To

(1) The Commissioners, Corporations of Kolkata / Chennai / Delhi
(2) All District Collectors/District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners

Sub: Financial assistance to educational institutions- clarifications regarding.

Sir/Madam,

1. References are received in this Ministry to seek clarifications on the provisions relating to financial assistance to educational institutions from MPLADS funds.

2. The extant provisions for financial assistance to educational institutions in the Guidelines on MPLADS are as follows:

3.37 Providing assistance to aided educational institutions: MPs may recommend their MPLADS funds to aided educational Institutions which are receiving financial assistance from State Government and are recognized by a State/UT/Central Board of Secondary Education in the case of schools and by State/Central University in case of colleges and are not charging commercial fee from students. Such aided educational institutions will be allowed to have MPLADS funds for all permissible items under the MPLADS Guidelines.

3.37.1 Educational Institutions recognized by a State/UT/Central Board of Secondary Education in the case of schools and by the State/Central University in case of colleges, being run by the trust/society will be covered by the maximum ceiling imposed for trusts/societies under the MPLADS Guidelines.
3. The crux of these paras, as they stand on date, is as below:

(i) Para 3.37:
(a) Aided educational institutions which are receiving financial assistance from State Governments and are recognized by a Board of Secondary Education / University and are not charging commercial fee from students are eligible for receiving MPLADS funds for all permissible items under the Guidelines with no ceiling.

(b) Aided educational institutions run by non-government trusts / societies are not included under para 3.37.

(ii) Para 3.37.1:
(a) Para 3.37.1 relates to educational institutions run by non-government trusts / societies, both aided and un-aided.

(b) Both aided and un-aided educational institutions which are recognized by a Board of Secondary Education / University and are run by trusts / societies are eligible for receiving MPLADS funds for all permissible items under the Guidelines; the particular trust / society which runs the concerned educational institution will be governed by the maximum ceiling imposed on trusts / societies under the Guidelines (para 3.21) [that is, Rs. 50 lakh to one particular trust / society in its life-time (as also that one honourable MP can recommend only upto Rs. 1 crore in one financial year to all trusts / societies taken together)]

4. This issues in consultation with the Internal Finance Wing of the Ministry and with approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Director (MPLADS)

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1. All Hon’ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha)
2. The Secretaries, Nodal Departments dealing with MPLADS (All States/UTs)
3. Rajya Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
4. Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi
5. All concerned in MPLADS Division
6. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS website
Copy also to (not on original) Secretary General, Rajya Sabha, Parliament House, New Delhi-110001 with the submission that the Hon’ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha Committee on MPLADS, in the meeting of the Hon’ble Committee held on 8th October, 2015 had directed that the position regarding financial assistance to educational institutions may be clarified in the field. In compliance, these clarifications have been issued in consultation with Internal Finance Wing of the Ministry and with the approval of Hon’ble Minister for Statistics & Programme Implementation (Competent Authority). It is requested that this may be placed for kind information of Hon’ble Chairman.