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ATTENDANCE THROUGH NMMS APP UNDER MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced attendance of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers through National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the above App is not available in all recognized languages of the country and are available only in five languages;
- (c) whether the Government is aware about the problems being faced by MGNREGS workers since most of them cannot read other than their mother tongue; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to make available other recognized languages in NMMS App?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): To ensure more transparency in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in the States/UTs, a provision for capturing of attendance at worksite through National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App with geo-tagged time stamped photographs of the worker in a day has been started on 21st May 2021, wherein muster rolls are issued for 20 or more workers. This increases citizen oversight of the programme besides potentially enabling faster processing of payments.

(b) The NMMS mobile app is available in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

(c) & (d): All States/UTs are using NMMS App for capturing the attendance for eligible worksites. So far, no specific issues related non use of NMMS App due to language of the NMMS App has been noticed by this Ministry.

Mates are encouraged to take the responsibility of capturing the attendance of the workers through the NMMS App. The Ministry has been providing training to the States/UTs to ensure smooth transitioning to NMMS app as and when requested by the States/UTs. The technical issues being faced are taken up with NIC, Rural Development on real time basis. The new provisions/ suggestions requested by the States/UTs are being incorporated. All the issues concerning the NMMS application are reviewed and resolved from time to time.

Some important decisions taken as per request of State Governments are given below:

NMMS application has been modified to capture second photograph just after the 4 hours from the uploading of attendance and first photograph. It has ease out the specific time point requirement for capturing the attendance and photographs. The morning attendance along with the first photograph can be captured in offline mode and to be uploaded once device comes in network.

In case of exceptional circumstances due to which attendance could not be uploaded, the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) has been authorized to upload the manual attendance.
