

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

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RELEASE OF MPLADS FUNDS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the time and condition under which the first and second instalment of funds are released under the MPLAD schemes;
- (b) the exact definition of 'Public use' as used in the guidelines for selection of works under the MPLADS;
- (c) whether installation of statues of great personalities is not allowed under the MPLAD scheme; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) As per para 4.2 of the MPLADS guidelines, at the time of the constitution of Lok Sabha, and election of a Rajya Sabha Member, the first instalment is released to the District Authority without the Monthly Progress Report (MPR), Utilization and Audit Certificate as required under Para 4.3 of guidelines. The subsequent instalments of the continuing Members of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha is released subject to the fulfillment of the following eligibility criteria of para 4.3:-

- (i) the unsanctioned balance amount available with the accounts of the District Authority after taking into account the cost of all the works sanctioned is less than Rs.50 lakh;
- (ii) the unspent balance of funds of the MP concerned is less than Rupees one crore; and
- (iii) Utilization Certificate for the previous financial year and the Audit Certificate for the funds released for MP concerned in the year prior to the previous year.

(b) The assets created from the MPLADS funds should be open for use of general public at large.

(c) It is not allowed.

(d) The objective of the scheme is to enable MPs to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets in their Constituencies viz. drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation and roads, etc.