No. C-06/2011-MPLADS

To,

The Nodal Secretaries of States/UTs
Commissioner Municipal Corporation of Delhi/Kolkata/Chennai/Mumbai District Collector/District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners,
All Districts.

Sub: MPLAD Scheme – Assistance to Bar Associations

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry has been receiving representations from various Members of Parliament requesting for providing assistance to Bar Associations. The matter has been examined in view of the enhanced allocation of MPLADS funds and it has been decided to permit assistance to Bar Associations under the MPLAD Scheme as per the following para, which may be added as para 3.38 of the Guidelines on MPLAD Scheme:-

"3.38 Assistance to Bar Associations – MPs may recommend their MPLADS funds to the Bar Associations at the Tehsil/Sub-division/District level for construction of Building of the Bar Association provided the land for it belongs to the Central, State/UT or local self-Government and subject to the provisions of para 3.21 of the MPLADS Guidelines. No MPLADS Funds will be permissible for any recurring expenditure of the Bar Association.

The accounts of expenditure will be strictly maintained separately for MPLADS and other Government sources and a strict check will be maintained to avoid any duplication/duplicate accounting. A plaque (steel/metal) indicating the cost involved, contribution made from MPLADS/other Government source, if any, commencement, completion and inaugural date and the name of the MP sponsoring the work should be permanently erected.

3.38.1 Assistance to Bar Association Library for purchase of books: Subject to provisions of para 3.38 above and para 3.21 of the MPLADS Guidelines, MPs may recommend MPLADS funds to Bar Association Library for purchase of books upto Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. fifty thousand only) per annum for Lower and District Courts (courts at Tehsil/Sub-division/District level).
3.38.2 The recommendations of the MPs under paras 3.38 and 3.38.1 will be examined/approved by a Committee consisting of:

-District Commissioner/District Magistrate of the respective District Chairman
--Public prosecutor nominated by District/Session Judge Member
-Registrar of the respective court Member
-Two eminent Lawyers/Advocates nominated by the Bar Council Member

2. Since, presently, under para 3.21 of the MPLADS Guidelines community infrastructure and public utility building works are only permissible for registered societies/trusts and books are not covered therein, para 3.38.1 is in modification of contents in para 3.21.

3. These instructions may strictly be adhered to in implementation of MPLAD Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy for information to:

1. All Hon’ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha).
2. Rajya Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
4. To all concerned in MPLADS Division.
5. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS Website.