GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 86 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND MARCH, 2016

MPLAD FUND

*86. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI: SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

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

- (a) the details of works/activities/ projects admissible to avail funds from Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme;
- (b) whether the Government has recently revised the guidelines for availing funds under the scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate funds from MPLAD scheme for construction of houses where houses have been burnt/damaged; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 86 for answer on 02.03.2016.

- (a): Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is essentially for development works and creation of durable community assets based on locally felt needs. Individual benefits and movable and non-durable assets (certain exceptions excepted) are generally not allowed. The Guidelines are available in the public domain, including on the official website of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (www.mospi.nic.in).
- (b): The Guidelines on MPLADS are revised from time to time *interalia* on the basis of feedback from MPs, States, District Authorities, etc., recommendations and advice from Parliamentary Committees, recommendations and advice of Comptroller & Auditor General / Public Accounts Committee, internal examinations and discussions in the Ministry, etc. in order to improve the design and implementation of the scheme.
- (c) & (d): Assistance for construction of burnt / damaged houses is not included in the Guidelines.
