F. No. C-03/2018-MPLADS

To,

All Nodal Secretaries

Sub.: All India Review Meeting on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) to be held on 30th August 2018 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation’s earlier letter of even no. dated 18.07.2018 on the subject cited above. The date of All India Review Meeting on MPLAD Scheme has been re-scheduled and the meeting will now be held on 30.08.2018 at Hall No. 4, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting. Kindly also nominate 3-4 more officers of your State to attend the meeting. The nominated officers should include those managing the MPLAD Scheme at the State level, one/or two officers at the District level (DC/DM/District Nodal Officers) and one officer managing the MPLADS portal in the District.

3. It is also to bring to your notice that the Action Taken Report on the Minutes (copy enclosed) of last All India Review Meeting on MPLADS held on 24-25 April 2017 are yet to be received in this Ministry. It is, therefore, requested that the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the above said meeting may kindly be furnished in the enclosed format latest by 10.08.2018.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajeev Kumar)
Joint Director
Action Taken Report on the minutes of All India Review Meeting held on 24-25 April 2017.

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Govt. of India,
Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
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Dated: 15 June, 2017

To

All the Nodal Secretaries

Subject: Minutes of the 20th All India Review Meeting on Implementation of MPLAD Scheme with Nodal Secretaries of States/UTs held on April 24-25, 2017 at Sardar Patel Bhavan and Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of the minutes of the 20th All India Review Meeting on Implementation of MPLAD Scheme with Nodal Secretaries of State/UTs held on April 24-25, 2017 at Sardar Patel Bhavan and Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, for information and necessary follow up action.

(C. M. Negi)
Under Secretary (MPLADS)
Minutes of 20th All India Review Meeting on Implementation of MPLADS with Nodal Secretaries of State Governments and UT Administrations held on April 24-25, 2017.

The All India Review meeting on implementation of MPLAD Scheme was held on April 24-25, 2017. The list of participants is placed at Annexure I.

Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation chaired the meeting on 23rd April, 2017. While inaugurating the conference, Hon'ble Minister pointed out that the MPLAD Scheme has been benefitting the people of the country by creating durable assets for their utilitarian and infrastructural needs, which have not been met by other schemes, and that these review meetings have proved to be an important mechanism in bringing greater results through the collective efforts towards better implementation of the Scheme. He emphasized the need for complete use of the MPLADS portal so that it would not only reveal the real-time status of the Scheme but also enable improved use of the funds. He also impressed upon the need to speed up the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme, so that maximum benefit could be extracted from the Scheme.

On 24th April 2017, presentation on the Integrated MPLADS website was made to highlight the salient features of the website and role of District Authorities, State Nodal Departments for effective functioning and data updation.

Thereafter, all the participating States/UTs were divided into six groups for an in-depth interactive session on each of the following agenda items.

(i) **Pending C&AG Parls**

The State/UTs representatives were informed about the status of pending C&AG Audit Parls and requested to expedite the replies to the pending parls. Each parl was discussed with due reference of the detailed Audit Report. Each state was informed about the Districts from which report is anticipated. The State Nodal Department was requested to collect the remarks from the identified Districts and furnish a consolidated report to the Ministry. The State/UT representatives ensured that the Action Taken Report in respect of all pending C&AG Audit Parls would be furnished to the Ministry at the earliest.

(ii) **Pending PAC Parls**

The State/UTs representatives were requested to take urgent action to furnish replies to the pending PAC Parls. It was specifically pointed out to all the State/UT representatives, (mainly in respect of undue delay in implementation of MPLADS and irregular sanctioning/ delay in execution of works, the PAC had observed that State Government need to investigate and initiate disciplinary cases against the erring officials.
of District Authorities found responsible for irregular action and to invoke the penalty clause against the implementing agencies who failed to complete the work in time as stipulated in the Guidelines. The State/UT representatives were, therefore, requested to ensure that necessary action is taken against the erring officials and action taken reports are furnished to the Ministry, so that the PAC can be appropriately apprised.

(iii) Rehabilitation works

The status of rehabilitation works was discussed with the states of Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, West Bengal and Jammu & Kashmir. It was emphasized that the States need to implement the pending rehabilitation works urgently and submit timely and regular reports on the status of rehabilitation works for informing the parliamentary committees of Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha on MPLADS Scheme.

(iv) VIP references

The States/UTs were requested to give topmost priority to respond to the VIP references and furnish reports on Action Taken on a priority basis. Each VIP reference was discussed with the State Government officials for enabling an appropriate and timely reply.

Interactive session with all participants to invite suggestions and feedback on the implementation of MPLADS was conducted to conclude the day's proceedings.

