

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MPLAD FUND IN BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large interest amount accrued from Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) Fund is reported to be lying unused in many nationalized banks of the country due to absence of a clear directive from the Government in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for utilizing such amount?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namo Narain Meena)

(a) to (c): Under the Member of Parliament Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) amount accrued as interest on the funds released to the respective nodal district authorities of the MPs is utilized for developmental works, alongwith the principal amount of MPLADS fund. The amount of interest does not accumulate with the banks and as such does not remain unused.