

Minutes of the Review meeting taken by Shri G. K. Vasan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, on the implementation of Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme(MPLADS) in Punjab and Chandigarh held on 7.8.2006 at Chandigarh.

A meeting to review the implementation of MPLAD Scheme In Punjab and Chandigarh was held at Chandigarh on 7th August 2006 under the chairmanship of Shri G. K. Vasan, Hon'ble Minister of State(independent Charge) of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, where Dr. Ramesh Chandra Panda, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, Shri Satish Chandra, Secretary, Planning Department, Govt. of Punjab and other Senior Officers of Government of Punjab, UT of Chandigarh and Govt. of India participated. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure.

2. Secretary, MOSP welcoming the Minister and all participants informed that this meeting was intended to interact with the State and District Officers to share their first hand knowledge and operational experience on the implementation of MPLADS in Punjab and Chandigarh to make the scheme more effective and result oriented.

3. Minister while appreciating overall progress made by Punjab and Chandigarh particularly in agriculture and farm sector, requested the State Govt. and UT administration to expedite MPLADS implementation in more focused manner. (i) So far as MPLADS is concerned, the State has received Rs.400.55 crore since inception of the Scheme in 1993-94 and so far Rs.355.98 crore have been spent which comes to 88.87%. Punjab ranks 22nd in the utilisation of MPLADS funds. In terms of works completion, out of 51,117 works recommended by MPs, 49,405 works have been sanctioned and 40986 works have been completed. Percentage of works completed to works sanctioned comes to 80.18% which is below the national average(89.17%). (ii) First installment for 2006-07 has been released in respect of 7 out of 13 Lok Sabha Constituencies and 5 out of 7 Rajya Sabha MPs. He hoped that with adequate attention, review and monitoring of the scheme implementation at State and district levels, work completion and fund utilisation position would improve. (iii) With the unspent balance of Rs.52.05 crore available in the district and RS.38 crore yet to be released by the Govt. of India, the Deputy Commissioners may plan to spend approximately Rs.90 crore within this year. This, if used efficiently, can help in creating durable community infrastructure for the people of the State. (iv) He urged the State Government to constitute a State Level Monitoring and Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary/

Additional Chief Secretary or Development Commissioner as provided in the Guidelines, if not already done. (v) He also suggested that MPLADS should be included in the Monthly Review Meetings of the Deputy Commissioners with implementing Agencies to sort out execution problems through interactive discussions. (vi) It was noted that RS.159 lakh were consented (Rs.89 lakh of 9 Lok Sabha MPs and RS.70 lakh of 6 Rajya Sabha MPs) from the respective MPLADS Account for undertaking rehabilitation works in Tsunami affected areas. Rs.11 lakh consented by Smt. Paramjit Kaur Gulshan, MP(LS) are yet to be transferred to DC, Andaman islands.

4. As regards UT Administration of Chandigarh, Minister noted with appreciation that the fund utilisation in respect of lone MP(LS) from Chandigarh is highest in the country. However, 3 more installments remain to be released by Govt. of India.

5. Shri Satish Chandra, Secretary(Planning), Govt. of Punjab welcomed Shri G.K. Vasani, Hon'ble Minister and the team of officers. He appreciated the efforts made by the Govt. of India in organizing the interactive discussion for improving the implementation of MPLADS. Shri Satish Chandra informed that the Chief Secretary is already reviewing the MPLADS implementation once in every two months. However, the State Level Review Committee will be formally constituted by the end of August, 2006. He also apprised that the Govt. of Punjab would issue necessary instructions to the Deputy Commissioners for conducting monthly MPLADS review meeting with the implementing agencies. He informed that the Govt. of Punjab has already decided for authorizing Gram Panchayats for executing MPLADS works. Necessary orders in this regard will be issued shortly.

