

To,
Mrs Sonia Gandhi,
Chairperson NAC
New Delhi

10th June 2010

Sub: Drafting a National Social Audit Law, and Amendments to Section 13B of the Schedule to MGNREGA

Dear Mrs Gandhi,

We are enclosing a set of papers relating to the urgent need to amend Section 13 B of the Schedule to the MGNREGA, to facilitate Social Audit in the MGNREGA , across the country. The papers include a letter from the Minister RD GOR to the Minister MoRD , GOI.

Ms Rita Sharma as Secretary MoRD was well aware of the need and urgency of the amendment. K.Raju , as the former Principal Secretary Rural Development, AP was also well aware of the importance of this issue.

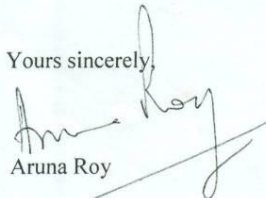
The Central Employment Guarantee Council (CEGC) has set up Working Groups to look at various aspects of the working of the MGNREGA. I am Chairing the group on Transparency and Accountability. We had sent an interim recommendation to the MoRD two months ago, for the amendment to be made immediately , as many social audits process is being affected, and may also be challenged in the Courts.

Further, I am suggesting in the attached note, that the Council discuss the larger and longer term question of the formulation of a National Social Audit legislation to cover all social sector programmes.

Given the urgency, I hope you will place the matters for urgent action in the Council.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


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