CHAPTER -IV

SOCIAL AUDIT REPORT

In totality, the Social Audit report of GP Bajuara as per the format prescribed by GoI has emerged as under:-

Registration of families

- a) No cases of denial registration to eligible applicants had come across during the interactions with the workers.
- b) Registration of bogus families/individuals was not witnessed neither in the records of Gram Panchayat nor in the Gram Sabha.
- c) No one has reported charging a fee for registration.

<u>Job Cards</u>

- a) The groups have not come across any case of Non-issuance of job cards after registration.
- b) The job cards were issued to all the job seekers in time and there was no delay in receiving job cards.
- c) The matter of issuance of false job cards was not witnessed anywhere in the Gram Panchayat, Bajaura.
- d) Nobody had ever mentioned about charging a fee for job cards.
- e) The matter of absence of group photos on the job cards were seen and job seekers had given photographs themselves at their own costs.
- f) Job card entries were properly updated and had details of attendance and payments were maintained according to the actual.

Receipt of work application

- a) There were hardly any cases of non- acceptance of work application by the relevant authorities.
- b) It was observed that workers were not receiving dated receipts for their application for work.

Allotment of work

- a) In maximum cases, it was available on the record that the date of demanding the work and date of allotment of work was same.
- b) The women were given more than 33 per cent quota thus it was being satisfied in the allotment of work.
- c) All the works seen were within the 5 km radius thus the question of giving a transport and living allowance equal to 10 percent of the minimum wage did not arise.

Payment of wages and unemployment allowance

- a) No cases of non-payment of wages were observed in the muster roll watch of the four works surveyed.
- b) In most of the cases, the payments were made in time. Even in those cases where final assessment has not been made yet, the payments of wages were also disbursed.
- c) Underpayment of wages was not reported by any worker in the interviews held with them.
- d) There was no case of payment of wages to the wrong person came to knowledge out of the records of GP. Muster rolls verifications and pass book entries.
- d) Payment of wages in the name of non-existent (ghost) workers was out of question in GP Bajura.
- e) Unemployment allowance was not paid to any worker nor there was any case entitled for unemployment allowance.

Selection of the work and issuance of work order

- a) Selection of work was based on the works recommended by the Gram Sabha.
- b) Priority of works maintained as per the shelf approved by Gram Sabha in most of the cases.
- c) Poor selection of a worksite was invisible in the works surveyed during the social audit.
- d) Exaggerated or inaccurate technical estimates were not seen by the group which did the physical verification of the executed works.
- e) No case of inclusion of unnecessary expenditure in estimate was reported by the physical Verification group.
- f) Excessive rates and material were not observed.

Implementation and supervision of work

- a) Recording of nonexistence (ghost) workers were not observed by the muster roll watch groups.
- b) Recording of fictitious (ghost) works were not observed by the muster roll watch groups.
- c) Works surveyed confirmed the work specifications and prescribed standards.
- d) There were no cases of supply of less than sanctioned materials or poor quality materials and tools.
- e) The shelf of projects was prepared in the Gram Sabha.
- f) A citizen information board at the worksite giving details of the sanctioned amount, work dimensions and other requisite details was available at all the completed work sites.
- g) The muster rolls were available for public scrutiny at all times at the worksite.
- h) A worksite material register maintained, along with verification by at least five workers whenever Material came to the site was not seen at any site.
- i) A daily individual measurement of work conducted in a transparent manner was not seen since piece-rate norms are not in force.
- j) The final measurement of the work (for weekly wage payments) in the presence of a group of workers was not practiced by the Junior Engineer.
- k) The members of the vigilance committee hardly make visits to the worksite to monitor the implementation of various aspects of the work.
- I) There were not any cases of any complaints.
- m) The measurement book was maintained properly.
- n) Taking and recording of proper measurements was in practice.
- o) Issuing of false completion certificates were not observed since completion certificates were issued in time.
- p) Works were confirming to specifications/standards.
- q) Data was recorded in a proper and comprehensible manner.
- r) The photographs taken before, during and after the work were available for public display and Scrutiny during the Social Audit.

Social Audit

- a) The social audit at the Gram Sabha meeting was held for the first time in GP Bajuara.
- b) The date, time, agenda, importance and sanctity of the Social Audit was widely publicized to ensure maximum participation.
- c) The timing of the Social Audit was convenient for people to attend.

- d) All the officials responsible for implementation were present to answer queries from members of the Gram Sabha.
- e) The minutes were recorded by the Panchayat Secretary of GP, Bajuara and the minutes register was signed by all participants at the beginning, the minutes were recorded and were read publicly.
- f) The **`action taken report**' relating to the previous Social Audit was out of question since it was the first exercise in GP.

Others

a) There were no cases of mis-utilization of funds therefore the charged cases were out of question.
