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Press Note on contribution for Kerala Floods

Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) has a provision for Members to contribute funds for rehabilitation and reconstruction works in the areas affected by severe calamity. After declaration of the floods as calamity of severe nature was made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of Statistics Programme Implementation issued an appeal to all Members of Parliament on 24th August, 2018 to contribute from their MPLADS fund for rehabilitation works in affected areas of Kerala.

As per guideline of the Scheme, an MP can contribute upto one crore from their MPLADS fund for the area affected by severe calamity. Till 8th of October, 2018, 102 MPs from across India have contributed an amount totalling to Rs. 43.67 crore for this purpose. Rs. 29.57 crore have been contributed by 56 Rajya Sabha Members and Rs. 14.10 crore by 46 Lok Sabha Members. 30 MPs have contributed one crore which is the maximum that an MP can contribute. 11 MPs have contributed Rs. 50 Lakh or more and 14 MPs have contributed Rs. 25 lakh. Rest of the MPs have contributed between Rs. 1 lakh to less than Rs. 25 lakh.

From Kerala, 6 MPs have contributed one crore each totalling to Rs 6 Crore. While in other States, number of contributing MPs is as follows. 14 MPs of Uttar Pradesh, 11 MPs of Maharashtra, 9 MPs of Bihar, 7 MPs of Gujarat, 4 MPs each of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan, 3 MPs each of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, 2 MPs each of Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal; 1 MP each of Chandigarh, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura have contributed for the rehabilitation works.

The guidelines have also been simplified so that the work can be undertaken without much delay. The amended guidelines provide for administrative approval for the rehabilitation works under MPLADS at the level of Chief Secretary, Kerala in the flood affected areas / districts. The State Nodal Department overseeing the MPLAD scheme would maintain details on work selected, amount spent, etc and furnish the same to Ministry on quarterkly basis which would be utilized for overall reconciliation. A separate Bank

Account has been already opened by Government of Kerala to receive this amount. The account has received three crore rupees till now. The Ministry is following up with the concerned Nodal District Authorities of the consenting Members to effect smooth transfer of the funds at the earliest.