6. Shri Satish Chandra highlighted some of the issues arising due to the implementation of new Guidelines on MPLADS from Nov.2005. Other officials also discussed implementation status relating to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs. It was pointed out that some of the Rajya Sabha MPs are yet to recommend works for huge amount, e.g. Shri Ashwani Kumar, Hon'ble MOS(industry) and MP(RS) is yet to recommend works for about RS.6.5 crore. They also raised some of the issues and sought clarifications. The following clarifications were furnished for each of the queries raised in the meeting:

Query – 1

The guidelines provide for release of 50% of the funds at the time of sanction. This is creating lot of administrative problem especially in case of small works costing Rs.15, 000-20,000. Can the district authority release 100% funds to the implementing agencies in such cases?

Clarification

The provision of 50% of funds to the Implementing Agency at the time of sanction has been kept in the Guidelines to enable the District Authority to sanction works of the total entitlement of Rs.2 crore of an MP in the beginning of the year itself on receiving Rs.1 crore from the Govt. of India as first installment. As such, the existing provision cannot be changed.

Query -2:

Clarification was sought on the criteria for selection of SC and ST area and the date from which this provision in the Guidelines will become applicable. In case, the SC/ST population in a constituency is not available and inadequate for taking up the M'PLADS works, how the 22.5% funds are to be earmarked in such a situation.

Clarification:

The State Government notifies the criteria on the basis of which Village, Panchayat and Municipality are declared as SC and ST areas. Therefore, the State Govt. guidelines should be followed for this purpose. The provision for earmarking funds for SC and ST area became applicable from the date of issue of new Guidelines (November, 2005). In case, any constituency does not have adequate SC/ST population, the concerned Nodal District Authority in consultation with the MP concerned should send a proposal to the Ministry seeking exemption from this clause.

Query -3

Can office equipments such as inverter be purchased by the Districts from 0.5 % Contingency as the power supply in some districts is very erratic and hampers the smooth running of computers?

Clarification:

UPS is a computer accessory and can be purchased from 0.5% Contingency. Small capacity invertors can also be purchased from this fund to facilitate smooth computer working for MPLADS.

Query – 4

In point No.8 of the list of prohibited items under the Scheme, it is mentioned that "Purchase of all movable items except vehicles, earth movers, and equipments meant for hospital, educational, sports, drinking water and sanitation purposes belonging to Central, State, UT and Local Self Governments. (This will be subject to 100% of the Capital Cost of the work for which such items are proposed). Clarification was sought as to how this 10% of the Capital Cost for purchase of movable items has to be arrived at.

Clarification

It was clarified that whenever an MP recommends a new proposal for capital works as

well as movable assets for any Govt. hospital, educational, sports, drinking water and sanitation purposes, the cost of movable items should not exceed 100/0 of the total cost.

7. There are 13 Lok Sabha and 7 Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament. The MPLADS implementation status of the MPs is furnished below:

I. Lok Sabha - Constituency wise

(i) Amritsar - Shri Navjot Singh Sidhu

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.19.05 crore have been released. RS.3 crore (installment 11/200506 and 1&11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.-0.47 crore. However, unspent balance is Rs.2.64 crore. The Deputy Commissioner may sanction more eligible works and incur more expenditure, so as to bring the unspent balance below Rs.1 crore.

(ii) Bhatinda - Smt. Paramjit Kaur Gulshan

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. Rs.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is Rs.1.24 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.31 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(iii) Faridkot - Shri Sukhbir Singh Badal

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.18.05 crore have been released. Rs 4 crore (installment 11/2003- 04,11/2005-06 and 1&11/2006-07)are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance RS.0.38 crore. However, unspent balance is RsA.19 crore. The Deputy Commissioner may furnish separate MPR upto 13th Lok Sabha period, UC of the year 2002-03 and AC of the year 2001-02 for release of 11/2003-04. DC may incur more expenditure, so as to bring the unspent balance below RS.1 crore. UC for the years 2004-05 is also to be furnished.

