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Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

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## RESOLUTION

**No.254/2/2022-HINDI-MNRE:** To promote original book writing in Hindi or translated in Hindi, related to the subjects of New and Renewable Energy, Akshay Urja Puraskar Yojna (Previously Prakritik Urja Puraskar Yojna) was introduced in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Now the Scheme has been renamed as '**Rashtriya Akshay Urja Rajbhasha Puraskar Yojana**' with effect from the awards for the Calender Year 2020 and in supersession of the previous guidelines relating to erstwhile Scheme, the revised/ amended/ renamed Scheme is as under:

1. **Name** : The scheme may be called '**Rashtriya Akshay Urja Rajbhasha Puraskar Yojana**' for the original books written in Hindi and translated in Hindi on the subjects relating to New and Renewable Energy.
2. **Definitions** : In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires -
  - i. "Yojana" means the award scheme of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for encouraging writing of books in Hindi and translation of books in Hindi in the field of New and Renewable Energy.
  - ii. "Original" means originally written in Hindi and published for the first time.
  - iii. "Translated" means translated into Hindi from other languages and published for the first time.
  - iv. "Book" means published books.
  - v. "Year" means Calendar year.
3. **Objective:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy deals with technical/scientific subjects in official work. Difficulty is being faced to increase the use of Hindi in the field of knowledge/new and renewable energy (NRE) based subjects in the official work due to scarcity of books in Hindi. Employees also do face difficulties in doing their official work in Hindi in these subjects as they are not acquainted with Hindi



terminologies of knowledge/NRE. MNRE is undertaking this scheme with the sole objective to encourage writing of books in Hindi and translation of books in Hindi in the field of NRE.

4. **Awards** : Following awards will be given under this scheme :

Category	First Prize	Second Prize
1. Amount of cash award for the books written originally in Hindi.	Rs. 1,50,000/- + A Certificate of appreciation + A Memento	1,00,000/- + A Certificate of appreciation + A Memento
2. Amount of cash award for the books translated into Hindi from other languages.	Rs. 1,00,000/- + A Certificate of appreciation + A Memento	75,000/- + A Certificate of appreciation + A Memento

5. **Eligibility Criteria** :

- i. The author should be a citizen of India.
- ii. The book may be of various subjects relating to New and Renewable Energy. For example;  
Solar Thermal, Wind, Solar PV, Biomass, Biogas, Bio-energy, Small Hydro Power, Waste to Energy, Hydrogen Energy, Geo Thermal Energy, Ocean Energy, New and Renewable Energy sources etc.
- iii. All authors, whether a Govt. employee or a Non-Governmental person, can participate.

6. **General Conditions** :

- i. Entry can be sent for only one of the above categories mentioned at para 4 above. In case of author being more than one, each co-author must apply in prescribed format separately.
- ii. Book should contain minimum 100 pages.



- iii. Book should be an analytical review on the subject it deals with. Books written in the form of thesis of Ph. D, Poem, Novel, Story, Play etc. or textbooks shall not be eligible.
- iv. Book submitted earlier under the Scheme will not be accepted again.
- v. Books awarded previously by any government organisation shall not be eligible under this scheme. The author of book must inform immediately if the book is awarded under any other award scheme, before the declaration of the awards under this scheme.
- vi. The author of book shall be responsible for facts and data given in the book and must give references wherever possible as a proof.
- vii. If a person has received a prize under this scheme during preceding three years, his/her entry shall not be considered. However, a co-author (if any) can participate in the scheme.
- viii. If the Evaluation Committee arrives at a conclusion that none of the books, sent as entries is suitable for the award, Committees' decision in this regard shall be considered as final.
- ix. In case, a book selected for the award, has more than one author, award money shall be divided equally among them.

**7. Mode of calling the entries :**

- i. For inviting the entries for the awards, designated portal shall be opened from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June every year. The Ministry will write to all the Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments, UTs for giving wide publicity for the awards and also sending entries through the designated portal.
- ii. The information will be simultaneously placed on Ministry's website and other social media platforms as well as any other medium of communication, as may be decided, alongwith relevant details.

**8. Procedure for sending entries:**

- i. Entries for the award shall be received through online mode only (not email or offline) on MNRE Portal/National Award Portal. Offline entries will not be accepted. The entries would be submitted to the Ministry of New and



Renewable Energy with details as per online entry form (**Annexure-I**) alongwith supporting documents as mentioned in the entry form (i.e. original/ translated book/permission letter etc.).

- ii. An author may send only one entry in the scheme.

**9. Evaluation procedure of Books :**

- i. Entries (Books) received under the scheme will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee of experts constituted by the MNRE. The Committee will comprise of the following:-
  - a. Joint Secretary or equivalent level/Scientist 'G' - Chairperson
  - b. Three Scientists (F/E/D/C) - Member
  - c. Deputy Director (OL)/Assistant Director (OL) - Member Secretary
- ii. The awards will be decided by the Evaluation Committee/Award Committee constituted by the Ministry.
- iii. If during any year, a book is not found suitable for the award, the Award Committee may decide to withhold the award.
- iv. The book shall be assessed on the basis of the following criteria :

Sl. No.	Assessment Criteria	Weightage
1.	Contents of book	15%
2.	Factuality and practicality	15%
3.	Originality	15%
4.	Language and style	15%
5.	Standardness and uniformity of words	15%
6.	Relevance as per the scope of work of MNRE	15%
7.	Significance of pictures	05%
8.	Any other assessment parameters which Assessment Committee may devise.	05%

- v. Experts of Evaluation Committee will be entitled to honorarium as per instructions issued by GOI from time to time.



