

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3475  
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UNSPENT MPLAD FUNDS FOR SCS/STS  
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the huge funds under MPLAD scheme meant for development of areas inhabited by SCs/STs population is lying unspent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to review the guidelines in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The provision for Members of Parliament to recommend works for the development of areas inhabited by SCs/STs was introduced for the first time in the Guidelines when it was revised in November, 2005. The district authorities are responsible for enforcing these provisions relating to SC/ST areas. The district authorities also are instructed from time to time by the Ministry to enforce these provisions. The Ministry has not received any information relating to huge sums for SC/ST areas lying unspent with the district authorities.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal for revision of MPLADS guidelines in this regard. The guidelines issued in November 2005, are still in operation.