

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1238**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

**CHANGE OF MODE OF ATTENDANCE OF MGNREGA WORKERS**

1238 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) on what basis the Ministry has decided to discontinue manual attendance for MGNREGA work sites with more than 20 workers;
- (b) whether Ministry has accounted for the lack of technological and social access amongst beneficiaries of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Ministry has accounted for any period of transition and training to workers for the application of these rules;
- (d) whether the Ministry has considered the adverse impact on women workers, especially those becoming supervisors under the scheme and if so, what steps have been taken to address the same; and
- (e) what is the language of the attendance recording app?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (d): To ensure more transparency in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) in the States/UTs, a provision for capturing of attendance at worksite through National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App with geo-tagged time stamped photographs of the worker in a day has been started on 21st May 2021, wherein muster rolls are issued for 20 or more workers. This increases citizen oversight of the programme besides potentially enabling faster processing of payments .

Government of India has decided that from 16.05.2022, the workers attendance will be captured only through NMMS App for all the worksites where muster rolls are issued for 20 or more beneficiaries based on the feedback and suggestions from States/UTs. One year time, thus, has been provided as transition period.

Women mates are encouraged to take the responsibility of capturing the attendance of the workers through the NMMS App. The Ministry has been providing training to the States/UTs to ensure smooth transitioning to NMMS app as and when requested by the States/UTs. The technical issues being faced are taken up with NIC, Rural Development on real time basis. The new provisions/ suggestions requested by the States/UTs are being incorporated. All the issues concerning the NMMS application are reviewed and resolved from time to time.

Some important decisions taken as per request of State Governments are given below:

1. NMMS application has been modified to capture second photograph just after the 4 hours from the uploading of attendance and first photograph. It has ease out the specific time point requirement for capturing the attendance and photographs. The morning attendance along with the first photograph can be captured in offline mode and to be uploaded once device comes in network.
  2. In case of exceptional circumstances due to which attendance could not be uploaded, the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) has been authorised to upload the manual attendance.
- (e): The NMMS mobile app is available in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.

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