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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 73
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2023

DIGITAL CAPTURING OF ATTENDANCE AT ALL MGNREGS WORKSITES

73 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has made digital capturing of attendance mandatory at all Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) worksites from 1st January 2023;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken measures to address the concerns of MGNREGS workers in digital capturing of attendance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 73 for 08.02.2023.

(a)&(b): Government of India has decided that States/UTs shall ensure capturing of attendance for all the works (except Individual Beneficiary scheme/project) through National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS). This digitally capturing of attendance is in place from 01st January, 2023.

(c)&(d): 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 eased 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.