(iv) Firozpur - Shri Zora Singh Mann

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/200607) are yet to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.76 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.53 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.0.50 crore and unspent balance below RS.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(v) Gurdaspur - Shri Vinod Khanna

The entitlement is Rs.22.05 crore, out of which Rs.20.05 crore have been released. Installment of Rs. 1 crore as 1/2006-07 is under process for release. Rs.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) is to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.02 crore. The unspent balance is RS.1.81 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.0.50 crore and unspent balance below RS.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(vi) Hoshiarpur - Shri Avinash Rai Khanna

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006- 07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.70 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.88 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(vii) Jalandhar - Shri Rana Gurjeet Singh

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.19.05 crore have been released. RS.3 crore (installment 11/2005- 06 and 1&11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.43 crore. However, unspent balance is RS.2.82 crore. Deputy Commissioner may incur more expenditure, so as to bring the unspent balance below Rs.1 crore.

(viii) Ludhiana - Shri Sharanjit Singh Dhillon

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.19.05 crore have been released. RS.3 crore (installment 11/2005- 06 and 1&11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is Rs. (-) 0.26 crore. However, unspent balance is Rs.2.24 crore. Deputy Commissioner may incur more expenditure, so as to bring the unspent balance below RS.1 crore.

(ix) Patiala - Smt. Preneet Kaur

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. Rs.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.84 crore. The unspent balance is RS.1.32 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(x) Phillaur - Shri Charanjit Singh Atwal

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.19.05 crore have been released. RS.3 crore (installment 11/2005- 06 and 1&11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.60 crore. However, unspent balance is RS.3.43 crore. Deputy Commissioner may sanction more eligible works and incur more expenditure, so as to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore.

(xi) Ropar - Sardar Sukhdev Singh Libra

The entitlement is Rs.22.05 crore, out of which Rs.21.05 crore have been released. Rs.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.2.13 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.13 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs. 1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(xii) Sangrur - Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa

The entitlement is RS.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006- 07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.89 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.40 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

(xiii) Taran Taran - Dr. Rattan Singh Ajnala

The entitlement is Rs.22.05 crore, out of which RS.21.05 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006- 07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.66 crore. The unspent balance is Rs.1.77 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanction more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.0.50 crore and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are also to be furnished.

II. Raiva Sabha

(i) Smt. Ambika Soni

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.5 crore, out of which Rs.4 Crore have been released. Rs.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.2.03 crore. The unspent balance is Rs.2.89 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.50 lakh and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. 10 utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are to be furnished.

(ii) Shri Ashwani Kumar

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.10 crore, out of which RS.5 crore have been released. RS.5 crore (installment 11/2004-05, 1&11/2005-06 and 1&11/2006-07) remain to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.73 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.49 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.50 lakh and unspent balance below RS.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2003-04, 2004-05 and AC for the year 2002-03, 2003-04 are to be furnished.

(iii) Shri Dharam Pal Sabharwal

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.6 crore, out of which RS.3 crore have been released. RS.3 crore (installment 11/2005-06 and 1&11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.0.69 crore. The unspent balance is RS.1.54 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.50 lakh and unspent balance below Rs. 6 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2004-05 is to be furnished.

(iv) Dr. M.S. Gill

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.6 crore, out of which RS.5 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.03 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.40 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.50 lakh and unspent balance below Rs. 1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are to be furnished.

(v) Shri Raj Mohinder Singh

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.5 crore, out of which Rs 4 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.84 crore. The unspent balance is RS.2.54 crore.

Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.50 lakh and unspent balance below RS.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are to be furnished.

(vi) Smt. Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.6 crore, out of which Rs.5 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.2.50 crore. The unspent balance is Rs.2.65 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below RS.50 lakh and unspent balance below RS.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are to be furnished.

