

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3524
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SOIL TESTING UNDER MPLADS .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to bring soil testing schemes under MPLADS scheme;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (c): Under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme(MPLADS), developmental works based on locally felt needs are taken up on recommendations of the MPs. The emphasis is on creation of durable assets. The proposal for soil testing does not conform to the present Guidelines on MPLADS.