

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2735  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

**RESTARTING OF MPLAD SCHEME**

**2735. KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGMA:**

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

**(a) whether the stopping of MPLAD funds for two years has adversely affected the local development works in the backward States like North Eastern Region and Meghalaya;**

**(b) if so, whether the Government is considering to restart the MPLAD scheme from this financial year; and**

**(c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

**(a) The Government has received references from Hon'ble Members of Parliament from across the country including North Eastern Region and Meghalaya that the development activities are also likely to get affected after the decisions of the Government not to operate MPLADS during FY 2020-21 and FY-2021-2022. However, the Government has not conducted any survey to assess the impact on local development works in the backward States like North Eastern Region and Meghalaya after the decisions of the Government not to operate MPLADS during FY 2020-21 and FY-2021-2022.**

**(b) No Sir.**

**(c) The Government has decided not to operate the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years, that is, during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 and decided to place the MPLADS funds for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 at the disposal of the Ministry of Finance for strengthening its efforts in managing the challenges of COVID-19 which has been declared as a global pandemic and a notified disaster in the country.**

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