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To

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

Sub: - Convergence of Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLADS) with MGNREGA

Sir/Madam,

Government has received representations for allowing convergence of MPLADS with MGNREGA. The matter has been examined and it has been decided to allow convergence as per the following para, which may be added as para 3.17.1 of the MPLADS Guidelines:

"3.17.1- Convergence of Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLADS) with MGNREGA- Funds from Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) can be converged with MGNREGA with the objective of creating more durable assets. MPs may recommend under MPLADS, works from out of the shelf of MGNREGA projects approved by the Zilla Panchayat for the year when recommendation is being made, and should have been sanctioned by the District Programme Coordinator which constitutes the approved Annual Work Plan under MGNREGA of the district. As far as possible, the MPLADS Funds shall be used in respect of material component only.

Once a work is recommended for MGNREGA, MPs will not be authorized to withdraw the same. In case of request of withdrawal of MPLADS Funds, NOC from MGNREGA would be required. The guidelines of MGNREGA including all non-negotiables, such as, no contractors, no use of machinery, social audit, etc. shall be strictly followed. The Gram Panchayat shall be nominated as the Implementing Agency by the District Planning Committee (DPC) for the convergence works under MPLADS. The DPC shall provide adequate technical support to the Gram Panchayat to implement the
works. Since the material and labour components are expected to flow simultaneously, it will not be necessary in these convergence cases for MPLADS Funds to be used only at the end.

The accounts of Expenditure will be strictly maintained separately for both MPLADS and MGNREGA. A joint plaque (stone/metal) indicating the cost involved, contribution from MPLADS/ MGNREGA, commencement, completion and inauguration and the name of the MP sponsoring the work under MPLAD Scheme/MGNREGA should be permanently erected.”

2. These instructions should strictly be adhered to in implementation of convergence schemes of MPLADS/MGNREGA.

3. This issue with the approval of Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Choudhary) Director

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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.
6. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS Website.