

## DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### MINUTES OF THE STATE-LEVEL REVIEW MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLADS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL IN HIS CHAMBER AT WRITERS' BUILDINGS ON MARCH 7, 2008 AT 11.30 A.M.

The Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal presided over the State-Level Review meeting on the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme in the State with the Divisional Commissioners and the Municipal Commissioner, KMC.

1. At the outset the Chief secretary, Government of West Bengal emphasized that the works/schemes under MPLADS should be taken up and implemented as per norms laid down in the MPLADS Guidelines. Any amendment or clarification in respect of the Guidelines should be forwarded to all the District Magistrates and Municipal Commissioner, KMC forthwith by the Nodal Department with copy to the Divisional Commissioners.

2. The District Magistrates/Sanctioning Authorities should review the implementation of the MPLAD Scheme once a month with the implementing agencies. The Divisional commissioners should hold a review meeting once in two months to review the progress of the MPLADS with the Sanctioning Authorities and implementing authorities. Sub-Divisional Officers should also be involved and they should be directed to review the progress of implementation of the Scheme with the implementing agencies every month and pursue the preparation of vetted estimates and the submission of Utilization Certificates (UC) by these agencies. The Hon'ble Members of Parliament should be apprised of the review meeting well in advance so that they may attend the meeting.

For inter-district co-ordination, the Divisional Commissioner should intervene, wherever necessary, specially in respect of the works of the *Rajya Sabha* Members so that Monthly Progress Report includes the progress of all recommended and sanctioned works being implemented and completed alongwith submission of UCs.

3. The Divisional Commissioner observed that due to the large number of schemes (involving relatively small amounts), it is really difficult to pursue and monitor each case for completion and submission of UCs. As such, they suggested that the Hon'ble Members may be requested not to recommend schemes of relatively small amounts. Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal desired that this matter should be brought to the notice of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government of India. In the district-level meetings, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament may be requested to recommend schemes of estimated cost more than Rs. 10 lakh, so that the schemes may be monitored effectively.

4. The release of funds under MPLADS and timely submission of UCs and ACs was reviewed with the Divisional Commissioners and Commissioner, KMC. Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal directed that special attention should be given to the collection of UCs and ACs of the completed schemes and its timely submission to Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Government

of India as per norms. Sub-Divisional Officers should be involved in the process of review of the Scheme, to facilitate regular monitoring of the execution of the works with the implementing agencies and timely submission of UCs.

5. In respect of long-pending schemes, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal directed that all schemes that are lying pending for more than project implementation period (usually one year) should be identified and reviewed to ascertain the reasons for the delay so that action is taken for requisite corrections and implementation. In case, such schemes are found to be unexecutable, the schemes should be cancelled in consultation with the concerned Members of Parliament and the Members of Parliament be requested to submit fresh schemes.

6. The unspent balance of ex-Members of Parliament of Rajya Sabha is required to be distributed amongst the sitting Members of Rajya Sabha; equally. As such, Sanctioning Authorities should review recommended schemes of the Ex-Members of Parliament of Rajya Sabha so as to ascertain whether all schemes recommended against the full amount of entitlement have been duly sanctioned, executed and savings thereof, if any, has been refunded to the Sanctioning Authorities for finalization/closing of the accounts and to determine the unspent balance available alongwith the interest component thereof. The assessed amount after finalization of the account should be intimated to the Development & Planning Department for distribution amongst the sitting Rajya Sabha Members.

7. Information on allocation of funds to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes areas is required to be maintained. Sanctioning Authorities should maintain the break-up of the funds allocated to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes areas and indicate the same in the reports accordingly. (Details of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Mouzas are available with Backward Classes Welfare Department)

8. Replies to the pending Central Auditor General's Audit Paras should be sent forthwith. The pending Paras are attached.

9. Principal Secretary, Development & Planning Department pointed out that the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Development & Planning Department had requested all the Members to consider creation of infrastructural support for Integrated Child Development Scheme by enabling construction of Anganwadi Centres as per the vetted estimates provided to them. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble Member and Cabinet Minister, Government of India has already favourably reacted to this request. The Divisional Commissioners and the Sanctioning Authorities may follow up this request with the Hon'ble Members. (Model scheme and estimate attached).