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A statement circulated by Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & former Petroleum Minister and Adv Aashish Shelar, MLC & President, BJP – Mumbai in a joint press conference held on 7th March, 2014 at Mumbai

Unpardonable negligence in usage of MPLAD Fund by Congress MPs

Mumbai, March 7th: All the six Congress – NCP MPs of Mumbai have exhibited unpardonable negligence in usage of MPLAD Fund available to them. They owe an explanation to Mumbaites”, said Shri Ram Naik, BJP leader & former Petroleum Minister and Adv Aashish Shelar, MLC & President, BJP – Mumbai in a joint press conference held today at Mumbai.

Elaborating the issue Shri Ram Naik said, “Mumbai is represented in Lok Sabha by 5 Congress M.P.s viz. S/Shri Milind Deora, Eknath Gaikwad, Gurudas Kamat, Sanjay Nirupam and Smt. Priya Dutt and one NCP M.P. Shri Sanjay Patil. MPLAD Fund of Rs 19 crore was available to each of these M.P.s for five years; from 2009 - 10 to 2013 - 14. However, the Government released only Rs. 11.85 crore to each as per their recommendations for developmental works. All these M.P.s have miserably failed in implementing developmental projects as per the rules, there by collectively depriving Mumbai of developmental works to the tune of Rs. 42.90 crore. These M.P.s must explain to the voters why they have deprived them of such a huge fund and why they have failed in implementing appropriate projects.”

In the initial two years, i.e. 2009 – 10 and 2010 – 11 each M.P. was entitled for MPLAD Fund of Rs.2 crore per year and thereafter Rs. 5 crore each year for three years i.e. 2011 - 12, 2012 -13 and 2013 - 14. Thus each of these six M.P.s had Rs 19 crore at their disposal for development works in their constituency. “Acknowledging the principle of accountability to voters; these M.P.s must explain within a week why they failed in utilizing their funds fully; else Mumbaites would not forgive them”, said Shri Naik and Adv Shelar at the end.

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