

MOST IMMEDIATE

No. E-4/2020-MPLADS (Pt-II)
Government of India
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(MPLADS Division)

Sardar Patel Bhawan,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001
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Subject: Non-operation of MPLADS for FY 2020-21 & FY 2021-22 – Clarification on unreleased instalments as on or before 31.03.2020

This is with reference to the Ministry's Circular dated 08th April, 2020 of even number conveying the decision of the government not to operate the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years (FY 2020-21 and FY2021-22). Accordingly, the budgetary outlay for FY 2020-21 in respect of the MPLAD scheme has been placed at the disposal of Ministry of Finance for managing the economic and health impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The Ministry has been receiving a number of representations from several quarters requesting for release of unreleased MPLADS instalments pending up to 31.03.2020. In this regard following clarifications are relevant:

- (a) The MPLAD Scheme is operated in terms of the provisions of the MPLADS Guidelines, as amended from time to time. The Rs. 5 crore allotted to each Hon'ble MP in a year are released based on their recommendations along with associated documents. However, the total releases in any year is governed by the overall budget allocation for MPLAD Scheme to MoSPI. Thus, though the Rs 5 crore gets notionally accumulated each year for an Hon'ble MP, any amount not spent by this Ministry goes back to the Consolidated Fund of India at the end of the financial year and **does not remain with MoSPI**.
- (b) In view of the decision of the Cabinet to not operate MPLADS for 2020-21 and 2021-22, it is clarified that the budgetary outlay for FY 2020-21 in respect of the MPLAD scheme has been placed at the disposal of Ministry of Finance, and consequently there shall be **no further release** of instalments of MPLADS for 2 years, that is, during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. This **includes** the unreleased instalments for any Hon'ble MP as on 31.03.2020.
- (c) The Hon'ble MPs may accordingly like to re-prioritise their recommended works so that they are completed from the unspent/un-utilised funds available with the District Authorities, in light of instructions contained in circular No. E-4/2020-MPLADS (Pt. II) dated 08.04.2020. It is reiterated that expenditure for completing any recommended works or for making payments towards completed works will have to be met from within the funds available with the District Authorities.

- (d) The District Authorities may complete the pending work from the available funds at the earliest and finalise the accounts, including those recommended by earlier Hon'ble MPs. The unspent amount from such works may be transferred in accordance with the MPLAD Scheme Guidelines.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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