No. C-42/(5)/2011-MPLADS

Dated: 27th July, 2012

To,

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

Subject: MPLADS guidelines – furnishing UCs for utilizing MPLADS funds for rehabilitation work in case of natural calamity by the affected district direct to the Ministry

Sir/Madam,

Reference this Ministry's letter of even number dated 23/11/2011 issuing Reform circular No.12 making certain amendments in the provisions relating to natural calamity.

2. The matter regarding furnishing of Utilization Certificates for utilizing MPLADS funds for rehabilitation work carried out in districts affected by the natural calamity has been under consideration for quite some time. It is found that the calamity affected districts are not in a position to furnish the UC till the completion of the rehabilitation work in their districts with the result that further installments of MPLADS funds of MPs cannot be released due to the provision of minimum unsanctioned and unspent balance of Rs 2.5 crore and 1 crore respectively in para 4.3 of the MPLADS Guidelines. It has now been decided that para 2.7 and 2.8 of the MPLADS Guidelines relating to “Natural Calamity” and “Calamity of severe nature” may be further amended to read as follows:-

"2.7 Natural & Man-made Calamities: MPLADS works can also be implemented in the areas prone to or affected by the calamities like floods, cyclone, Tsunami, earthquake, hailstorm, avalanche, cloud burst and pest attack, landslides, tornado, drought, fire, chemical, biological and radiological hazards. Lok Sabha MPs from the non-affected areas of the State can also recommend permissible works up to a maximum of Rs.10 lakh per annum in the affected area(s) in that State. The funds would be released by the Nodal district of the MP concerned to the District Authority of the affected district. MPLADS funds may be pooled by the District Authority of the affected district for works permissible in the Guidelines"
The amount so transferred from the nodal district to the natural calamity affected district may be shown in the UCs as well as MPRs as amount transferred to natural calamity affected district for rehabilitation work. The Works Completion Report, Audit Certificate and Utilization Certificate for such works and funds will be provided by the District Authority of the affected districts directly to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for overall reconciliation. No separate UC/AC/Completion Report in respect of the transferred amount would be required from the Nodal District authority in this regard while processing release of subsequent installment of MPLADS funds”

2.8 In the event of “Calamity of severe nature” in any part of the country, an MP can recommend works up to a maximum of Rs.50 lakh for the affected district. Whether a calamity is of severe nature or not, will be decided by the Government of India. The funds in this regard will be released by the District Authority of Nodal district of the MP concerned to the District Authority of the affected district to get permissible works done.

The amount so transferred from the nodal district to the natural calamity affected district may be shown in the UCs as well as MPRs as amount transferred to natural calamity affected district for rehabilitation work. The Works Completion Report, Audit Certificate and Utilization Certificate for such works and funds will be provided by the District Authority of the affected districts directly to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for overall reconciliation. No separate UC/AC/Completion Report in respect of the transferred amount would be required from the Nodal District authority in this regard while processing release of subsequent installment of MPLADS funds”

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

3. This issues with the approval of AS and FA.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Choudhary)
Director (MPLADS)

Copy for information to:

6. All Hon’ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha).
7. Rajya Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
8. Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
9. To all concerned in MPLADS Division.
10. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS Website.