

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2247  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

**RELEASE OF SUSPENDED MPLAD FUNDS**

**2247. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:**

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

**(a) whether the Union Government spending under MPLADS had already halved before the Government suspended the scheme for two years on April 6, 2020 and diverted the funds to manage COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof;**

**(b) whether the funds under MPLADS are nonlapsable both at the end of the Union Government as well as at the end of the District Authority and the unspent balances of a particular year are utilised in the subsequent year(s);**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Union Government proposes to release the suspended funds under MPLADS;**

**(e) if so, the details thereof; and**

**(f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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) No, Sir.**

**(b) & (c) MPLADS Funds released to the District Authority by the Government of India are non-lapsable. Funds left in the district can be**

**carried forward for utilization in the subsequent years. Further, the funds not released by the Government of India in a year will be carried forward for making releases in the subsequent years subject to the fulfillment of criteria stipulated in Paragraph 4.3 and Para-4.4 of MPLADS Guidelines, 2016.**

**Any unspent balance out of the annual allocation of a particular Member of Parliament shall be carried forward and added to the annual allocation for that Member of Parliament for the subsequent Financial Year and the drawing limits of his account with Nodal District Authority shall be fixed accordingly [Para-10.4.4 of MPLADS Guidelines, 2023].**

**(d) to (f) MPLADS funds to the tune of Rs.6320 crore, i.e., Rs.3,950 crore for the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 and Rs.2,370 crore for the FY 2021-22, were placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Finance for managing the health and adverse impacts of Covid-19 on the society for stepping up capital outlay including health infrastructure and various social security measures for the poor and the needy.**

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