

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/03/2023

AFFECTS OF APP-BASED ATTENDANCE IN MGNREGS

2498 SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:
SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for making mandatory use of an App-based attendance system for MGNREGS workers;
- (b) whether it is a fact that MGNREGS workers, particularly women, faced patchy internet connectivity in rural areas, no technical support etc., the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is aware that App-based mandatory attendance for MGNREGS workers is a reason behind the dropout of women workers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : To ensure more transparency in the implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), the Ministry has decided the capturing of attendance along with geo-tagged photographs at worksite through National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) App for all the works (except individual beneficiary works) w.e.f 1st January, 2023. This increases citizen oversight of the Scheme besides enabling faster processing of payments.

Worksite supervisors are responsible for capturing of attendance along with geo-tagged photographs of the workers through the NMMS App.

Mahatma Gandhi NREGS is a demand-driven wage employment Scheme. The rate of participation of women (women person-days out of the total in percentage) in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS during the last three financial years and current financial year 2022-23 (as on 09.03.2023) is given below:

Financial Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Women participation rate (%)	54.78	53.19	54.81	57.14
