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### 1. Consider the following statements about the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

- 1) Funds under the MPLADS are non-lapsable.
- 2) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is responsible for implementation of the scheme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

### 2. 'SHe-box' is sometimes mentioned in news with reference to

- A) An initiative to make rural households digitally literate
- B) An online complaint management system to report sexual harassment at workplace.
- C) An initiative to encourage energy efficiency technologies in light of Global Warming.
- D) Government e-commerce portal for buying and selling dairy products.

### 3. A clearing corporation is primarily associated with which of the following?

- A) Banks
- B) Insurance Companies
- C) Stock Exchanges
- D) Real Estate Agencies

### 4. The primary objective of the Tele Manas initiative is

- A) To promote telecommunication technology
- B) To enhance mental health services accessibility
- C) To provide educational resources for students
- D) To improve financial literacy

### 5. Which of the following regions is not served by UNRWA?

- A) Gaza Strip
- B) West Bank
- C) Lebanon
- D) Saudi Arabia

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### 1. Answer: C

#### Explanation

- The Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) is meant to enable **Members of Parliament to recommend works of developmental nature** with emphasis on the creation of durable community assets based on the locally felt needs.
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** has been responsible for the policy formulation, release of funds and prescribing monitoring mechanism for implementation of the Scheme.

#### Features

- The MPLADS is **fully funded by the Government of India**. The **annual MPLADS fund entitlement per MP constituency is Rs. 5 crore**.
- **Statement 1 is correct:** Funds under the MPLADS are **non-lapsable**.
- **Lok Sabha Members** can recommend works within their Constituencies and **Elected Members of Rajya Sabha** can recommend works within the State of Election (with select exceptions). **Nominated Members** of both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha can recommend works anywhere in the country.
- All works to meet **locally felt infrastructure and development needs**, with an **emphasis on creation of durable assets** in the area of national priorities namely drinking water, education, public health, sanitation, roads etc.
- The MPLADS funds can be **merged with other schemes** such as MGNREGA and Khelo India.

#### Allocation for SC & ST

- The guidelines recommend MPs to suggest works costing **at least 15 per cent** of their MPLADS entitlement for the year for areas inhabited by **Scheduled Caste population** and **7.5 per cent** for areas inhabited by **Scheduled Tribe population**.
- In case there is insufficient tribal population in the area of Lok Sabha Member, they may recommend this amount for the creation of community assets in **tribal areas outside of their constituency but within their State of election**.

#### Implementation

- Under MPLADS, the role of the MPs is limited only upto recommendation of works. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the **District Authority** to sanction, execute and complete the works recommended by Members of Parliament within the stipulated time.
- Information on MPLADS (the number and cost of works sanctioned, implementing agencies, projects completed, etc) should be made available to citizens under the **Right to Information Act**.
- **At least 10% of the projects** under implementation in the district are to be **inspected** every year by the district authority.

### 2. Answer: B

#### Explanation

- To facilitate lodging of complaints under the Act, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) developed an online complaint portal titled Sexual Harassment

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Electronic Box (SHe-Box) in 2017 to **facilitate the registration of complaints related to sexual harassment of women at work place.**

- Once a complaint is registered in the SHe-Box, it directly reaches the concerned authorities having jurisdiction to take action in the matter. The responsibility to take action on such complaints as well as to ensure updating of status in that regard on SHe Box, is with the concerned authorities.

### 3. Answer: C

#### Explanation

- Clearing corporation referred to as a **Clearing Firm/Clearing House**, it is an **organization associated with an exchange (NSE/BSE)** for managing the confirmation, settlement, and delivery of transactions.
- A CC ensures that the transactions are made in a prompt and efficient manner.

### 4. Answer: B

#### Explanation

- The Government of India (GoI) in its **Union Budget 2022**, announced the National Tele Mental Health Programme of India, Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele MANAS) and entrusted the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** to guide its overall implementation.
- The initiative provides a **toll-free number, 14416**, in each State and Union Territory (UT) for easy access to mental health support.
- The helpline was a response to a mental health crisis inflamed by the **COVID-19 pandemic**. Estimates show that **70-92% of Indians do not receive medication or treatment** for different mental conditions.
- Tele-MANAS was thus envisioned as an **emergency mental health first-aid kit**, embarking on a journey of building a comprehensive digital mental health network across India and reaching the unreached.

#### Structure

- Tele-MANAS comprises **two tiers: trained counselors at State Tele-MANAS cells** who provide immediate care, and **mental health professionals** (psychologists, clinicians, psychiatrists) at **District Mental Health Programme (DMHP)** who provide specialist care.
- **NIMHANS, Bengaluru**, serves as the **nodal center** while the **International Institute of Information Technology (IIITB) in Bengaluru** is tasked with providing the **technical know-how** for the helpline.

#### Why in News?

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** and the **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** to facilitate collaboration between the two Ministries in operating a special cell of Tele MANAS at the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune.

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- Currently, there are 51 operational Tele MANAS cells functioning across all 36 States and UTs, offering services in 20 different languages.

### 5. Answer: D

#### Explanation

- UNRWA stands for **UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East**.
- It was founded in **1949** by an **U.N. resolution** to **provide aid to about 700,000 Palestinians** who were forced to leave their homes in what is now Israel during the **1948 Arab-Israeli war**.
- The UN agency operates in **Gaza** and the **Israeli-occupied West Bank**, as well as **Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan** — countries where the refugees took shelter after their expulsion.
- UNRWA runs education, health, relief and social services, microfinance and emergency assistance programmes inside and outside refugee camps based in the aforementioned areas.
- Currently, around 5.9 million Palestine refugees — most of them are descendants of original refugees — access the agency's services.
- UNRWA is **funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions** by donor states like the US. It also gets a **limited subsidy from the UN**.
- UNRWA was initially created as a **temporary agency**. However, in the absence of a solution to the Palestine refugee problem, the General Assembly has repeatedly renewed UNRWA's mandate.