

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3202

ANSWERED ON:30.08.2012

MPLAD FUND FOR DRINKING WATER SCHEME

Anandan Shri K.Murugeshan;Jawale Shri Haribhau Madhav;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

- (a) whether MPLAD Fund was introduced in the year 1993 with the sole aim to provide drinking water, sanitation, water conservation activities, develop school buildings and roads;
- (b) if so, since when many changes have taken place on the guidelines to use fund;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restrict the use of fund only for the purpose for which it was created; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) Government introduced the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) in the year 1993 to create durable community assets including assets of national priority viz drinking water, irrigation, roads, school buildings, etc.

With the experience gained over years and having considered the suggestions of different stake holders, it was felt necessary to carry out a comprehensive revision of the Guidelines from time to time.

(d)&(e) With enhancement of the annual allocation of the MPLADS fund, the scope of MPLAD Scheme has been extended to include more items e.g. rehabilitation works in the areas affected by the calamities, installation of Early Warning Systems, construction of multi-purpose sports facilities, books to libraries, computers to schools, motorized tricycles to differently abled persons, Railway Halt Stations, etc.