(vii) Shri Varinder Singh Bajwa

The entitlement as on 31.03.2007 is RS.6 crore, out of which RS.5 crore have been released. RS.1 crore (installment 11/2006-07) are to be released. As per the latest MPR, the unsanctioned balance is RS.1.43 crore. The unspent balance is Rs.2.50 crore. Immediate steps have to be taken to sanctioned more eligible works and incur expenditure to bring the unsanctioned balance below Rs.50 lakh and unspent balance below Rs.1 crore. Utilisation Certificate of the year 2005-06 and Audit Certificate for the year 2004-05 are to be furnished. In case of all other former MPs who have retired, the DCs need to complete all pending works, transfer the unspent balance to successor MPs, get the work completion reports, close the accounts and furnish the final Utilisation Certificates and Audit Certificates to the Ministry.

8. Operationalisation of the Software on Monitoring of MPLADS work and uploading in the website:

With reference to the operationalisation of MPLADS works monitoring software, data have been received from all the districts of Punjab and Chandigarh. Partial data in respect of 35 Lok Sabha MPs and 15 Rajya Sabha MPs (sitting and former) have been uploaded. Secretary, S&PI requested that the District Authorities should complete the data entry of all works of 14th Lok Sabha and sitting Members of Rajya Sabha and thereafter go backwards for 13th, 12th, 11th and 10th Lok Sabha and former MPs of Rajya Sabha.

9. Action taken on the CAG Reports

CAG audit paragraphs relating to the districts and other associated general points raised in 2 reports were discussed. Secretary(S&PI) mentioned that all DCs would be aware about these objections. These objections arise mainly due to the fact that Guidelines on

MPLADS are not strictly adhered to by DCs. There are 9 paras relating to 1997 CAG Report of which complete replies have been received in respect of 2 paras and partial replies have been received for 7 paras. There are 9 paras relating to 2000 CAG Report of which full replies have been received in respect of 4 paras and partial replies have been received for 5 paras. He requested the Secretary(Planning) Government of Punjab to convene a meeting of all concerned immediately so that Information /reply required about the audit paras can be collected and compiled for onward transmission to the Ministry latest by 30th September 2006. The State Govt.'s representative handed over updated replies on all pending CAG paras during the meeting. It was 'decided that these would be examined by the Ministry and in case any further clarification was required, the Ministry would write to the State Govt. and the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

10. The meeting concluded with a request to the State Government, UT Administration and District officials to expedite MPLADS implementation and avail full funds from the Government of India during the current year. In this context the concerned Minister of the State Government should hold an informal meeting with the MPs who had not so far recommended works up to the entitlement and persuade them to recommend works to the full entitlement. The monthly progress report should be sent regularly. In case of new Lok Sabha MPs are in position, the Monthly Progress Report should be separately sent for the current and previous MP to facilitate release of funds.

11. The Deputy Commissioner of Chandigarh was requested to urgently send replies and clarification on some issues pending with him for quite some time so that Lok Sabha Committee on MPLADS can be apprised accordingly.

12. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair and the participants.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MPLADS REVIEW MEETING OF PUNJAB
AND CHANDIGARH HELD ON 7th August, 2006 AT CHANDIGARH**

**Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation,
Government of India**

1. Shri G.K. Vasan, Hon'ble MOS (IC)
2. Dr. R.C. Panda, Secretary
3. Shri S. Durai Raju, PS to MOS(IC)
4. Shri Anil Ganeriwala, Director (MPLADS)

Govt. of Punjab

1. Shri Satish Chandra, Secretary, Planning
2. Shri R.L. Mehta, Secretary, PWD (Roads)
3. Shri M.L. Sharma, Dy. Director
4. Ms. Shashi Goel, Dy. ESA, Fatehgarh Sahib
5. Shri M.S. Khan, Dy. ESA, Ludhiana
6. Ms. Kuldeep Kaur, Dy. ESA, Patiala
7. Ms. Charanjit Kaur, Dy. ESA, Hoshiarpur
8. Ms. Urmiljit Khosa, Joint Director

UT Administration of Chandigarh

1. Sh.R.K. Rao, Deputy Commissioner