

PRESS BRIEF

First meeting of 5th State Audit Advisory Board (SAAB), Bihar was held successfully on 17th September 2021. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ramawatar Sharma, Accountant General (Audit) Bihar and participated by the following nominated honorary external members:-

1. Prof. Prabhat Kumar Singh, Director, AIIMS, Patna;
2. Shri Rameshwar Singh, Retd. IAS;
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, Bihar State Pollution Control Board;
4. Prof. D.M. Diwakar, Hon Director & Professor of Economics, Development Research Institute, Jalsain;
5. Shri Samir Jha, Head Education Aga Khan Foundation, Patna;
6. Shri Rajesh Jha, Executive Director, The Center for Health Policy, ADRI, Patna (Online);
7. Shri Satish Kumar Singh, Editor, Dainik Bhaskar, Bihar;
8. Ms Akhtari Begum, Secretary, IZAD (NGO), Bihar, Patna.

The following Senior Officers from Patna office of the Indian Audit & Accounts Department / Ex-officio members, SAAB Patna also participated in the meeting:-

1. Shri Praveen Kumar Singh, Principal Accountant General (A&E) Bihar;
2. Shri Abhishek Singh, Senior Deputy Accountant General (Admn & AMG-III);
3. Shri Shiv Shankar, Deputy Accountant General (AMG-V);
4. Shri Manmeet Kumar, Deputy Accountant General (Accounts, VLC & Works).
5. Ms. Pushpalata, Deputy Accountant General (AMG-II)- cum- Ex-officio Member-cum-Secretary/ SAAB Bihar;

The objective of this Board is to provide a forum for professional discussion between the senior management of audit office and experts from varied fields. It provides suggestions on matters relating to audit, including coverage, scope and prioritization of audits together with suggestions regarding audit approaches and techniques.

In the meeting, matters relating to types of audit, coverage of major topics in last five years, audit currently being undertaken alongwith implementation of present Audit Plan were discussed among the members. In addition to this, members of SAAB gave their suggestions on probable topics for the ensuing Audit Plan. Discussions were held on different schemes being implemented in the state. In this regard, members of the Board gave their suggestions on points relating to health, budget, availability of baseline data, mining, safe drinking water, irrigation, natural resources accounting, etc.

**Deputy Accountant General
-Cum-Ex-officio Secretary,
State Audit Advisory Board, Bihar.**