On 25th April, 2017, detailed item-wise discussions were held on the following agenda points.

New MPLADS Website

It was stated that the new MPLADS website has been made fully functional with effect from 01.04.2015 and all MPLADS funds releases are being made through the new integrated portal. The importance of a fully functional MPLADS portal was emphasized to the State/UT representatives. It was specifically pointed out that a fully functional MPLADS Portal is the only tool for providing information on MPLADS on a real-time basis to all the stakeholders including Hon'ble Members of Parliament but would also be of tremendous use to State/Nodal Authorities for monitoring the status of implementation of MPLADS Scheme.

The State/UT representatives were requested to urge the Nodal District Authorities in the State to start fully uploading the data on new MPLADS portal.

To the response of various State/UT representatives that lack of trained manpower in District Authorities is coming in the way of working on the new MPLADS portal, it
was informed that this Ministry has already conducted a number of training workshops/programmes on the new MPLADS portal and the officials already trained in these workshops/programmes could be deputed to further train the officials concerned with MPLADS in the States. The States/UT representatives were informed that the Ministry is also going to conduct 10 training workshops in May and June, 2017 at Computer Centre of MoSPI and the States/UTs could nominate their representatives for these workshops. It was also informed that if need be, the ministry can also conduct such training workshops in the States/UTs by sending its resource person.

Regarding any shortcoming in the portal/software glitches in the portal, the States/UTs were requested to contact the officers of this Ministry for advice or a quick solution of the problem.

The States/UT representatives assured to take necessary steps to make the new portal fully functional at the earliest.

Closure of accounts upto 14th Lok Sabha MPs, 15th Lok Sabha MPs and ex-Rajya Sabha MPs:

It was pointed out to the States/UT representatives that non-closure of Bank Accounts of Lok Sabha MPs upto 14th Lok Sabha, 15th Lok Sabha MPs and ex-Rajya Sabha MPs is a matter of great concern. The huge unutilized amounts of MPLAD funds parked in these accounts could be utilized for creating durable community assets under MPLAD Scheme if the accounts are closed and MPLAD funds transferred/distributed to successor MPs as the case may be.

Most of the States/UTs informed that bank accounts of MPs upto 14th Lok Sabha have been closed but the requisite information in the prescribed proforma may not have reached the ministry. All the States/UTs have been requested to furnish the information urgently and in case of non-closure of remaining accounts, District Authorities should take urgent action to close the accounts.

In respect of 15th Lok Sabha bank accounts, the attention of the States/UT representatives was drawn to the fact that almost 2 years and 11 months have elapsed since the dissolution of 15th Lok Sabha and as per Para 6.10.1 of Guidelines on MPLADS the work of MPLADS shall be completed within 18 months from the date of demitting office of Rajya Sabha MPs or dissolution of the Lok Sabha. Further District Authorities have to settle and close the account of the concerned MP after completing all other formalities in another 3 months time, under-instruction to the Government of India and with detailed information in the Monthly Progress Report (MPR). If the District Authority does not finish the projects within 18 months of demitting of office by an MP or dissolution of Lok Sabha, the District Authority will be required to complete the
balance works out of State/District funds. In no case, any extension will be given and District Authority shall be held responsible in case of any lapse in this regard.

The State/UT representatives were requested to urgently complete the eligible works recommended by 15th Lok Sabha MPs, transfer the unspent balance amount to successor MP, close the account and furnish the requisite information in prescribed format to the ministry.

In respect of ex-Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament, State/UT representatives were requested to take similar action urgently.

The State/UT representatives were requested to ensure the completion of closure of accounts in respect of 14th Lok Sabha by 31st May, 2017 and in respect of 15th Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members, who retired/resigned before 2014 by 30th June, 2017.

Pending Installments and slow utilisation

Status of pending installments (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) was discussed with the State/UT representatives. It was emphasised that it is very important to ensure timely and regular utilisation of funds. States were requested to hold appropriate discussions/meetings with the Nodal District Authorities for speeding up the implementation of MPLAD Scheme and expediting the furnishing of requisite documents to the ministry for release of the pending installments.

Creation of exclusive directorate for monitoring of MPLAD Scheme:

Most of the States informed that they have separate monitoring cells for monitoring of MPLAD Scheme. However, none of the States have exclusive officers of at least J5 rank officers in charge of the monitoring cell. It was specifically informed to the State representatives that the proposed exclusive cell is different from the monitoring committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary as prescribed in Para 6.3 of the Guidelines on MPLAD.

All the States assured to look into the matter and furnish a complete reply to the ministry at the earliest.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.