

Minutes of the meeting of State Committee on MPLADS held on 7/9/2010

A meeting of the State Committee on MPLADS was held on 7/9/2010 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab. List of participants is at Annexure-A.

At the outset, Chief Secretary apprised that the position of our state in India regarding MPLAD Scheme is very good and its ranks at No.4 among major states. For further improvement in the scheme, he desired that DCs should review the utilization of funds with executing agencies more frequently. He requested, Principal Secretary Planning to start the proceedings of the meeting as per agenda.

1. Follow up action on the minutes of the meeting held on 9-1-2009.

Review by Deputy Commissioners: Principal Secretary Planning apprised the house that some DC's are holding the review meetings and sending the proceedings. He brought out to the notice of chair that as per MPLADS guidelines DC's should review the scheme every month and the proceedings of these meetings to be sent to Department of Planning. Chief Secretary directed all Deputy Commissioners to review the scheme with executing agencies every month and agenda/proceedings to be sent regularly to Department of Planning.

Review by Divisional Commissioners: Principal Secretary Planning informed the house that Divisional Commissioners should also review the scheme at least once in a quarter. Chief Secretary directed Division Commissioners to hold the review meetings at least quarterly and send minutes to Department of Planning regularly

Unutilized amount for EX MPs: Deputy Commissioners were directed to utilize the unspent funds of EX MP's both LS & RS immediately.

2. Funds Release by GoI

Principal Secretary Planning apprised the house that all MPs except Sh. B.S.Bhunder (RS MP) and Sh. Ashwani Kumar (RSMP) have received first installment of 2010-11. Punjab's position on this account is very satisfactory. He further told that installments of Sh. B.S. Bhunder will be got released very soon as the necessary documents has already been sent to MOSPI. 7 installments of Sh. Ashwani Kumar are pending due to receipt of lesser recommendations by Hon'ble MP.

3. Utilisation of funds

15th Lok Sabha MPs: Principal Secretary Planning apprised that an amount of Rs.11.39 crore is still lying unspent with all Nodal districts due to which unspent amount in respect of all LS MPs is more than Rs.100 lacs. He further told that if this amount is not brought under Rs.100 lacs, MP's will not get 2nd installment of year 2010-11. Chief Secretary reviewed the position district-wise. DCs assured that they will review the position with executing agencies and reduce the unspent balance below Rs.100 lacs within 1-2 months.

14th Lok Sabha MPs: Principal Secretary Planning apprised that an amount of Rs.7 crore is still lying unutilized with all districts and 2057 works are still incomplete. He further told that as per GoI's direction all works of 14th LS are to be completed by 30/9/2010. Chief Secretary directed all DC's to complete pending works immediately and strictly adhere to the time schedule given by GoI.

13th Lok Sabha MPs: Principal Secretary Planning apprised that an amount of Rs.21.05 lacs is still unutilized and 63 works are still incomplete. Details of incomplete works are as under:

District	Unutilised Amount	Incomplete works
Tarn Taran	-	3
Faridkot	1.25	1
Ferozepur	4.15	6
Fatehgarh Sahib	2.15	38
Jaldandhar	0.40	2
Ludhiana	13.10	13

Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure at this and directed the DCs to get these works completed by 30/9/2010 positively and if otherwise explain the reasons to Principal Secretary Planning.

EX RS MPs: Principal Secretary Planning apprised that an amount of Rs.24.28 lacs is still unutilized. Details of un-utilized amount are as under:

Ludhiana - Sh. Jagir Singh Dard	1.14
Patiala	8.75
Sh. Vinod Sharma	2.00
Sh. Gurcharan Singh Tohra	6.75
Gurdaspur – Smt. Sukhbans Kaur Bhinder	0.40
Fatehgarh Sahib- Sukhdev Singh Libra	13.99

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4. Computerisation:

In the State, overall 98% the sanctioned works under MPLADS have been uploaded on the website of Government of India www.mplads.nic.in.

The performance is some what less in Gurdaspur, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Tarn Taran & Rupnagar. The Deputy Commissioners were requested to ensure that all works are uploaded and all the details are reflected on the GoI website.

