

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of districts identified in Bihar by the Union Government where biometric cards are being used for the beneficiaries of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);
- (b) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all States of the country;and
- (c) the amount likely to be spent by the Union Government for this scheme during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Wage disbursement to the NREGA workers is to be made by the respective State Governments in order to meet the objectives of the NREG Act, 2005. Union Government has not identified any districts in the country, including Bihar for introduction of Biometric cards for wage disbursement.