

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AADHAAR CARD UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to link/has linked the payment of wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) with the Aadhaar Card;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of districts in which it has been done, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the fake accounts/ duplication or the suspicious accounts related to payments have been identified after implementing the same;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) whether the Union Government proposes to link accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana with Aadhaar number to transfer subsidy and wages under MGNREGS directly if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The payments under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) have been notified under the Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme of Government in 300 districts, where Aadhaar seeding penetration is high. Under this, Government will facilitate every beneficiary to enrol for Aadhaar, and payments will be routed directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries using Aadhaar Based Payment system. Details of number of districts where conversion to Aadhaar Based Payments has started in States/UTs including Rajasthan are given in Annexure.

(d) & (e): After seeding Aadhaar numbers in the database, 63,943 of duplicate job cards have been identified and were eliminated.

(f): Yes, Madam. The States have been asked to take active measures to link the bank accounts of the workers with their Aadhaar numbers. In order to make use of the benefits under the PMJDY, all States have been requested to undertake an immediate drive to open Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts for all the active wage seekers who already do not have a Bank/ Post Office account in the nearest commercial Bank/ Post Offices. Wherever accounts have been freshly opened by MGNREGA workers under the PMJDY, such accounts are being linked with Aadhaar number of the beneficiaries.