- vi. MNRE will take decision on recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee.

**10. Calendar of activities to be followed :**

The calendar of activities to be followed each year with regard to the awards is given at Annexure-II.

**11. Declaration and distribution of awards :**

- i. Awardees will be informed about the awards by email and the information will also be uploaded on the Ministry's website.
- ii. After declaration of the awards, winners will be awarded in a function/meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti organised by MNRE under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (NRE)/MOS (NRE) on the date fixed by MNRE.
- iii. Outstation Awardees will get re-imbusement of 2<sup>nd</sup> AC rail fare for to and fro journey and DA for stay as per rules of GOI. Arrangement for staying in Delhi will have to be made by the awardee himself/herself.

**12. General Information :**

- i. The author, whose book has been selected for award under this scheme, will be entitled to retain the copyright on his/her book.
- ii. No correspondence will be entertained regarding the selection of books for awarding of prize or the procedure regarding the selection of books for the award.
- iii. Detailed information regarding the Scheme is also available on MNRE website [www.mnre.gov.in](http://www.mnre.gov.in)

**13. Miscellaneous Provisions Governing the Awards:**

- i. The Ministry reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning and/or disclosing any reason.
- ii. In case of non-receipt of proper books/entries for the consideration of awards in a particular year, the award would be considered as lapsed for that year.
- iii. The decision of the Government with regard to selection of awardees shall be final and binding and no person including the applicant will have the right to



question the decision of the Government or to challenge the validity of such decision.

- iv. It is an ongoing scheme, however it may be reviewed after the awards for the Calender Year 2024 for better implementation.

**14. Right to relax the scheme :**

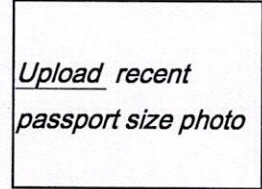
If it is necessary or expedient in the opinion of the Central Government to do so, documenting the reason for it, any of the provisions of these regulations may be relaxed by issuing an order.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**ENTRY FORM**

**'Rashtriya Akshay Urja Rajbhasha Puraskar Yojana' for Citizens of India for the original books written in Hindi and translated into Hindi from other languages in the field of New and Renewable Energy**

*(Note : In case of authors more than one, each co-author shall fill the above form separately.)*



1. Title of the Book (in Hindi) :

(In English) :

2. Whether the book is original in Hindi : Yes/No *(If yes, please upload book)*
3. Whether the book is translated into Hindi : Yes/No *(If yes, please upload book)*
4. The subjects dealt with in the book :
5. i. Name of the author (in Hindi) :
- (in English) :
- a. Full Address of author :
- b. Telephone/Mobile No :
- c. Email address :
- ii. Name of Co-author (in Hindi) :
- (in English) :
- a. Full Address of Co-author :
- b. Telephone/Mobile No :
- c. Email address :



6. Name of the publisher of book :
- a. Full address of the publisher :
- b. Year of publishing:
7. Had the book been awarded by any Government organisation previously: Yes/No
- If Yes, please give full details :
- i. Year in which sent :
- ii. To whom it was sent (full address):
- iii. Whether any award was given :
8. Any other information which Author wants to give.
9. Declaration
- a. I have read the rules and regulations of the scheme and I fully agree with them.
- b. I/we hereby certify that:
- i. I/we am/are a citizen(s) of India.
- ii. The book has been written originally in Hindi by me/us.
- iii. The book has been translated into Hindi from other languages by me/us and for this necessary permission has been obtained from the author of the book. **(Copy of permission is uploaded)**
- iv. By entering of my/our book under this scheme, the copyright of any other person is not violated.
- v. I/we have not written/translated the book in my/our official capacity as a part of my/our official duties.
- vi. I/we shall be responsible for the facts and data given in the book.
- vii. The book was not sent under this scheme earlier.

I/we undertake to abide by provisions of the Scheme.

Signature of the Author(s)

Place:

Date:




## CALENDER OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FOLLOWED

Sl. No.	Activities	Date/Month
1.	Entry start date	1 <sup>st</sup> January
2.	Entry end date	30 <sup>th</sup> June
4.	Evaluation process of entries (Books) by the Evaluation Committee of Experts	1 <sup>st</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> July
5.	Approval by the Secretary/Minister	Upto 1 <sup>st</sup> September
6.	Announcement date	14 <sup>th</sup> September (Hindi Divas)
7.	Presentation of Awards	Awards will be presented in a function/meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti organised by MNRE under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (NRE)/MOS(NRE) on a Date and time fixed by MNRE.

ORDER

It is ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, President's Secretariat, Vice- President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Committee of Parliament on Official Language, NITI Aayog, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Accountant General, Election Commission of India, Union Public Service Commission and all Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India.

It is also ordered that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general information.

  
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9. Secretary, Deptt. of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi .
10. Secretary, Committee of Parliament on Official Language, 11 Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi.
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16. P.S. to Minister for New and Renewable Energy.
17. P.S. to Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy.
18. PSO to Secretary, MNRE.
19. Sr.PPS to Addl. Secretary, MNRE.
20. PSO to J.S. (Admn.)
21. All Group/Divisional Heads.
22. All Autonomous Bodies and Institutions of MNRE.
23. All Officers and Sections in MNRE.
24. Pay and Account Officer, MNRE, New Delhi.
25. Director, NIC, MNRE- for uploading on MNRE website.



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