## Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme



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To

The Commissioners,
Corporation of Kolkata/Chennai/Delhi
Districts Collectors/District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners.

Sub: Modifications in the existing MPLADS Guidelines – Providing Weighing scale machine under the MPLAD Scheme.

Sir/Madam,

This Ministry has been receiving representations and suggestions from various Members of Parliament requesting for providing weighing machine under the MPLAD Scheme for weighing the agricultural produce correctly and to save the farmers from being cheated at the hands of commission agents. The matter has been exmined and it has been decided to allow MPLADS funds for installing weighing machine as per the following para, which may be added as Para 3.40 in the revised MPLADS Guidelines 2012:-

"Para 3.40 <u>Providing Fixed Weighing scale Machine under the MPLAD Scheme :- Members of Parliament may recommend installation of fixed Weighing scale Machines for agricultural and horticulture produce at village level, subject to the following conditions:-</u>

- The Weighing Machine shall be installed on land belonging to Central, State/UT or Local Self Government;
- It should be owned, operated and maintained by the Gram Panchayats;
- iii) The access to Weighing Machine would be for all villagers of the Panchyat. All Commercial organizations, such as factories, firms, shops and other commercial establishments etc. would not have access to the Weighing Machine;
- iv) The Weighing Machine should be used either free of charge or on no profit/no loss basis. If required, only nominal charges can be charged, which would be used for the upkeep of the machine. No commercial transaction/operation should be carried out through the asset;
- v) No recurring expenses would be permissible."
- These instructions should strictly be adhered to in implementation of MPLAD Scheme.
- This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

Yours faithfully.

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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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