

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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BIOMETRIC CARDS UID NUMBER FOR MGNREGS WORKERS

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce biometric cards to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) worker and also provide them with Unique Identification Number (UID);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether the views of the State Governments and other experts/stake holder have been taken in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government does not propose to introduce biometric cards to Mahatma Gandhi NREGA workers. It is however, proposed to collect UIDAI compliant biometric data base which may be used by the Unique Identification Authority in order to give the UID number to the MRNREGA workers.

(c) & (d): The matter has been discussed with the State Governments in the Performance Review Committee meeting held on 16.7.2010.