

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**LOK SABHA
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MANDATORY MOBILE-BASED ATTENDANCE FOR MGNREGS WORKERS

3173. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has made mobile app-based attendance mandatory for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware of the problems faced by the technicians in uploading photos and the applications which do not work in remote village and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of company/persons who developed the attendance application;**
- (d) whether the MGNREGS mobile application been audited for quality checks and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the standards testing and quality certification body of the Government has audited the mobile application and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): To ensure more transparency in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in the States/UTs, capturing of attendance with geo-tagged, two time-stamped photographs of the workers in a day through National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App for all the works (except individual beneficiary works) has been made mandatory from 1st January, 2023.

This increases citizen oversight of the Scheme besides enabling faster processing of payments. Worksite supervisors are responsible

for capturing attendance along with geo-tagged photographs of the workers through the NMMS App.

The technical issues being faced in NMMS App are taken up with National Informatics Centre (NIC), Rural Development on a real-time basis. The new provisions/ suggestions requested by the States/UTs are being incorporated. All the issues concerning the NMMS app are reviewed and resolved from time to time.

NMMS app has been modified to capture the second photograph just after 4 hours of uploading the attendance and first photograph. The morning attendance along with the first photograph and second photograph can be captured in offline mode and to be uploaded once the device comes into a 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.

(c): NMMS App is developed by the technical team of National Informatics Centre (NIC)-Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development.

(d)&(e): The NMMS mobile application was audited for quality checks as well as standards testing and quality certification by the specialized agency engaged by technical team NIC-DRD.
