

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM UNDER MGNREGS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to use Geographical Information System for capturing existing assets created under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) accurately;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the benefits to be accrued to the country for the use of said system under the MGNREGS; and
- (d) the step taken by the Union Government to implement the recommendations of the expert group in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. It is proposed to use Geographical Information System (GIS) under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. In this regard, Ministry of Rural Development has set up an Expert Group to prepare a strategy for nationwide rollout and to evolve parameters for standardization with an objective to link GIS with grass root participatory planning and asset management and monitoring.
- (c): Use of GIS will strengthen decentralized participatory planning, implementation, capturing and monitoring of asset and evaluation of the works under MGNREGA.
- (d): The Expert Group has so far not submitted its report.