

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

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ENHANCEMENT OF ALLOCATION UNDER MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the annual allocation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which this increase will be effected;
- (c) whether there is also proposal to change the nomenclature of MPLADS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The proposal to enhance the quantum of MPLADS funds was sent to the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission for their approval. The Planning Commission has informed that they would appraise the project only after a judgement is delivered by the Supreme Court in this regard and also when there is clarity on availability of additional funds.

(c)&(d) The Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS had recommended that the 'Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)' be renamed as 'Scheme for Local Area Development'. However, the Ministry is of the view that the unique nature of this Scheme would be lost if the nomenclature of the Scheme is changed.