

MOST IMMEDIATE

Circular No. E-4/2020-MPLADS(Pt)
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
MPLADS Division

East Block-6, Level-5
R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066

Dated: 24th March 2020


Subject: One-time dispensation under MPLADS for purchase of testing, screening and other facilities in connection with COVID-19-reg

References have recently been received from Honourable Members of Parliament for including facilities for medical testing and screening under MPLADS in order to bolster the ongoing fight against global epidemic of COVID-19 which has been declared a pandemic by WHO. Central Government is making all out efforts to control the threat of COVID – 19 using various resources available at its disposal.

2. It is in above context, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation based on the requests of MPs has decided that District Authorities may utilize MPLADS fund for medical testing, screening and other facilities required to detect and contain COVID 19. It has been decided to grant one-time dispensation under MPLADS for purchase / installation of the following items by relaxing the guidelines which allows purchase of medical equipment costing not less than Rs. 05 lakh is permissible for Government Hospitals/Dispensaries.:

- a. Infra-Red thermometers (Non-contact) to facilitate doctors and medical personnel to remotely record and track a person's temperature
- b. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Kits for the medical personnel to keep them well-protected and enable them to function efficiently by minimizing the risk of transmission
- c. Thermal imaging scanners or cameras for railway stations, airports and other points of entry which allow detecting of temperature from a safe distance
- d. CORONA testing kits approved by MOHFW / ICMR, and
- e. ICU Ventilator and Isolation/ Quarantine Wards within their approved facilities
- f. Face masks, gloves and Sanitizers for medical personnel
- g. Any other medical equipment recommended by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for COVID 19

3. Based on the recommendations of Member of Parliament, the District Authority should purchase the above equipment / facilities subject to following conditions


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- a. Technical configuration and specification of the above equipment / facilities for COVID 19 being purchased / installed shall strictly be as per the laid down policies and guidelines of M/o Health and Family Welfare for COVID 19.
 - b. Due processes and procedure shall be followed by the District Authority while undertaking the purchase/installation of the afore-mentioned equipment at the rates approved by M/o Health and Family Welfare or through a transparent process.
 - c. The Office of the District Medical Officer shall be designated as the User Agency/custodian of the afore-mentioned protective equipment purchased in connection with COVID-19 under MPLADS.
 - d. It shall be the responsibility of the District Authority to order a mandatory audit into the purchase of the protective equipment in connection with COVID-19 under MPLADS as and when it deems appropriate and feasible.
 - e. No recurring expenditure in respect of any of the afore-mentioned items shall be permissible.
 - f. Expenditure towards purchase of equipment under this one-time dispensation shall be restricted to the end of FY 2020-21. No expenditure, under any circumstances, shall be allowed to be made / roll over into next FY 2021-22.
4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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