

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:291
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2012
MPLAD FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF TRANSFORMERS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) can be used for replacing/repairing of the transformers in the villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the share of the States in this regard;
- (c) if not, whether the Government has received any proposal from the States for allowing MPLADS funds for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

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 (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in parts (a) to (d) of Starred Question No.291 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 13.12.2012.

(a) to (d) As per MPLADS guidelines, the Projects of Government Agencies for improvement of Electricity Distribution Infrastructure are permitted. Thus, MPLADS funds can be used for purchase of transformers by Government Agencies including replacement of old transformers by new transformers. Repair or re-cycling of the old transformers in any form is not permitted.

The transformers' replacement can either be funded fully from MPLADS or funds from Central/State Government/other sources can be pooled with MPLADS funds.

The guidelines do not provide for any fixed proportion of share of funding by different sources.