

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

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UTILIZATION OF MPLAD FUNDS  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently made changes in the MPLAD scheme to allow the utilization of MPLAD funds towards material component of the projects under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) Yes sir.

(b) With the objective of creating more durable assets, the Government has allowed convergence of MPLADS funds with MGNREGA works from out of the shelf of MGNREGA projects approved by the Zilla Panchayat. These works should have been sanctioned by the District Programme Coordinator which constitutes the approved Annual Work Plan under MGNREGA of the district. As far as possible, the MPLADS funds shall be used for material component only.

The Gram Panchayat shall be nominated as the Implementing Agency by the District Planning Committee (DPC) for the convergence works under MPLADS. The DPC shall provide adequate technical support to the Gram Panchayat to implement the works.

(c) Does not arise.