

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the Member of Parliament Local Area Development (MPLAD) fund was introduced;
- (b) whether this fund is sufficient keeping in view the increasing inflation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any Committee has been constituted with regard to said fund;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government on the recommendations of the Committee on MPLAD Scheme fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a) The Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) was introduced in the year 1993.
- (b) to (f) There are two Committees of Parliament (Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha) on MPLADS which receive representations from MPs and the proposals submitted by the Government of India to advise the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, for appropriate action. Both the Committees have recommended increase in annual allocation of MPLADS fund. The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementatin had taken up the proposal of enhancement of MPLADS fund with Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has informed that since a number of ongoing flagship programmes require additional resources, it may not be feasible to enhance the annual allocation under MPLAD Scheme at the present juncture.