

Rejoinder against a front page head line news published in local News Paper (Daily Desher Katha) on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

The facts against the published news are mentioned below-

1. On scrutiny it is revealed that the **Social Audit report of FY 2018-19** is on the **works taken up under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during FY 2017-18**. The social audit was conducted in the FY 2018-19 in 579 GPs/VCs and audit periodicity of works was from 01/04/2017 to 31/03/2018 i.e FY 2017-18. The synopsis report of the audit taken up during FY 2018-19 (conducted year) is given below-

Sl	Issue Category	No of issue reported	Amount Involved in Rs.	Issue closed	Close issue amount in Rs.	Issue pending	Pending issue amount in Rs.	Amount Resolved in Rs.
1	Financial Deviation	783	105,92,80,569	317	34,86,71,648	466	71,06,08,921	00
2	Financial Misappropriation	341	6,69,80,282	164	2,68,65,234	177	4,01,15,048	74,26,782

2. It is further clarified that the Social Audit observations pertaining to works taken up during FY 2017-18 were made majorly because of delayed submission of documents and procedural gaps by various Implementing Government Departments. RD Department is very much concerned about the Social Audit observations and has taken up steps for resolving the issues as per settled norms. Consequently as per the ATRs of PIAs, 481 issues amounting of Rs.37.55 Crore have been closed. Government has issued specific instruction to all implementing Government Departments under the signature of the Chief Secretary, Tripura vide letter no.F.1(135)/DIR/SAU/SA/Estt/2021-22/1542-1550, dated-25/05/2021 to immediately resolve rest issues and ATRs are sent to the SAU.

3. Apart from this RD Department is regularly reviewing the issues related to Social Audit observations with all districts in monthly review meetings so that related documents are submitted before the Social Audit Unit at the earliest for resolving the pending issues. Recently it was decided to conduct "Jan Sunwai" (Public hearings) to resolve the pending issues of Social Audit at Block level and accordingly instruction has been issued to all DM & Collectors.

4. It is also relevant to mention here that the Social Audit is a continuous process and main objective of Social Audit is to find facts not faults. So, pending issues are being resolved with satisfactory ATR (Action Taken Report) from implementing agencies in continuous manner.