5. Enforcement of Provisions for development of SC/ST areas.

As per MPLADS guidelines MPs are to recommend every year works costing at least 15 % of MPLADS funds for areas inhabited by SC population and 7.5 % of the areas inhabited by ST Population. As there is no ST population in the State, 22.50% of the funds are to be sanctioned for SC areas. Principal Secretary Planning requested all DC's to spend as per MPLADS guidelines for the population.

6. NABCONS Studies

Principal Secretary Planning apprised that NABCONS has covered 4 districts namely Ludhiana, Fathesar Sahib, Amritsar & Jalandhar of Punjab so far in three phases. Concerned districts have to send certain clarification/reply to MOSPI. Chief Secretary directed concerned DCs to take necessary action.

In the fourth phase NABCONS has selected Gurdaspur & Patiala. DCs of Gurdaspur & Patiala districts are requested to fully cooperate and furnish the desired information to NABCONS team on their visit to respective districts.

7. Incomplete works due to lack of sufficient funds

Chief Secretary noted with concern that some of the works are not completed for want of funds. He desired:-

- (i) That in future works be undertaken after assessing requirement of funds in a proper way so that this situation does not arise again.
- (ii) That DCs will send list of such incomplete works to the Department of Planning.
- (iii) That DCs will arrange funds from sitting MPs for completion of incomplete works and if need be write to Department of Planning for arrangement of funds from Govt. of Punjab.
- (iv) That in future DESAs will inspect all the works after receipt of UC from the executing agencies and report to DC about the completion of work.

8. Issues and Suggestions of MP's

1) **Officers to be attached** : All MP's suggested the house that one SDO/JE level officer may be attached with all MP's in the implementing Districts so that estimates may be prepared before recommendation of works and after release. These officers will monitor the work and ensure timely utilization of the funds and collection of UCs.

Decision : Chief Secretary directed DCs to identify one SDO/JE from any of the work executing departments who can be deputed either full time or part time depending upon his availability from the parent department. For additional work, he can be paid honorarium out of MPLADS contingency if permissible by guidelines.

2) **Office Room** : All MP's suggested the Chair that one room may be allocated to them in District Administrative Complex/Mini Secretariat or some suitable place.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed Deputy Commissioners to allocate one room in Mini Secretariat/District Administrative Complex. If there is no availability of room at District Administrative Complex then Deputy Commissioners may prepare the estimate and send a proposal to Principal Secretary Planning for approval of funds.

3) **MC works** : Sh. Mohinder Singh Kaypee MP Jalandhar apprised the house that MPLAD funds sanctioned to Municipal Corporation Jalandhar are first passed in the Municipal Corporation meeting. These funds may be spent directly so that work may be completed in time.

Decision: Deputy Commissioner Jalandhar apprised the Chair that necessary instructions have already been issued to Municipal Authorities regarding this.

4) **Delay in release of 2nd installments** : Dr. Rattan Singh Ajnala MP apprised the house that the works of 14th Lok Sabha of his tenure sanctioned during 2004 are still awaiting 2nd installment.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed all the DCs to enquire whether there are such type of cases in other districts also. List of such cases may be sent to Economic Adviser, Punjab

5) **Incomplete works** : Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna MP apprised the house that works sanctioned by him during his last term as LS MP viz. Community Centre/Marriage Palace at Heerpur and Patti villages are still incomplete. He also pointed out that Bus shelters sanctioned in Rupnagar district during his previous tenure are still unfinished.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed Deputy Commissioner Rupnagar to enquire the matter and resolve the problem of MP. Action taken report may be sent to Principal Secretary Planning.

6) **Adarsh Schools** : Sh. Partap Singh Bajwa MP apprised the house that construction of building of Adarsh School at court Dhandal in Gurdaspur District has already been completed with amount of Rs.7.50 crore but it is still not in public use.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur to discuss this matter with Director General of schools (Education) Punjab to resolve the matter so that the building is used for public as per MPLADS guidelines. Action taken report may be sent to Principal Secretary Planning.

7) **Review meetings** : Dr. Rattan Singh Ajnala MP LS pointed out that DCs are not holding regular review meetings every month and when held, MPs are not invited.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed all DCs to hold regular meetings every month and invite the concerned MPs.

