
To

1. The Commissioners, Corporations of Kolkata / Chennai / Delhi
2. All District Collectors / District Magistrates / Deputy Commissioners

Subject:- Modification in the existing Guidelines of MPLADS – eligibility of Cooperative Societies - regarding

1. As per the extant Guidelines of MPLADS, community infrastructure and public utility building works are permissible for registered trusts / societies (Para 3.21). Cooperative societies are not eligible for receiving funds under the MPLADS (Item 2 of Annexure II).

2. The cooperative movement not only promotes rural development but also prevents exploitation of the rural poor / under-literate. To keep infrastructure and public utility building works of the cooperative societies, which are for the public / community at large, outside the purview of MPLADS does not appear very appropriate.

3. It has accordingly been decided that infrastructure and public utility building works of cooperative societies may also be brought under the ambit of MPLADS, with certain safeguards/conditions. A new Para 3.42 in the Guidelines is accordingly added.

Para 3.42 Cooperative Societies :

(i) Cooperative societies will be eligible for assistance under MPLADS at par with registered trusts / societies.

(ii) The cooperative society should be in existence for the preceding 3 years and, in the opinion of the district authority, based on an objective assessment of performance and records, etc., should be well-reputed and dedicated to community / public good.

(iii) The assistance will only be for community infrastructure and public utility building works (which are permissible for trusts / societies under Para 3.21).

(iv) The structure constructed with MPLADS funds will be the property of the State / UT Government. (Para 3.21.1 of the Guidelines will be applicable mutatis mutandis.)
(v) The upper ceilings for assistance to trusts/societies (Rs.50 lakh to one particular trust/society in its lifetime and Rs.1 crore to all trusts/societies by one MP in one year) will be applicable. (Para 3.21.2 of the Guidelines will be applicable *mutatis mutandis.*

(vi) The recommending MP or any of his family members should not be an office-bearer or member or having patronage of the cooperative society. Mutual funding by MPs will not be allowed. (Para 3.21.3 of the Guidelines will be applicable *mutatis mutandis.*

(vii) The works (of infrastructure and public utility buildings) should be strictly non-commercial in nature.

(viii) The works should be for the community or public at large. Individual or family benefits will not be allowed. (Item 11 of Annexure II will be applicable.)

(ix) Substitution of MPLADS funds for public and community contribution will not be allowed. (Para 3.20 of the Guidelines will be applicable.)

(x) The works will be put to productive use. Their maintenance and operating costs will be the responsibility of the recipient cooperative society.

(xi) In Item 2 of Annexure II the word “cooperative” is deleted.

(xii) Office and residential buildings of cooperative societies will not be allowed (that is, residual Item 2 of Annexure II will be applicable to cooperative societies).

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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