

One Day Workshop on 'Social Accountability' at National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad on 6th May, 2011.

The Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances commissioned a study on '**Social Accountability Mechanisms-A Generic Framework**'. The report on '**Social Accountability Mechanisms-A Generic Framework**' was prepared by National Institute of Administrative Research, (NIAR), an unit of LBSNAA, Mussoorie. The Report aims at exploring ways and means of enhancing the ability of citizens (especially, the poor and marginalized) to engage with public servants and elected representatives in a more informed, direct and constructive manner, so that the services under the national programmes are effectively delivered. This was done with the purpose of developing necessary generic tools/framework, relating to social accountability which could be adopted in various social sector schemes/programmes of Government of India. The tool/framedwork was developed through field studies of SSA and NHRM in the States of Kerala, Uttarakhand and Bihar.

2. **A One Day Workshop will be organised at National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad on 6th May, 2011.** The Workshop would be focussed on various generic tools like Participatory planning/budget, Public Expenditure Tracking Survey, Social Audit, Citizens Report Cards and Participatory Research for Tracking outcomes. It was felt that these tools need to be clearly formulated and integrated in social sector schemes, both at policy/design level and also at implementation level.