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MGNREGA PAYMENT THROUGH POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) procedure for disbursement of MGNREGA wages through post offices;
- (b) the number of accounts used for disbursement of NREGA wages during the last three years and the current year and the total amount disbursed;
- (c) the total amount of undisbursed funds in the workers account lying with the DoP;
- (d) whether all State Governments have maintained average monthly NREGS wages as a one-time deposit for each quarter in the head post offices and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) there has been a delay in the disbursement of wages and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the measures taken by the Government to ensure speedy disbursement of MGNREGA funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.(SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

- (a) State Governments have entrusted post offices to disburse wages to workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Such disbursement of wages is done either through worker's wage accounts or Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) accounts. On receipt of the wage list and funds from the State Government, the post offices credit the amount to the worker's accounts. Workers withdraw the amount from the accounts at their convenience.
- (b) The details of number of accounts and amount disbursed in MGNREGS through Post Offices during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I
- (c) The details of amount of undisbursed funds lying in the worker's accounts in the post offices of different postal circles are at Annexure-II.
- (d) The details of average monthly NREGS wages as a one-time-deposit in head post offices of postal circles are at Annexure-III.
- (e) No, Madam.
- (f) Department of Posts has rolled out Electronic Fund Management System (eFMS) in 46 pilot districts of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) through post offices enabling electronic credit of wages in worker's accounts for speedy disbursement of wages to workers.