

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIOMETRIC CARDS FOR NREGS BENEFICIARIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to issue biometric cards to the beneficiaries of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which these cards are likely to be issued to all the beneficiaries; and
- (d) the manner in which such cards will plug the existing loopholes in the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a)to(d): Ministry of Rural Development has initiated the use of biometric cards in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Orissa for disbursement of wages to the NREGA workers as pilot project. Use of biometric card establishes the authenticity of the worker thereby bringing transparency in the implementation of the Act.