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## **Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme**



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To.

The Commissioners
Corporations of Kolkata/Chennai/Delhi
District Collectors/District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners(All)

Subject:-Clarification regarding utilisation of MPLADS funds for welfare of the differently abled persons-reg.

Sir /Madam,

Government have received representations, requesting that MPs be allowed to spend some MPLAD funds, in assisting physically challenged people. It has been argued, that physically challenged persons face severe hardships, and it is the general policy of Government of India, to take all possible steps, to ameliorate their condition.

- 2. The issue has been considered at length, in this Ministry. It is felt, that it would be appropriate, to allow Members of Parliament, as public representatives, to spend some of their MPLAD funds, in assisting the physically handicapped in this country, towards a better life, as a mark of their concern.
- 3. Government is aware that item No.11, of Annexure II, of the current MPLAD Guidelines, prohibits assistance to individuals. After consideration, it has been decided, that this condition be relaxed, in favour of physically challenged persons only, keeping in view the larger public good. It is, accordingly directed, that henceforth, MPs will be allowed to spend a maximum of Rs.10.00 (Ten) lakhs per year, from their MPLAD funds, for giving assistance to the physically challenged.
- 4. In order to ensure, that the fund is properly spent, it is directed that such assistance be given only for the purchase of tri-cycles and artificial limbs, for differently abled persons. It is also directed, that all applications for such assistance will be examined and approved, by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of the District, to ensure proper eligibility. The District authorities, under the District Collector /Deputy Commissioner, will also be fully involved in the selection of such eligible persons.

This circular will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2011.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:-

1. All Hon'ble Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha).

- 2. The Secretary, Nodal Department dealing with MPLADS (All States/UTs).
- 3. Shri D.B. Singh, Joint Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
- 4. Shri Hardev Singh, Director, Lok abha Secretariat, New Delhi.
- 5. To all concerned in MPLADS Division.
- 6. NIC for uploading on the MPLADS Website.