## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904 ANSWERED ON 01/08/2023

#### MANDATORY ATTENDANCE ON NMMS APP

#### 1904. DR. A. CHELLAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that mandatory attendance marking on the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) application led to unpaid wages due to malfunctioning of the app;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of workers who lost wages along with the amount of unpaid wages due to malfunctioning of the NMMS app from May 1, 2022, till now;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to evaluate the application for glitches and restore accurate functioning and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to compensate workers for lost wages, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### ANSWER

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

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

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

NMMS application has been modified to capture second photograph just after the 4 hours from capturing the first photograph. The morning attendance along with the first photograph and the second photograph can be captured in offline mode also and to be uploaded once device comes in network areas. In case of exceptional circumstances due to which attendance could not be uploaded, the District Programme Coordinator (DPC) has been authorized to approve the manual attendance. In case States/UTs faces any kind of issues or problems, the same are resolved on a priority basis.

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