

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:244
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2011
HIKE IN MPLADS FUND
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently increased the allocation under MPLADS Fund from Rs.Two crore to Five crore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that sizeable amount of MPLADS fund is lying unspent;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to facilitate prudent utilisation of funds under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.244 answered on 18.08.2011

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The Government has approved the enhancement of the annual allocation of MPLADS fund from Rs.2 crore to Rs.5 crore per MP from the financial year 2011-12.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) As reported by the District Authorities in the monthly progress reports for the period ending 31.7.2011, an amount of Rs.2783.05 crore was lying unspent with the District Authorities.

(e) The MPLADS guidelines stipulate provisions for monitoring at District/State and the Ministry level. The guidelines also lay down that works under MPLADS should generally be completed within one year. The Ministry from time to time also instructs the State Governments/ District Authorities to strictly adhere to the guidelines for effective implementation of the scheme for prudent utilization of funds for the purpose for which the scheme has been envisaged.