8) **Sign Boards** : Sh. Sukhdev Singh Libra MP LS pointed out that the sign boards are not installed as per MPLADS guidelines at the site of completed works.

Decision: Chief Secretary directed all the DCs to adhere to the MPLADS guidelines regarding plaques carrying the MPLADS work indicating the cost involved, the commencement, completion and inauguration date and the name of MP sponsoring the project.

At the end, Chief Secretary expressed his satisfaction on the overall performance of the scheme in Punjab and especially on status of release of installments from GoI. He complimented the role of State Nodal Department under the guidance of Principal Secretary Planning. Principal Secretary Planning requested Hon'ble MPs that in case of any issue/problem w.r.t. MPLADS, they may contact Sh. M.L.Sharma Economic Adviser Punjab, Nodal officer for MPLADS who is in direct day-to-day liaison with MOSPI, GoI and District Authorities. His telephone numbers are 2704540(O) and 98727-90615(M).

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure A

List of participants in the meeting of State MPLADS Committee held on 7.9.2010.

SN	Name
1	Dr. Rattan Singh Ajnala, MP (Lok Sabha), Khadoor Sahib
2	Sh. Sukhdev Singh Libra, MP (Lok Sabha), Fatehgarh Sahib
3	Smt. Paramjit Kaur Gulshan, MP (Lok Sabha), Faridkot
4	Sh. Mohinder Singh Kaypee, MP (Lok Sabha), Jalandhar
5	Sh. Partap Singh Bajwa, MP (Lok Sabha), Gurdaspur
6	Sh. Sher Singh Ghubaya, MP (Lok Sabha), Ferozepur
7	Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, MP (Rajya Sabha), Hoshiarpur
8	Sh. Balwinder Singh Bhunder, MP (Rajya Sabha), Mansa
9	Sh. Satish Chandra, IAS, Principal Secretary Planning
10	Sh. Jagpal Singh Sandhu, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Rural Dev. & Panchayats)
11	Sh. G.S. Grewal, IAS Commissioner (Patiala Division)
12	Sh. Mohan Lal Sharma, Economic Adviser, Punjab
13	Sh. Raj Kamal Choudhary, IAS, DC Kapurthala
14	Sh. Kumar Rahul, IAS, DC Mansa
15	Sh. Rahul Tiwari, IAS, DC Ludhiana
16	Dr. Vijay N.Zade, IAS, DC Moga
17	Sh. Kamal Kishore Yadav, IAS, DC Ferozepur
18	Sh. A.S. Miglani, IAS, DC Rupnagar
19	Dr. S.Karuna Raju, IAS, DC Faridkot
20	Sh. Pirthi Chand, IAS, DC Gurdaspur
21	Sh. Khushi Ram, IAS, DC Tarn Taran
22	Sh. Yashvir Mahajan, IAS, DC Fatehgarh Sahib
23	Sh. Arshdeep Singh, IAS, DC Barnala
24	Smt. Shruti Singh, IAS, DC SBS Nagar
25	Sh. Deepinder Singh, IAS, DC Patiala
26	Sh. Priyank Bharti, IAS, DC Jalandhar
27	Sh. Dharam Datt Tirnach, IAS, DC Hoshiarpur
28	Sh. C.Sibin, IAS, ADC(D) Bathinda
29	Sh. Pritam Singh Johl, ADC, Sangrur
30	Sh. Iqbal Singh, ADC (D) SAS Nagar
31	Sh. Ashok Kumar, Additional Director, Local Government
32	Sh. Jagdeep Singh, DESA (MPLADS) Chandigarh
33	Sh. Harjinder Singh, RO(Add.Charge DESA), Amritsar

34	Sh. Devinder Kumar, RO(MPLADS) Chandigarh
35	Sh. Charanjit Singh, RO, Amritsar
36	Sh. Ashok Chatani, RO(Add.Charge DESA), Mukatsar
37	Sh. Major Singh, ARO (MPLADS) Chandigarh
38	Sh. Kuljit Singh, Investigator (MPLADS) Chandigarh