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Q3

With reference to the funds under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), which of the following statements are correct? 1. MPLADS funds must be used to create durable sets like physical infrastructure for health, education, etc 2. A specified portion of each MP fund must benefit SC/ST populations 3. MPLADS funds are sanctioned on yearly basis and the unused funds cannot be carried forward to the next year. 4. The district authority must inspect at least 10% of all work under implementation every year. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 4 only Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. The 10% inspection limb also holds.

(b)

3 and 4 only. Unused **MPLADS** can be carried forward; statement 3 fails.

(c)

1, 2 and 3 only. Keeps the no-carry-forward miss.

(d) Official key

1, 2 and 4 only. Durable assets, an **SC/ST earmark**, and 10% inspection. Unspent money may be carried forward.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 4 only. **MPLADS** is for durable community assets, with a specified SC/ST share, and the district must inspect at least a tenth of works. Unused funds can roll into the next year.

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MPLADS

₹5 crore per MP per year; district nodal.

SC/ST earmark

About 15% SC and 7.5% ST of each MP's annual entitlement.

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