

Minutes of the meeting of State Committee on MPLADS held on 28-12-2007

1. A meeting of the State Committee on MPLADS was held on 28/12/2007 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab. List of participants is at Annexure A.

2. Secretary, Planning apprised the Hon'ble members that the overall utilization of the funds in Punjab since the inception of the scheme was to the extent of 93.15 % as on 30/11/2007. The State stands at number 3 in overall utilization after Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pardesh. He also explained that the State was yet to get 16 installments in respect of Lok Sabha constituencies and 13 installments in respect of Rajya Sabha. That is, a sum of Rs. 29 crore which should have been received by December, 2007 is yet to be received.

3. **MP wise review – Lok Sabha -**

3.1 **Review -**

The details of 13 Lok Sabha Constituency are given in Item 2 A enclosed herewith. No installment is due in respect of Bathinda LS whereas Ferozepur LS is eligible for the pending installment of Rs. 1 crore. Ludhiana LS is also almost eligible for the next one installment.

The Lok Sabha Constituencies of Patiala, Sangrur, Ropar, Taran Taran and Gurdaspur can become eligible for the pending one installment of Rs. 1 crore each provided the Deputy Commissioners and the executing agencies expedite the utilization of funds and bring down the unspent amount to less than Rs. 100 lakh.

The Lok Sabha Constituencies of Hoshiarpur, Faridkot and Amritsar have large unspent amounts and it would be difficult for them to become eligible for the next installment in the current year.

The Constituencies of Jalandhar and Phillaur have even larger unspent amounts and more than one installment pending and it is not possible to access the pending installments in the current year.

3.2 Views of MPs -

Smt. Paramjeet Kaur Gulshan from Bathinda thanked the District Administration of Bathinda and Mansa for prompt release and utilization of funds enabling her to receive all the installments from GoI. She brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary a few cases of works got sanctioned by her from Rajya Sabha MP in Fatehgarh Sahib District in respect of which the funds were not sanctioned promptly.

Sh. Sukhdev Singh Libra from Ropar pointed out that the executing agencies and other functionaries were not enthusiastic about the implementation of MPLAD Scheme. They take a lot of time in submitting estimates which delays the release of funds. They are also not bothered about the release of 2nd installment in respect of MPLAD works.

Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna from Hoshiarpur while agreeing with the views of the his colleague MPs suggested that to expedite the sanction and completion of MPLAD works, the State Government could consider attaching adequate engineering staff i.e. SDO and JE with the MP. He stated that the engineering staff has been attached with MPs by some of the States.

3.3 Decisions - After a detailed discussion it was decided –

- (1) The Deputy Commissioners would ensure that the amount is released within 45 days of recommendation from the Hon'ble MPs as stipulated under the MPLAD guidelines. The 45 days period includes the time taken for preparing the estimates and processing the case for sanction and release of funds.
- (2) If the work pertains to a different district, the DC of the nodal district would transfer the funds as recommended by MP to that district for that particular work. It would be the responsibility of that district that the estimates are prepared and the funds are released to the executing agencies.
- (3) The funds for MPLAD works are released in two equal installments. The Deputy Commissioner should ensure that the 2nd installment is released to the executing agencies in time.

- (4) The Deputy Commissioners would effectively review the scheme with the Hon'ble MP and the executing agencies at least once a month. The work wise list is available with the DC and all individual works should be reviewed. This review would be by the Nodal District and the DCs of the implementing districts should be invited to these review meetings.
- (5) The Divisional Commissioners should also review the scheme from time to time and especially in respect of constituencies spread over two or more districts.
- (6) The DCs would make all out effort to ensure that the pending installments are received by 31/3/2008.

4. **MP wise review – Rajya Sabha** - Details are in Item 2 B enclosed herewith.

Sh. Naresh Gujral (Jalandhar) & Sh. Varinder Singh Bajwa (Hoshiarpur) are almost eligible for the 2nd and last installment of the current year. Sh. M.S. Gill, Smt. Ambika Soni and Sh. Raj Mohinder Singh can also become eligible for the 2nd and last installment provided the DCs are able to utilize the funds. 5 and 3 installments are due in respect of Sh. Ashwani Kumar (Gurdaspur) and Sh. Dharm Pal Sabharwal (Hoshiarpur). The Hon'ble MPs are required to sanction more works. We may send the status report to GoI as desired by them. CS desired that a DO should go from him to Smt. Ambika Soni about the latest position of utilization of funds.

5. **Utilization during previous 6 months (1.6.2007-30.11.2007)**

An MP is given a sum of Rs. 2 crore every year and therefore the monthly average expenditure per MP should be about Rs. 17 lakh. Nodal District-wise utilization during previous six months was also discussed. It is given in the following table:

| Nodal District | Utilization during previous 6 months | Average Monthly Utilization | Per MP Average Monthly Utilization |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Faridkot | 295.92 | 49.32 | 49.32 |
| Ferozepur | 152.24 | 25.37 | 25.37 |
| Patiala | 115.73 | 19.29 | 19.29 |
| Sangrur | 105.25 | 17.54 | 17.54 |
| Bathinda | 95.82 | 15.97 | 15.97 |
| Gurdaspur | 178.47 | 29.75 | 14.88 |
| Tarn Taran | 84.00 | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| Fatehgarh Sahib | 83.45 | 13.91 | 13.91 |
| Jalandhar | 238.52 | 39.75 | 13.25 |
| Hoshiarpur | 275.66 | 45.94 | 11.49 |
| Amritsar | 173.67 | 28.95 | 9.65 |
| Ludhiana | 22.49 | 3.75 | 3.75 |

It is apparent from the above table that Per-MP average monthly utilization during previous six months is much less in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar and Fatehgarh Sahib Nodal Districts.

