

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

MPLADS FUND ALLOCATION TO GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

156. SMT. P. T. USHA:

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

(a) whether Government intends to expand the utilization profile of MPLADS fund for Government undertakings by expanding the present eligibility portfolio and guidelines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that several Government organizations are not utilizing the MPLADS funds due to their unfamiliarity with the use of e-Sakshi portal among other requirements; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

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 CULTURE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (b) The main objective of the MPLAD Scheme is to enable each Member of Parliament to recommend works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs of the people.

Member of Parliament can recommend works under MPLAD Scheme based on the indicative list of eligible activities provided in Annexure VIII of the MPLADS Guidelines, 2023. This list is not exhaustive, and new works may be added based on the recommendations of a Member of Parliament, provided they comply with the overall objectives and guidelines of the scheme.

(c) to (d) To enhance familiarity with the e-Sakshi portal, the Ministry regularly organizes workshops, webinars, and hands-on training sessions for stakeholders, including State/UT representatives and Members of Parliament (MPs). Additionally, kiosks are set up during each Parliament session (since the Monsoon Session 2023) to assist MPs with MPLADS processes and eSAKSHI portal. A helpdesk operates from 9 AM to 6 PM on all working days during session period to support MPs and stakeholders, ensuring they have access to necessary resources for smooth fund utilization. The Ministry has also made user manuals and instructional videos for the e-Sakshi portal available on mplads.sbi.
