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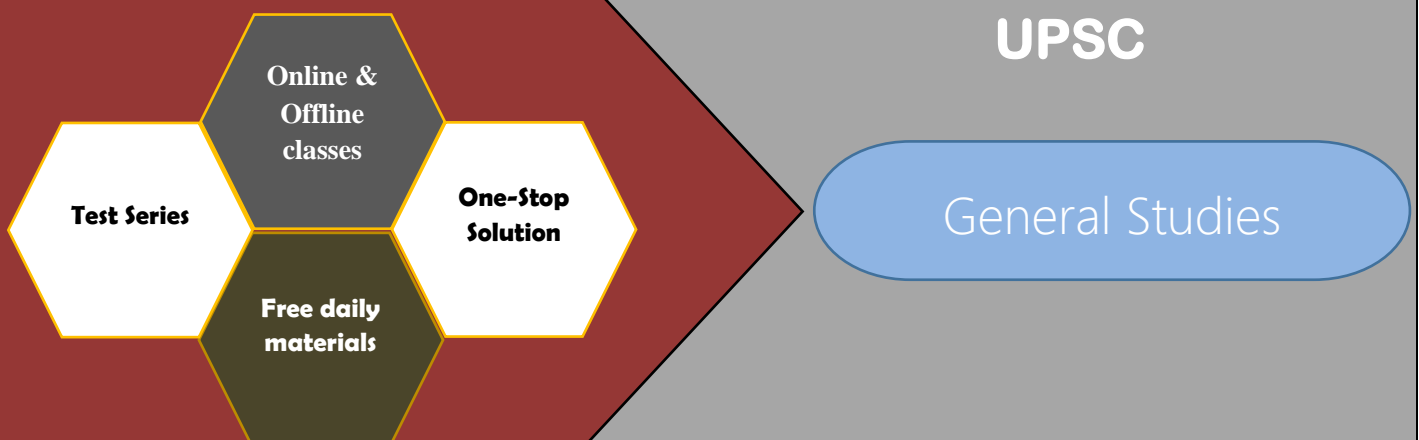
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## Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)

Notes for civil services preparation



## MPLAD Scheme

- Recently, funds from **Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)** were disbursed to the village panchayats of Goa.
- Due to Covid-19 pandemic **MPLAD Funds Scheme is currently suspended** and the disbursed funds were allocated earlier.

## Key Points

### About:

- - MPLAD is a **Central Sector Scheme** which was announced in December
  - Initially, it came under the control of the Ministry of Rural Later, in October 1994, it was transferred to the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.**

### Functioning:

- Each year, MPs receive **5 crore in two instalments of Rs. 2.5 crore each.** Funds under MPLADS are **non-lapsable.**
- Lok Sabha MPs have to **recommend the district authorities** projects in their Lok Sabha constituencies, while **Rajya Sabha MPs** have to spend it in the **state that has elected** them to the
- Nominated Members of both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha can recommend works anywhere in the country.

### Priority Projects:

- - The projects include assets building such as drinking water facilities, primary education, public health sanitation and roads.
  - Since June 2016, the MPLAD funds can also be used for implementation of the schemes such as **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan),** conservation of water through rain water harvesting and **Sansad Aadarsh Gram Yojana,**

### Criticism:

- **Implementation Lapses:** The **Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG)** has flagged instances of financial mismanagement and artificial inflation of amounts
- **No Statutory Backing:** The scheme is not governed by any statutory law and is subject to the whims and fancies of the government of the

- **Monitoring and Regulation:** The scheme was launched for promoting participatory development but there is no indicator available to measure level of
- **Breach of Federalism:** MPLADS encroaches upon the domain of local self governing institutions and thereby **violates Part IX and IX-A of the**
- **Conflict with Doctrine of Separation of Powers:** MPs are getting involved in executive

#### Debate over Constitutionality:

- **National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, 2002:** Recommended immediate discontinuation of the MPLAD scheme on the ground that it was inconsistent with the **spirit of federalism and distribution of powers** between the centre and the
- **2nd Administrative Reforms Commission's report on "Ethics in Governance", 2005:** Opined that it seriously erodes the notion of separation of powers, as the legislator directly becomes the
- **Supreme Court Judgement, 2010:** A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court ruled that there was **no violation of the concept of separation of powers** because the role of an MP in this case is recommendatory and the **actual work is carried out by the Panchayats and Municipalities** which belong to the executive

