

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification regarding contribution towards PM/CM Relief Fund from MPLADS- reg.

This Ministry has been receiving queries from various quarters on whether contributions to PM/CM Relief Fund could be made from MPLADS funds. It has also come to the notice of the Ministry that several Hon'ble Members have consented to contribute from their MPLADS funds towards PM/CM Relief Fund as part of containment and remedial measures for COVID-19.

2. It may kindly be noted that as per of the MPLADS Guidelines, “**grants and loans, contribution to any Central and State/UT Relief Funds**” are **PROHIBITED** under MPLADS Guidelines (refer S. No. 06 in Annexure-II (List of works prohibited under MPLADS)).

3. This Ministry vide its Circular E-4/2020- MPLADS(Pt-II) (copy enclosed for ready reference) has, as a special case, enabled the Members to contribute towards the larger national cause **to/through such Fund/Central Government Pool or Head of Account as may be decided by the Central Government** for managing COVID-19 in the country. This dispensation **excludes** the PM or CM Relief Funds.

4. Hon'ble Members of Parliament desiring to donate funds for addressing the COVID-19 pandemic using their entitlement from the MPLADS fund during 2020-21, may do so **only in the specified format** enclosed with the circular dated 28.03.2020. Requests by Hon'ble MPs for transfer of MPLAD funds to **any other** centralized

account/head than that specified in the specified format will be deemed to be **VOID/INVALID**.

5. The Ministry, on its part, is already requesting the concerned Members to review their letter of consent accordingly. It is requested that the afore-mentioned provisions of the MPLADS Guidelines may be brought to the kind notice of all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in blue ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads 'Mainak Mukherjee' in a cursive script.

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To

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