GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 233
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

DISCONTINUATION OF MPLAD FUND

233. SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

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

(a) whether the Government has discontinued the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Fund of the Members of 17th Lok Sabha from Maharashtra from the year 2023 onwards, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for discontinuation of the same;

(c) the manner in which the payment of development works which have already been sanctioned be made along with the details thereof;

(d) whether letters have been written by the Members of Parliament to the Hon'ble Minister for getting the withheld MPLADS funds of the 17th Lok Sabha released, if so, the details of action taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(e) whether the withheld MPLADS funds will be released by the Government?

ANSWER
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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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) In accordance with the revised MPLADS guidelines, 2023 and new fund flow system implemented by the Government w.e.f. 01.04.2023, the Ministry has already released authorizations to the Hon'ble Members of Parliament of 17th Lok Sabha on e-SAKSHI portal and as per the revised MPLADS Guidelines, 2023 the Hon'ble MPs are required to submit their recommendations through e-SAKSHI portal only.

Further, based on the references received from the various stakeholders including Hon'ble MPs, the Ministry has developed an online solution i.e. Ex-MP module for payments of the works which have been recommended in physical form by the Hon'ble MPs and which could not be entered in said portal after the launch of e- SAKSHI portal w.e.f. 01.04.2023.

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