6. Un-utilized amount for Ex MPs

6.1 Ex-Lok Sabha MPs – The following amounts are pending unutilized in respect of Ex-Lok Sabha MPs.

| | | Rs. in lacs | |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Amritsar | 3.00 | Jalandhar | 42.18 |
| Amritsar Constituency | 1.00 | Jalandhar Constituency | 9.80 |
| Taran Tarn Constituency | 2.00 | Phillaur Constituency | 32.38 |
| Faridkot | 10.43 | Ludhiana | 20.15 |
| Ferozepur | 3.18 | Ropar | 74.13 |
| Hoshiarpur | 1.91 | | |

Chief Secretary directed the concerned DCs to spend the unutilized money without further delay.

6.2 Un-utilized amount for Ex-RS MPs

| | | Rs. in lacs |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jalandhar- Sh. Balbir Singh | 2.00 | Gurdaspur - Smt. Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder 56.74 |
| Ludhiana | 30.87 | Fatehgarh Sahib - Sh.Sukhdev Singh Libra 34.32 |
| Sh. Jagir Singh Dard | 3.14 | Faridkot - Smt.Gurcharan Kaur 11.76 |
| Sh. Mohinder Singh Kalyan | 6.00 | Mukatsar - Sh.Sukhbir Singh Badal 15.54 |
| Sh.Lajpat Rai | 21.73 | Grand Total 163.48 |
| Patiala | 12.25 | |
| Sh. Vinod Sharma | 2.00 | |
| Sh. Gurchran Singh Tohra | 10.25 | |

Chief Secretary directed concerned DCs to spend the unutilized money without further delay.

7. Computerization

In the state, overall 98.45% of the sanctioned works under MPLADS have been uploaded on the website of Government of India www.mplads.nic.in.

The performance is some what poor in Gurdaspur, Ludhiana, Patiala, Amritsar & Faridkot.

The Deputy Commissioners were requested to ensure that all works are uploaded and all the details are reflected on the GoI website.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(Satish Chandra)
Secretary Planning

ANNEXURE – A

| SN | Name |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sh. Sukhdev Singh Libra, MP (Lok Sabha), Ropar |
| 2 | Smt. Paramjit Kaur Gulshan, MP(Lok Sabha), Bathinda |
| 3 | Sh. Awinash Rai Khanna, MP (Lok Sabha), Hoshiarpur |
| 4 | Sh. Satish Chandra IAS, Secretary Planning |
| 5 | Sh. S.K. Ahluwalia, Commissioner (Patiala) |
| 6 | Sh. B.S. Sudan, Commissioner (FZR & FDK) |
| 7 | Sh. Gurdev Singh Sidhu, Director Panchayats |
| 8 | Sh. Sameer Kumar, Director Local Govt., Punjab |
| 9 | Sh. Tejveer Singh, Special Secretary Planning |
| 10 | Sh. R.L.Mehta, DC Barnala |
| 11 | Sh. Satwant Singh Johal, DC Moga |
| 12 | Sh. Surjit Singh Dhillon, DC Mansa |
| 13 | Sh. J.M. Balamurugan, DC Kapurthala |
| 14 | Sh. D.S. Grewal, DC Patiala |
| 15 | Sh. Gurkirat Kirpal Singh, DC Gurdaspur |
| 16 | Sh. Ajeet Singh Pannu, DC Jalandhar |
| 17 | Smt. Alaknanda Dyal, DC Fatehgarh Sahib |
| 18 | Sh. Ajoy Sharma, DC Tarn Taran |
| 19 | Sh. A.K.Sinha, DC Ropar |
| 20 | Sh. D.K. Tiwari,DC Hoshiarpur |
| 21 | Sh. V.K.Meena, DC Ferozepur |
| 22 | Smt. Urmiljit Kaur Khosa, Director ESO |
| 23 | Sh. Mohan Lal Sharam, Joint Director ESO |
| 24 | Sh. Pritam Singh Johal, ADC Nawanshehar |
| 25 | Dr. Indu Malhotra , ADC Sangrur |
| 26 | Sh. Priyank Bharti, ADC(D)Ludhiana |
| 27 | Sh. Vijay Zade, ADC(D)Bathinda |
| 28 | Sh. Shivdev Singh, ADC(D) Mukatsar |
| 29 | Sh. Pushpinder Singh Grewal, ADC(D)SAS Nagar |
| 30 | Smt. Raminder Bhtter, Deputy Director Rural Development |
| 31 | Sh. Resham Chand Birha, DESA Amritsar |
| 32 | Sh. Harvinder Singh, DESA SAS Nagar |
| 33 | Sh. Iqbal Singh, Research Officer ESO |
| 34 | Sh. Balraj Kumar, Asstt. Research Officer ESO |