



## Message

This Pocket Book on MPLADS Guidelines is being published for the first time as a ready reference for Members of Parliament. It will be helpful in making better recommendations and hence result in improved utilization of MPLADS Funds.

We hope that this would be useful to the Members of Parliament and other users.



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## **GUIDELINES ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT (MPLAD) SCHEME**

### **FEATURES:**

1. **MPLAD Scheme** enables MPs to recommend works of **developmental nature** in their area for **creation of durable community assets**; based on the locally felt needs.
2. Each MP is entitled for Rs. 5 Crore annually, which is released in two equal installments. Two percent of the entitlement is to be used for administrative expenses (para 4.17).
3. Recommended works should be for creation of assets and amenities in drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation, roads, etc.
4. **Choice of Nodal District and geographical area of recommended work: -**

<b>Type of MP</b>	<b>Nodal District Choice (Para 2.3)</b>	<b>Geographical area of recommended work</b>
<b>Lok Sabha MP</b>	Any district of the constituency	Within Constituency of election
<b>Rajya Sabha MP</b>	Any district in the state of election	Within the State of Election
<b>Nominated MP of both houses</b>	Any district in the country	Anywhere in the country

5. **Each MP can recommend works up to the annual entitlement during the financial year** online or in the format at Annexure-III to the concerned District Authority (Para 2.2).
6. MPs can recommend every year at least 15 per cent of the MPLADS entitlement for the year for SC inhabited areas.
7. MPs can recommend every year at least 7.5 per cent of the

MPLADS entitlement for the year for ST inhabited areas.

8. **Natural & Man-made Calamities:** MPs can recommend MPLADS work in the areas prone to or affected by the calamities/ Natural Disaster.
  - a. In the event of “**Calamity of Severe Nature**” in any part of the country, an MP can recommend works up to **Rs.1 crore** for the affected district (Severity will be decided by GoI) (Para 2.8).
  - b. Lok Sabha MPs of the State can recommend works up to **Rs.25 lakh per annum** in the area(s) affected by Natural & Man-made Calamity in that State (Para 2.7).
9. **Contribution of MPLADS funds for work outside MP’s constituency or outside his/her State/UT:** (Para 2.9.1).
  - a. Maximum amount is limited to Rs. 25 lakh in a financial year.
  - b. Not allowed for Trusts/Societies and Cooperative Societies
10. The work and the site selected for the work execution can only be changed with the concurrence of the MP concerned. (Para 3.4).

(Change will not be allowed once the work has commenced and expenditure liability is incurred)
11. Duration/span allowed to district authority for sanction/ rejection of recommended work (Para 3.12): -
  - a. Sanction – within 75 days (from receipt of recommendation)
  - b. Rejection – within 45 days (from receipt of recommendation), with reasons.
12. All recommended works received by the District Authority till the last date of the term of the MP is to be executed, provided these are as per norms and within the entitlement of MPLADS funds of the MP(Para 3.11).

13. Funds can be converged with Scheme/projects of Central & State Govt. (as per Para 3.17)
14. Funds from local bodies can be pooled with MPLADS works. (as per Para 3.17)
15. Augmentation of certain amount out of his/her MPLADS funds in a Centrally Sponsored Scheme against Central plus State share indicating the geographical area where to be implemented
16. An MP cannot indicate individual beneficiary while recommending convergence with Central/State Scheme. (para 3.18)
17. Public and community contribution to the works are permissible.
  - MPLADS funds can be used limited to the estimated amount minus the public and community contribution.
18. The works pooled under MPLADS must be friendly to person with disability wherever feasible/required.

## 19. NGOs/Trusts/Societies

1. Community infrastructure and public utility building works are permissible for registered Societies/Trusts (subject to Para 3.21, Para 3.21.1 to 3.21.6)
  - Provided, Society/Trust is engaged in the social service/welfare activity and
  - Has been in existence for the preceding **three years**.
2. And registered with **DARPAN portal of NITI Aayog**. (Subject to Para 3.21, Para 3.21.1 to 3.21.6)
3. The ownership of the land may remain with the Society/Trust.
4. The structure constructed with MPLADS funds for NGOs/Trusts/Societies shall be the property of State/UT Government.

