Total Amount recovered so far (Rs.)
1	Aizawl	4	7,500	4	7,500	3	7,500	3	7,500
2	Champhai	3	13,000	3	13,000	3	13,000	3	13,000
3	Hnahthial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Khawzawl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Kolasib	2	15,000	2	15,000	2	15,000	2	15,000
6	Lawngtlai	6	55,000	6	55,000	6	55,000	6	55,000
7	Lunglei	30	1,10,108	30	1,10,108	29	1,10,108	29	1,10,108
8	Mamit	46	1,46,800	46	1,46,800	44	1,43,200	44	1,43,200
9	Saitual	14	53,488	14	53,488	14	53,488	14	53,488
10	Serchhip	10	26,500	10	26,500	10	26,500	10	26,500
11	Siaha	51	2,47,471	51	2,47,471	51	2,47,471	51	2,47,471
Total		166	6,74,867	166	6,74,867	162	6,71,267	162	6,71,267

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

R 9.3.1 – Social Audit Action Taken Report

SR#	District Name	Total No. of GPs	Total No. of GPs audited at least once	%age of GPs audited at least once	Total no. of Issues reported	Total no. of Issues closed	%age of Issues closed	Total amount (Rs.)	Amount recovered (Rs.)	% of amount recovered
1	Aizawl	71	43	60.56%	45	45	100%	7,500	7,500	100%
2	Champhai	62	44	70.97%	80	80	100%	13,000	13,000	100%
3	Hnahthial	32	31	96.88%	34	34	100%	0	0	0
4	Khawzawl	38	37	97.37%	52	52	100%	0	0	0
5	Kolasib	61	37	60.66%	38	38	100%	15,000	15,000	100%
6	Lawngtlai	188	130	69.15%	193	193	100%	55,000	55,000	100%
7	Lunglei	106	106	100.00%	182	182	100%	1,10,108	1,10,108	100%
8	Mamit	101	101	100.00%	162	162	100%	1,46,800	1,43,200	97.55%
9	Saitual	46	40	86.96%	52	52	100%	53,488	53,488	100%
10	Serchhip	57	46	80.70%	64	64	100%	26,500	26,500	100%
11	Siaha	99	67	67.68%	142	142	100%	2,47,471	2,47,471	100%
Total		861	682	79.21%	1,044	1,044	100%	6,74,867	6,71,267	99.47%

Social Audit Reports 2025-2026

R 9.3.2 – Social Audit Pending Issues Report

SR #	District Name	Total No. of GPs	Total No. of audited at least once	%age of GPs audited at least once	Total no. of Issues reported	Total no. of Issues closed	%ag of Issues closed	Total no. of Issues closed satisfactorily	Total no. of pending Issues	Total no. of ATR uploaded
1	Aizawl	71	43	60.56%	45	45	100%	44	0	45
2	Champhai	62	44	70.97%	80	80	100%	80	0	80
3	Hnahthial	32	31	96.88%	34	34	100%	34	0	34
4	Khawzawl	38	37	97.37%	52	52	100%	52	0	52
5	Kolasib	61	37	60.66%	38	38	100%	38	0	38
6	Lawngtlai	188	130	69.15%	193	193	100%	193	0	193
7	Lunglei	106	106	100.00%	182	182	100%	182	0	182
8	Mamit	101	101	100.00%	162	162	100%	162	0	162
9	Saitual	46	40	86.96%	52	52	100%	52	0	52
10	Serchhip	57	46	80.70%	64	64	100%	63	0	64
11	Siaha	99	67	67.68%	142	142	100%	142	0	142
Total		861	682	79.21%	1,044	1,044	100%	1,042	0	1,044

Achievements

Achievement Report for the year 2025-2026					
Sl. No.	Scheme(s)	Implementing Department	Target	Achievement	% age
1	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme	Rural Development Department	861 Villages	682 Villages	79.21%
2	National Social Assistance Programme	Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs Department	75 Villages	75 Villages	100%
3	Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Scheme Integrated Programme for Senior Citizen Scheme	Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs Department	4 institutions	4 institutions	100%
4	Building and Other Construction Workers Act 1996	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department	40 villages	40 villages	100%
5	XVFC Grants	Local Administration Department	50 villages	50 villages	100%
6	Mizoram State Rural Livelihood Mission	Rural Development Department	4 CLF	4 CLF	100%
7	Training	5 Batches	392 Participants	392 Participants	100%



Thank You