

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the funds allocated and spent therefrom under the MPLAD Scheme during the year 2008-2009, State-wise;
- (b) whether the scheme is serving its purpose for which it has been formulated;
- (c) if so, the details of the assessment made in this regard; and
- (d) the mechanism adopted for assessing the achievement of the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) State wise details of funds allocated and spent therefrom under MPLAD Scheme during the year 2008-2009 is placed at Annexure-1.

(b) to (d) The MPLAD funds have been used for creation of durable community assets relating to national priorities viz. drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation and roads, etc.

To assess the impact of the Scheme at the ground level, the physical monitoring of works executed under MPLAD Scheme has been entrusted to NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS), an independent agency. The NABCONS have found that the MPLAD Scheme is a unique Scheme, having the characteristic features of decentralized development and has resulted in creation of good quality of assets, which have had a positive impact on the local economy, social fabric and the physical environment. They have further reported that the Scheme has been welcomed by the people due to its inherent strengths and its positive impact on their economic and social life. The assessment has been made on the basis of sample works from the selected district since 2007-08.

Since inception of the Scheme, as of 31.10.2009, an amount of Rs. 20351.25 crore has been released, out of which Rs. 18600.90 crore has been utilized. The percentage of cumulative utilization over cumulative release is 91.40%. About 12.82 lakh works have been recommended, 11.45 lakh works were sanctioned, and about 10.49 lakh works have been completed. The percentage of cumulative works completed to cumulative works sanctioned, is 91.61%. High utilization percentage of the funds itself is a mechanism for assessment of the achievement of the scheme.