5. The Society/Trust shall undertake to operate, maintain and up keep the asset created.
  6. NGOs/Society/Trust can receive a max of **Rs. 50 Lakh** of MPLADS funds in its lifetime. (Para 3.21.2)
  7. An MP can recommend up to **Rs. One Crore** in a year to NGOs/societies/trusts.  
(Para 3.21.2)
  8. MPLADS funding is not permissible, if the recommending MP or any of his/her family members is the President/Chairman or Member of the Managing Committee or Trustee of the registered Society/Trust in question.
- 20. Minimum amount for a project:** Normally not be less than Rs. 1 lakh,

#### **List of works/items permitted under MPLADS**

21. Purchase of **Books for all eligible educational institutions** to a max. limit of Rs.22 Lakhs.
22. Up to Rs. 20 Lakh/year for **differently abled persons** for purchase of tricycles, motorized/battery operated wheelchair, hearing aid and artificial limbs.
23. **Solar Lights** -solar light project (subject to item 11 of Annexure II).
24. **Ambulances/Hearse Vans for hospitals**
25. **Ambulances for sick/injured animals** in Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks (para 3.25.1).
26. **Purchase of computers** for all eligible educational institutions (Para 3.30, 3.37.1).
27. **Purchase of Visual Display Units** for all eligible educational institutions (Para 3.30.1 and 3.37, 3.37.1).
28. **Purchase of mobile library from MPLADS funds** for educational institutes belonging to Central, State, UT and Local Self Government. (Para 3.31).

29. Installation of New borings in place of existing non-functional hand pumps (Para 3.32).
30. Creation of a Facilitation Centre for an M.P at each District (Para 3.34)
31. Construction of Railway Halt Station (Para 3.35)
32. **Assistance without ceiling to government educational Institutions**, recognized by **any board** or University and not charging any **commercial fee**, for all permissible items. (Para 3.37)
33. **Aided / un-aided** educational institutions, **recognized** by a Board/University, run by **trusts/societies** for all **permissible** items subject to limit imposed on assistance to trust/society (Para 3.21 & Para 3.37.1).
34. Construction of Bar Association Building at the Tehsil /Sub-Division/ District level provided land belongs to the Central, State/ UT or Local Self Government or belongs to the Bar Association within the concerned court premises. (Para 3.38).
35. Purchase of books up to Rs. 50,000/- per annum for bar association library (Para 3.38.1).
36. **Bio-digesters** developed by the DRDO (Para 3.39).
37. Fixed Weighing scale Machine (Para 3.40).
38. **CCTV Camera System** for security surveillance at Strategic locations in the country (Para 3.41).
39. **Cooperative Societies** treated at par with trust/societies (Para 3.42).
40. Installation of **rainwater harvesting** systems(Para 3.43)
41. **Wi-Fi system at educational institutions, villages and selected places** (vide circular L-30/02/2014-MPLADS dated 28.11.2016 for Para 3.44)

**List of items mentioned at the Annexure-IIA are also permissible under MPLAD Scheme.**



## NON-LAPSABLE FUNDS

42. The funds not released in a particular year are carried forwarded for release in the subsequent years (subject to the fulfillment of criteria stipulated in Paragraph 4.3).
43. Unutilized fund of an MP, after the tenure comes to an end, distributed to the newly elected MPs in the manner prescribe below:

House	Distribution /transfer
Lok Sabha Elected (para 4.7)	Transfer to successor LS MP from that constituency(funds not committed works of the predecessor MP)
Lok Sabha Nominated-Anglo Indian (para 4.10)	Equally distributed amongst the successor Anglo Indian nominated members of Lok Sabha.(funds not committed for the recommended and sanctioned works)
Rajya Sabha Elected (para4.8)	Equally distributed amongst all sitting RS members of the State.(funds not committed for the recommended works)
Rajya Sabha Nominated (para 4.9)	Equally distributed amongst the successor nominated members of Rajya Sabha.(funds not committed for the recommended and sanctioned works)

## **LIST OF WORKS PROHIBITED UNDER MPLADS**

(Annexure II of the Guidelines on MPLADS)

1. Office and residential buildings belonging to Central and State Governments, their Departments, Government Agencies/Organizations and Public Sector Undertakings.
2. Office and residential buildings and other works belonging to private and commercial organizations.
3. All works involving commercial establishments/units.
4. All maintenance works of any type.
5. All renovation and repair works. (However, works of retrofitting of essential lifeline buildings, viz. Govt. hospitals, Govt. Schools and public buildings to be used as shelters in an emergency and heritage and archaeological monuments and buildings with specific permission available from the Archaeological Survey of India will be permitted under MPLADS).
6. Grants and loans, contribution to any Central and State/UT Relief Funds.
7. Naming of assets after any person.
8. Project of movable items except as those provided in Annexure –II-A.
9. Acquisition of land or any compensation for land acquired.
10. Reimbursement of any type of completed or partly completed works or items.
11. Assets for individual/family benefits.(However, as per para 3.28 of the guidelines, hearing aids, tri-cycle (including motorized), artificial limbs and battery operated motorized wheelchair to differently abled deserving persons are permitted).
12. All revenue and recurring expenditure.
13. Works within the places of religious worship and on land belonging to or owned by religious faith/group. (However,

construction of crematoriums and structures on burial/cremation grounds irrespective of religious faith can be taken up under the MPLADS regardless of the location being adjacent to or falling within the area under the places of religious worship).

14. Construction of Swagat Dwars.
15. Execution of works in unauthorized colonies.

List of special items permissible under the MPLADS Guidelines (**Annexure II-A** of the Guidelines on MPLADS)

1. Installation of firmly fixed waiting chairs/benches for passengers at railway stations.
2. Construction of toilets in schools.
3. Shelters for imparting training for skill development.

## **PRIORITY SECTORS**

### **I. HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

1. Buildings for hospitals, family welfare centers, public health care centers, ANM centers
2. Procurement of hospital equipments for Govt. Hospitals and dispensaries.
3. Purchase of medical equipment costing not less than Rs. 5 lakh shall be permissible or Government Hospitals / Dispensaries
4. Ambulances for Government
5. Mobile dispensaries
6. Crèches and Anganwadies
7. Construction of Blood bank building and associated fixed and durable assets.
8. Ambulance/Hearse run through NGOs
9. Other health and family welfare projects

### **II. EDUCATION**

1. Building for Government educational institutions
2. Buildings for Government aided / un-aided educational institutions
3. Computers for Govt. and Govt. aided educational institutions
4. Construction of Dining Halls and Kitchen with Fixed Purifier and Solar Geyser for Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
5. Other projects for educational institutions

### **III. ELECTRICITY FACILITY**

1. Projects for lighting of public streets and places
2. Projects of Govt. Agencies for improvement of Electricity distribution infrastructure

### **IV. DRINKING WATER FACILITY**

1. Tube wells
2. Water tanks
3. Hand pumps
4. Water tankers
5. Piped Drinking Water Supply
6. Other works for providing drinking water

### **V. IRRIGATION FACILITIES**

1. Construction of public irrigation facilities
2. Construction of flood control embankments
3. Public Lift irrigation projects
4. Public ground water recharging facilities
5. Other public irrigation projects

### **VI. NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES**

1. Community Gobar-gas plant
2. Non-conventional energy system/devices for Community use

### **VII. OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES**

1. Construction of community centers\*
2. Construction of common shelters for cyclones, Floods and handicapped
3. Construction of public libraries & reading rooms
4. Crematoriums and structures on burial/cremation ground including energy efficient crematoria

5. Common work sheds for artisans
6. Construction of bus-sheds/stops for public Transport passengers
7. Buildings for cultural activities
8. Purchase of motor boats for flood and cyclone prone areas (not for individuals)
9. Boundary walls for buildings permissible in the scheme
10. Public parks
11. Hearse
12. Battery operated buses for Govt. agencies
13. Fire tenders for Government organizations
14. Other public works not covered elsewhere
15. Retrofitting of essential lifeline buildings, viz. Govt. hospitals, Govt. Schools and public buildings to be used as shelters in an emergency.
16. Early Warning Systems for effective disaster mitigation.
  - (i) MPLADS funds can be used for construction of only one Community Hall in one village (the 'village' implies a 'revenue village').
  - (ii) in villages where one or more Community Hall already exist, whether constructed from MPLADS funds or from funds of any other Central/State Government Scheme, no further Community Hall can be constructed from MPLADS funds; and
  - (iii) the Community Hall constructed with MPLADS funds will be accessible without restriction to all members of local community.

- (iv) construction of additional floors on the existing community halls in cities where there is shortage of land is permissible.

### **VIII. RAILWAYS, ROADS, PATHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

1. Construction of roads, approach roads, link roads, Pathways.
2. Construction of foot paths.
3. Construction of culverts and bridges.
4. Level crossing at unmanned railway crossing.
5. Construction of Road Under Bridge in lieu of Level Crossings (manned or unmanned).
6. Construction of Staircase in case of Road Over Bridge(ROB) where it is not available.
7. Construction of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) for crossing Railway tracks for pedestrians/road users.
8. Construction of Diversion Roads in lieu of Level Crossings.
9. Construction of Road Under Bridges, where unauthorized crossing or cattle crossing of Railway Tracks is going on, due to construction of roads on either side of the Railway Track.
10. Construction of Approach Road to Railway Station.
11. Construction of Circulating Area of Railway Station.
12. Construction of additional Toilets for passengers in Circulation Area of Railway Station.
13. Construction of Platforms at Railway Station.
14. Construction of Foot Over Bridge at Railway Station.
15. Construction of Platform Shelter in Station premises.

16. Provision of Drinking Water in Station premises.
17. Provision of Escalator/ Travellator at Stations.
18. Provision of Solar Lighting at Station/ Level Crossing Gate.
19. Amenities for physically challenged persons at Stations(like ramps, separate toilets, etc.).

## **IX. SANITATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

1. Drains and gutters for public drainage
2. Public toilets and bathrooms
3. Garbage collection and night soil disposal Systems, earth movers including vehicles for local bodies
4. Other works for sanitation and public health

## **X. SPORTS**

1. Buildings for sports activities
2. Buildings for physical training institutions
3. Buildings for multi-gym
4. Fixed (immovable) sports equipment
5. Multi gym equipments
6. Construction of Playfields / Sports facilities at village-level / block-level.
7. Construction of Multi-Purpose Halls for Games
8. Laying of Synthetic Hockey and Football Turfs of permanent nature as per the International Standards.
9. Construction of Vyamshalas (Gymnasium/Fitness Centres)
10. Construction of Open-Air Mini Stadium with Concrete Sitting Area for spectators at District headquarters.
11. Fixed garden gym machines



12. Other public works for sports activities

**XI. Works relating to Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries**

1. Building for veterinary aid centers, artificial insemination centers & breeding centers
2. Shelters for animals
3. Construction of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries.
4. Construction of Buildings and Fixed Assets for Semen Banks.

**XII. Works relating to Agriculture**

1. Construction of Farmers' Training and Assistance Centers
2. Construction of Soil Testing Laboratories subject to the condition that no consumables will be allowed.

**XIII. Works relating to Cluster Development for Handloom Weavers**

1. Effluent Treatment Plants provided that such projects are for the community at large and not for any individuals.

**XIV. Works relating to urban development**

1. Construction of Footpaths / Pedestrian ways.
2. Construction of segregated Non-Motorized Vehicle (NMV) lanes / Cycle tracks.
3. Construction of Rainwater Harvesting Parks–demo projects – subject to only one per municipality.
4. Community Toilets.

**Note:**

- (a) The works will be for the general public / community at large and not for any individuals.

- (b) The operational and maintenance costs will be borne by the user government / ministry / department / organization. (This element will be ensured by the district authority before initiation of the work.)
- (c) The construction of a building (like multi-purpose hall for games, vyayamshala, open-air mini stadium, veterinary hospital and dispensary, semen bank, farmers' training assistance centre and soil testing laboratory, etc.) will be undertaken only and only if the particular item is duly sanctioned and its operational and maintenance requirements and costs (like manpower, furniture, fixtures, office equipment, consumables, security etc.) will be duly met by the user government / ministry / department / organization.
- (d) It will be ensured by the district authorities that the essential objective and regular productive use of the assets created under the MPLADS will be duly met.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on MPLAD Scheme

**1. What are the eligible work's criteria?**

Ans. Works of developmental nature with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs can be taken up in their Constituencies. Priority sectors for creation of durable assets includes drinking water, primary education, public health, sanitation and roads, etc.

**2. Can an MP recommend more than his/her entitlement of Rs. 5 crore per year'?**

Ans. Yes, However funds will be sanctioned only as per entitlement of the MP by Nodal District Authority (para 2.6 and 3.1 Guidelines on MPLADS).

**3. Can an MP recommend his total entitlement for the full tenure in a single financial year?**

Ans. Yes, However works are sanctioned as per Annual entitlement and funds will be released only as per annual entitlement on receipt of requisite documents (para 4.3 of the guidelines on MPLADS.)

**4. Can works duly recommended and sanctioned be cancelled?**

Ans. Yes, Cancellation can be recommended provided the cancellation does not lead to any contractual or financial liability/cost on the Government.(para 3.15 of the Guidelines).

**5. What is the maximum limit of funds to be recommended for institutions and which kind of institutions are covered under this?**

Ans. Not more than Rs. 50 lakh can be spent from MPLADS funds for one or more works of a particular Trust/Society in lifetime of that Trust/Society. (para 3.21, 3.21.1 to 3.21.6 of the Guidelines.)

**6. In case there is no SC/ST area in some Constituency how to recommend works on the earmarked 15% and 7.5% of MPLADS funds under the SC and ST areas respectively?**

Ans. MPs may recommend works for creation of community assets in SC/ST areas outside their constituencies but within their state of election. MPs can recommend every year, works costing at least 15% and 7.5% of the MPLADS fund entitlement for the year for areas inhabited by S.C. population and S.T. population respectively. If SC area is not falling in his constituency then work may be assigned in ST area & vice-versa.

**8. Can funds be utilized outside Constituency/ State?**

Ans. Yes, MP can recommend eligible works outside Constituency/ State/UT up to a maximum of Rs.25 lakh in a financial year. However, such contribution(s) are not allowed for Trusts/Societies and Cooperative Societies (Para 2.9 & para 2.9.1 of the Guidelines.)

**9. Can MP's funds be spent on recurring expenditure?**

Ans. No, all revenue and recurring expenditure is prohibited (12 of Annexure-II of guidelines.)

**10. Can MP recommend work directly on MPLADS website?**

Ans. Yes, MP can login the login ID & Password and directly recommend the works.

**11. Can MP withdraw or modify the works recommended online?**

Ans. Yes, it can be done online with the provisions of guidelines of MPLADS.

**12. How much maximum amount of the MPLADS can Hon'ble MPs recommend for rehabilitation works in the areas affected severe natural calamities?**

Ans. In the event of "Calamity of severe nature" in any

part of the country, an MP can recommend works up to a maximum of Rs. 1 crore for the affected district. Whether a calamity is of severe nature or not, will be decided by the Government of India.

**13. Whether MPLADS fund can be used for development of various projects under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY)?**

Ans. Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme is for creation of durable community assets. The Implementation of the Scheme is governed by the Guidelines on MPLADS. Members of Parliament (MPs) are entitled to recommend works amounting to rupees five crore (Rs. 5 crore) per Year. Contribution from MPLADS can be made to the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) for the works that are eligible for implementation under the Guidelines on MPLADS.

**14. What happens to the unreleased/unutilized funds under MPLAD Scheme?**

Ans. The funds under MPLADS are non-lapsable both at the end of the Union Government and at the end of the District Authority. The unspent balances of a particular year are utilized in the subsequent year(s). The unreleased funds, if any, pending with Government of India, are first released for completion of the valid recommendations of eligible works of the former MP and thereafter released to the account of the successor MP. The unspent balance, after implementing all valid recommendations of eligible works of the former MP, is transferred to the MPLADS account of the successor sitting MP.

**15. Is construction of Smart Classes in schools applicable under Guidelines on MPLADS?**

Ans. Purchase of computers (para 3.30) and purchase of visual display units (para 3.30.1), which form components of smart class, are permissible under Guidelines on

MPLADS for Government and Government aided schools.

**16. Can Shelters be created under MPLADS for imparting training for skill development?**

Ans. Yes, Shelters can be recommended under MPLADS for imparting training for skill development.

**17. Can Flag post for monumental National Flag be installed in the Guidelines on MPLADS?**

Ans. No, Flag post for monumental National Flag cannot be installed under the Guidelines on MPLADS.

**18. Can nurseries be created to source plants and tree plantation in public places including their maintenance and also to develop a programme of horticulture for beautification of public places.**

Ans. No, nurseries cannot be created from MPLADS funds to source plants and tree plantation in public places including their maintenance.

**19. Whether an MP can recommend work outside his constituency for Trusts/Societies/Cooperative Societies once during his term.**

Ans. MPLADS funds are for undertaking development works primarily in the concerned Constituency in respect of Lok Sabha MP and the concerned State in respect of Rajya Sabha MP. Therefore, diversions of MPLADS funds to places outside Constituency/State would not be in accordance with the above mentioned principle.

**20. Whether works for the development of Water Body on the land within the limits of municipal body can be undertaken from MPLADS funds?**

Ans. As per serial no. 4 & 5 of Annexure-II of the Guidelines on MPLADS, all the maintenance, renovation and repair works are prohibited under MPLADS.

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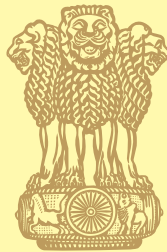
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