

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 09.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**PANEL OF NATIONAL MONITORS FOR MGNREGS .**

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SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has a list of National Monitors to visit different States and enquire into complaints made into diverse frauds in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and other schemes ;

(b) the number of such National Monitors presently on the panel of Government;

(c) what was the mode of selection of such National Monitors;

(d) whether any minimum qualifications were stipulated for such National Monitors; and

(e) the full details of the qualifications and experience sought in selecting National Monitors ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b):The Ministry of Rural Development has a panel of 351 National Level Monitors.

(c):The Ministry of Rural Development empanelled the National Level Monitors through open invitation by giving advertisement in leading national & regional newspapers.

(d):Yes, Sir.

(e):The details of the qualifications and experience sought for empanelment of National Level Monitors were the following:

(i) Ex- servicemen from the Armed Forces of the level of Major and above, retired Para Military Officers of equivalent rank or above to Major in the Armed Forces, retired Civil Servants equivalent to an Under Secretary and above to the Government of India and retired officials of the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(ii) The applicant should be in the age group of 50 - 65 years as on 31.08.2008.