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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Local Self Government (DD) Department

NOTIFICATION

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Thiruvananthapuram

The decision of the Committee chaired by the Chief Secretary, constituted as per G.O. (Ms)No.197/2025/LSGD dated 30.10.2025, in compliance with the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C) No. 713/2020 dated 01.08.2025, is as follows:

Members of the Governing Body or Executive Committee of the State Employment Guarantee Council cannot be members of the Governing Body or Executive Body of the MGNREGS Social Audit Society to avoid conflict of interest. As the Governing Bodies and the Executive Committees of these



two societies are due to be reconstituted in January 2026, the Local Self Government Department shall adhere to this principle when reconstituting the Governing Bodies and Executive Committees of the two bodies. The Local Self Government Department shall also amend the by laws of the two Societies, as required, to reflect the above principle.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

As per G.O.(Ms)No.197/2025/LSGD dated 30.10.2025, a Committee was constituted, complying the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C) No. 713/2020 dated 01.08.2025, to examine the composition of the members of the General Body, the Governing Body, and the Executive Committee of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Social Audit Society Kerala in light of the principles enumerated in this judgment.

Accordingly, the Committee held its meeting on 10.12.2025 at 11.30 AM and examined the composition of the General Body, Governing Body, and the Executive Committee of the Social Audit Society and observed that two non official members in the Governing Body of the MGNREGA Social Audit Society are also members in the Governing Body of the State Employment Guarantee Council (SEGC). The Committee observed that the SEGC is responsible for overseeing the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the State while the MGNREGA Social Audit Society is responsible for auditing the implementation of the MGNREGS to ensure that it is in keeping with the guidelines of the scheme and to ensure transparency, accountability, and public participation in the schemes implementation. The Social Audit process should therefore be free from the interference of implementing agencies, including the SEGC. The Committee concluded that there is a conflict of interest when members of the Governing Body or Executive Body of the State Employment Guarantee Council are also members of the Governing Body or Executive Committee of the MGNREGS Social Audit Society which would vitiate free functioning of the Social Audit Society.

The Committee, accordingly, decided that members of the Governing Body or Executive Committee of the State Employment Guarantee Council cannot be members of the Governing Body or Executive Body of the MGNREGS Social Audit Society to avoid conflict of interest. The Committee further noted that the tenure of the MGNREGA Social Audit Society has already ended in March 2025 and that of the SEGC is due to end in January 2026. The Committee advised Local Self Government Department to ensure this principle, ie; no member of the Governing Body or Executive Committee of the State Employment Guarantee Council shall be a member of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee of MGNREGS Social Audit Society, is adhered to when the two bodies are reconstituted and to also amend the by laws of the two Societies, as required, to reflect the above principle.

By order of the Governor,
TINKU BISWAL IAS
Principal Secretary

Explanatory Note

This is notification issued in compliance with the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court dated 01.08.2025 in WP (C) No. 713/2020.

