Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently launched the National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App and Area officer monitoring App, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the NMMS APP will help in taking real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) worksites along with their geo-tagged photograph, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether this would help in increasing the citizen oversight of the programme as well as enable processing payments faster, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Area Officer Monitoring App will facilitate the officers to record their findings online along with time stamped and go-coordinate tagged photograph for all the schemes of Dept of Rural Development, if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the Government has rolled out any pilot projects in any of the States to test the efficacy of this App, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) App and Area Officer Monitoring App was launched by the Hon’ble Minister of Rural Development on May, 21 2021. These apps are a big step towards bringing the transparency and proper monitoring of the schemes.

(b)&(c): Yes, Madam; NMMS App permits taking real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi NREGA worksites along with geo-tagged photograph. The app helps in increasing citizen oversight of the programme.

(d): Area Officer Monitoring App was launched in a bid to facilitate the authorities to record their findings online. It will also help in recording time stamped and go-coordinate tagged photograph for all the schemes of Department of Rural Development. It facilitates analysis of findings which in turn help in implementation of programme in a better manner.

(e): No pilot study has been conducted. Testing of the App has been done in the field and feedback from States/UTs have been received before its launch for use.