File No. C-23/2011-MPLADS

To

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

Sub: - Installation of rainwater harvesting systems.

Sir,

The Ministry has received suggestions from MPs to allow rainwater harvesting systems under MPLADS.

2. The MPLADS is essentially for creation of durable community assets. Individual benefits / assets are precluded. Rainwater harvesting systems are not specifically included in the Guidelines on MPLADS. In the Guidelines in Annexure-IV, which gives sector-wise types of illustrative works, ‘public ground water recharging facilities’ are included under ‘Irrigation Facilities’; this relates to Government-implemented schemes to augment ground water for irrigation. Also, ‘rainwater harvesting parks–demo projects’ are included under ‘Works relating to urban development’; this relates to Government-implemented demonstration projects. Installation of rainwater harvesting systems in Government buildings and public places is not included in the Guidelines.

3. It has been decided to incorporate Para 3.43 in the Guidelines on MPLADS to permit rainwater harvesting systems (both for water storage and ground water recharging) in Government buildings and public places, as below:

   "3.43 Installation of rainwater harvesting systems: Installation of rainwater harvesting systems (both for water storage and ground water recharging) in Government buildings and public places like schools, colleges,
hospitals, community halls, water-bodies, etc. belonging to Central, State and Local Self Government will be permissible under the MPLADS."

4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Sai Baba)
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. To all concerned in MPLADS Division.
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