

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENTAL WORKS UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed for undertaking developmental works under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme;
- (b) whether telemedicine system is to be included in the developmental works to be carried out under the MPLADS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaints that the said system has already been put in place in Maharashtra by using funds of MPLADS;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS, AND MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a) All works which enable creation of fixed and durable assets to meet the locally felt community infrastructure and developmental needs, except those prohibited in Annexure-II of the Guidelines of the scheme, are eligible under the scheme.
- (b) and (c) Purchase of equipments meant for hospitals belonging to Central, State, UT and local self governments are permissible under the Guidelines. However, purchase of all movable items (except ambulances and hearse vans for Government Hospitals), treatment costs, reimbursement of any type, any revenue and recurring expenditure, grants and loans and expenses on maintenance work are not permissible under the Guidelines. Hence, only capital expenditure for telemedicine projects creating fixed and durable assets is permissible under MPLADS.
- (d),(e)and(f) No complaints as such have been received. It has now been learnt that an expenditure of Rs 27.40 lakh has been incurred for putting in place instruments and machineries of fixed and durable nature for telemedicine, in 10 Primary Health Centers (at a cost of Rs 2,74,000/- per Primary Health Center), in Akola District of Maharashtra on the recommendation of Shri Prakash Ambedkar, the then Lok Sabha Member from Akola constituency.