

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT LOCAL AREA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (MPLADS)

Introduction

Constitution

The Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (Lok Sabha), an ad hoc Committee was constituted for the first time on 22 February, 1999 by the Speaker as per provisions of Rule 254(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha. Initially the Committee consisted of 20 Members. Later, the membership was raised to 24. The Chairperson is appointed by the Speaker from amongst the Members of the Committee.

A Minister is not eligible to become a Member of the Committee. If a Member after his election to the Committee is appointed a Minister, he ceases to be a Member of the Committee from the date of such appointment. The term of the Committee does not exceed one year.

Functions

The functions of the Committee on Members of Parliament Local Area Development are:-

- (a) to monitor and review periodically the performance and problems in implementation of the MPLADS Scheme (Lok Sabha);
- (b) to consider complaints of members of Lok Sabha in regard to the Scheme; and
- (c) to perform such other functions in respect of the MPLAD Scheme as may be assigned to it by the Speaker from time to time.

Working The Committee analyse the Guidelines pertaining to the Scheme issued by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the nodal Ministry for the implementation of the Scheme, with a view to identifying the clauses which need to be modified/amended to streamline the implementation of the Scheme and also to remove any grey areas to avoid delays and confusion in the implementation process.

Individual representations of Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha) regarding constituency specific problems/ complaints/ suggestions are also considered by the Committee and taken up with the Ministry for redressal and corrective action.

Chairperson of the Committee on MPLADS

1. Shri S. Mallikarjunaiah (1999-2000)
2. Dr. Bolla Bulli Ramaiah (2000-2001, 2001-2002 & 2002-2003)
3. Shri P.H. Pandian (2003-2004)
4. Shri Prasanna Acharya (2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 & 2008-2009)
5. Shri A.K.S. Vijayan (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14)
6. Dr. M. Thambi Durai (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19)