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PROBLEM RELATED TO ABPS IN MGNREGS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) details of problems that MGNREGS workers are facing with Aadhaar-based payment system (ABPS);
- (b) whether ABPS has been extended beyond June, 2023, in view of problems being faced by MGNREGS workers; and
- (c) the problems being faced in connecting account of individual worker with National Payments Corporation of India and how Ministry is planning to resolve this?

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

(a)to(c): Aadhaar seeding of job cards under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) has been implemented to link the job cards of active workers with their Aadhaar numbers. This linking aimed to improve transparency, reduce duplication, and prevent misuse of job cards by ensuring that benefits reach to the intended beneficiaries.

Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge Systems has been made mandatory w.e.f. 1st Feb, 2023 in Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. However, as per the request made by several States, it had been decided by the Ministry that till 31st August, 2023, the wage payment of the beneficiaries is being made either using Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge Systems or National Automated Clearing House (NACH) mode depending upon the status of a beneficiary on National Automated Clearing House (NACH).

States have been advised to organize Aadhaar Camps as well as camps by Banks for Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge Systems enabling of beneficiaries. Banks have been requested to ensure timely seeding of Aadhaar numbers of Mahatma Gandhi NREGS beneficiaries into National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) mapper to enable for Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge Systems.

In case States/UTs face any kind of issues or problems in respect of Aadhaar Based Payment Bridge Systems the same are resolved on a priority basis.
