

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2026**

REMOVAL OF PANCHAYATS UNDER NMMS

1556. Adv Dean Kuriakose:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a request from the Kerala State Government for the removal of Edamalakkudi Panchayats from the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) and for reverting back to the manual muster role entry system, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government recognizes the fact that Edamalakkudi is a Scheduled Tribe (ST) panchayats in Idukki district where out of 885 registered workers, 779 persons are engaged in works on a regular basis in areas where there is a huge problem of network connectivity and also they don't have smart phones, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government accepted the request of the Kerala State Government for reverting back to the manual muster role entry system for the Edamalakkudi grama panchayats, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)**

(a) to (c): This Ministry has received a communication dated 18.05.2026 from the Government of Kerala regarding exemption of Edamalakudy Grama Panchayat from the provisions relating to attendance capture through the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) and for enabling manual muster roll entry under Mahatma Gandhi NREGS. The request of the State was examined in the Ministry and the State Government was informed that necessary exemption mechanism already exists in NMMS in order to ensure that no genuine worker faces inconvenience and their attendance is captured in offline mode if there is any issue like no network or device not working etc. The State Government was requested to ensure that they utilize the existing exemption mechanism in genuine cases in respect of the above-mentioned Gram Panchayat also, in accordance with the guidelines and prescribed verification procedures.
