1. The Commissioners, Corporations of Kolkata / Chennai / Delhi

2. All District Collectors/District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners

Sub: Provision of Solar lighting systems.

Sir / Madam,

References have been received in Ministry seeking clarifications regarding provision of solar lights for providing efficient and clean lighting.

2. The objective of MPLAD Scheme is for development works and creation of durable community assets based on locally felt needs. Non-durable and movable assets are not allowed. Any durable community asset which promotes Green Energy is allowed under the MPLADS.

3. Some of the States have electrification of less than 50%. As several areas in these States have inadequate coverage of street lighting Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has developed Atal Jyoti Yojana for providing solar lighting systems for public use. The Scheme provides for 75% of cost of solar street lighting through that Ministry's Budget and the balance 25% is to be provided from MPLADS funds, Panchayat and Urban Local Bodies funds.

4. As per para 3.17 and 3.18 of the Guidelines on MPLADS, the MPs may recommend contribution by certain amount out of his MPLADS funds for this Scheme also. District Authorities may accord highest
priority in sanctioning and implementation of the same following the
established procedure of the State government and the provisions of the
Guidelines on MPLADS specifically para no. 2.6, 2.11, 3.3, 3.17 and
3.18.

6. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Saibaba)
Director (MPLADS)

Copy for information to:

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 Sectt., New
   Delhi.
4. Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS, Lok Sabha Sectt., New Delhi.
5. To all concerned in MPLADS Division.
6. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS website.