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Government of India
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(MPLADS Division)

East Block-6, Level -5, R.K. Puram, New Delhi - 110066 Dated: 8th April; 2020

Subject: Non-operation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years (2020-21 & 2021-22) for managing the health and adverse impact of COVID-19 on the society.

COVID-19 has been declared as a global pandemic by World Health Organization (WHO) and also a "notified disaster" by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India. The Government is making all out efforts to manage the challenges being faced by the entire nationand its adverse impact on society and this requires pooling of all available physical, financial, medical, technological and other resources. Accordingly, the Government has decided <u>not to operate</u> the **Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)** for <u>two</u> years, that is, during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 and place these funds at the disposal of the Ministry of Finance for strengthening its efforts in managing the challenges of COVID-19 and its adverse impact on society.

- 2. In view of these decisions, the following will come into effect immediately:
 - a) There shall be **no further release** of instalments of MPLADSfor 2 years, that is, during FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, into the accounts of Nodal District Authority.
 - b) The recommended works which are already sanctioned and awarded by the district authorities to vendors and for which funds are available may be completed, within the existing available funds, as no more funds will be released for these works in these 2 years.
 - c) The Hon'ble Members of Parliament are requested not to recommend any new work for which funds are not available in the accounts of the District Authority.
 - d) The Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MP) can change the priority of their earlier recommendations, if feasible, so that the recommended work can be completed within the funds already available with the District Authority as no more funds will be released.
 - e) The Hon'ble Members of Parliament can also recommend work in pursuance to the circular No. E-24020/MPLADS-(Pt) dated 24-03-2020 to strengthen the District Authorities' efforts in managing the COVID-19 pandemic for procurement of necessary PPEs, ventilators, masks etc for medical personnel. This recommendation of Hon'ble MP will be met from the already available funds with the respective District Authority by re-prioritising or cancelling the earlier recommended works.

- f) District Authorities are also advised not to sanction / award any recommended work for which funds are either not available or cannot be completed within the available funds as no more funds will be released.
- 3. The Circular No. E-4/2020-MPLADS-(Pt-II) dated 28-03-2020 is thus redundant and hereby rescinded.
- This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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- 2. Chief Secretaries of States/UTs
- The Nodal Secretaries of States/UTs
- 4. The Commissioners of Corporations of Delhi/ Kolkata/Mumbai/Chennai
- 5. All District Collectors/District Magistrates/ Deputy Commissioners

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