

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 475
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

MPLADS FUND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

475. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any provision has been made in the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) to provide advance education of Artificial intelligence and use of 5G technology and 3D printers with advance technology in Government and non-Government educational institutions from school education to higher education.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (c) Under the New MPLADS Guidelines, 2023, MPLADS funds can be used for purchase of IT systems, including hardware and software for educational purposes [Point-3.3 of indicative list of works permissible under MPLADS]. However, the list is not exhaustive and new works can be added to the list on the recommendations of a Member of Parliament subject to overall principles of the Scheme given in chapter-5 of the Guidelines.
