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Title:Need to increase the annual allocation of funds under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.

SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS (WAYANAD): The mainstay of progress and infrastructural development in any district is the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) which provides for an optimal utilization of centrally sanctioned resources to be allocated to social infrastructure and capacity building in a transparent manner. However, the advent of Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) hailed as a dream project of the Prime Minister doesn't even have a single rupee as budget allocation. Apart from that Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana pre-supposes to apportion funds from the already meagre fund of Rs. 5 crores. The non-provision of budgetary allocations for Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana may not achieve the objective of the government. Instead of creating a zero funded programme like Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, I would urge the Government to increase the funding of MPLADS to Rs. 20 crores from Rs. 5 crores. The Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana also visualises seeking resources from the corporate through CSR and this contains the inherent danger of corporate ownership and control over public assets, threatening the inclusive character of social assets and thereby creates a quasi-corporate resource creation system, capable of subverting democratic institutions in the long run.