



Uttar Pradesh Announces Increase in MLA Local Area Development Fund

Why in News?

- On May 31, 2022, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced that the MLAs Local Area Development Fund for UTTAR PRADESH will be increased from Rs 3 crore to Rs 5 crore.

Key Points

- It is a modified form of the **Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD)** of the Central Government.
- The objective of the scheme is to create need-based infrastructure at the local level, build assets of public use and remove regional imbalances in development.
- The scheme is for rural areas as well as urban areas.
- The MLAs do not get any money under this scheme. The government transfers it directly to the local authorities concerned.
 - Legislators can recommend the works to be done under it in their constituencies only on the basis of the guidelines.
 - The allocation of funds per MLA under the scheme varies from State to State.
- Significantly, the Uttar Pradesh government had increased the MLALAD fund from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore in February 2020, which was suspended in 2020-21 due to the Covid pandemic and partially restored in 2021-22.

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