GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2808
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

UNSPENT MPLAD FUND

2808. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:
       SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the quantum of fund that remained unspent under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in the country including West Bengal during the last five years, MP/year-wise;

(b) whether a sum of Rs. 12,000 crore of the MPLAD funds remain unspent in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) whether the Government asks district administration to provide regular information on work-wise, MP-wise and year-wise details on progress of projects and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)   to (c) The cumulative figures of funds that remained unspent under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) during the last five, (including West Bengal) are as follows:

Position as on	Funds Released (in Rs. crore)	Expenditure (in Rs. crore)	Unspent fund (in Rs. crore)
31.03.2015	36007.25	32373.12	4857.51
31.03.2016	39509.25	35997.90	4950.34
31.03.2017	43008.75	39904.26	5029.31
31.03.2018	46512.75	43980.55	4877.71
31.03.2019	50462.25	48997.07	4103.97
04.03.2020	53704.75	51267.75	5275.24

Given the nature and dynamics of the scheme, unspent balances are bound to exist at any given point of time, as the funds released under the scheme are non- lapsable and the funds received by a district in a particular year can be utilized in the subsequent financial year(s) also. Moreover, unspent balance is not an unused fund but also includes the funds in pipeline for implementation of ongoing works.

(d) Yes Sir, provisions exist on the MPLADS portal for the district authorities to provide work-wise, MP-wise and year-wise details on progress of projects regularly.

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