D.O. No. C/16/2009-MPLADS

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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the country is facing drought conditions and the water table has gone down creating paucity of drinking water for the people. In this situation, relief can be provided through the MPLAD Scheme, which envisages creation of appropriate assets for drinking water to address the basic needs of the people in the affected area.

2. As per para 2.7 of the MPLADS Guidelines, Lok Sabha MPs from the areas of the State not affected by the drought can also recommend permissible works upto a maximum of Rs. 10 lakh per annum in the notified drought affected areas in that State. The Guidelines provides that the Rajya Sabha MPs can recommend works anywhere in the States/UTs from where they have been elected and, therefore, Rajya Sabha MPs can recommend permissible works in the notified drought affected areas. MPLADS funds can also be pooled by the district authority of the affected district for works permissible in the Guidelines.

3. I, therefore, request all Members of Parliament to recommend works relating to provision of drinking water in the notified drought affected districts, such as hand pumps for drinking water, storage tanks, reservoirs, community rain water harvesting, etc.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sriprikash Jaiswal)

To,

All Members of Parliament of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha