

Revised Guidelines on MPLADS 2023

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In news– Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation has recently released the Revised Guidelines on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)-2023.

The revised Guidelines-

- The revised set of guidelines **aims to broaden the scope of the Scheme** so as to **enable the Hon'ble MPs to recommend the developmental works as per the changing needs of the community**; with an emphasis on improving the functioning, implementation and monitoring of the MPLAD scheme.
- A new Web-Portal, for implementation of the Revised Fund Flow Procedure under MPLADS was also launched.
- **The entire process of fund flow under the revised guidelines will operate through the web portal**, which will facilitate **real-time monitoring**, greater transparency and accountability in the system, and improved efficiency and effectiveness of the MPLAD Scheme.

About MPLAD Scheme-

- The scheme was launched in 1993-94.
- The objective is to enable the Members of Parliament (MP) to suggest and get executed developmental works of ca
- Under the scheme, each MP has the choice to suggest to the District Collector for works to the tune of Rs.5 Crores per annum to be taken up in his/her constituency.
- The Rajya Sabha MPs can recommend works in one or more districts in the State from where he/she has been elected.

- The Nominated Members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha may select any one or more Districts from any one State in the Country for implementation of their choice of work under the scheme.
- The Members of Parliament Local Area Development Division, Ministry of Statics and Programme Implementation is entrusted with the responsibility of implementation of the scheme.
- MPs can recommend work of upto 25 lakh for Natural Calamity in the state and upto Rs. 1 crore in the country in case of Calamity of Severe Nature.
- MPs need to recommend work worth at least 15% and 7.5% of their funds to create assets in areas inhabited by SCs and STs respectively.
- Funds for MPLADS can be converged with MGNREGA for creating more durable assets and with the National Program for Development of Sports (Khelo India).
- The annual entitlement of Rs 5 crore shall be released, in two equal instalments of Rs 2.5 crore each, by Government of India directly to the District Authority of the Nodal District of the Member of Parliament concerned.
- The District Authority shall be responsible for timely and effective implementation of such works.