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Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development



भारत 2023 INDIA

18th July, 2023

Dear Chief Secretary,

I would like to draw your kind attention to Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) instituted by Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India to felicitate meritorious children in the country. These awards aim to give due recognition to young brave hearts who have done selfless acts of exceptional bravery for others and to young children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements who are role models and have had widespread and visible impact on society in the fields of Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts & Culture and Innovation, which deserve due recognition at the national level. These awards are conferred by the Hon'ble President of India in a special ceremony at New Delhi.

2. Any child, who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India, and not exceeding 18 years (as on the last date of receipt of application/nomination) may apply for the award. The applications for the PMRBP 2024 are to be received only on the online portal <https://awards.gov.in>, designed for this purpose. There are two options on the portal i.e. either the applicant child himself/ herself can fill the form or anyone else parents/officials/ teachers, etc. can nominate the child. In this regard, it is requested to direct the authorities under you to give wide publicity to the award, not only in the cities but also to the remote villages/panchayats/aspirational districts, etc. in order to cater children belonging to marginalised/deprived section of the society. The last date of receipt of online application forms is **31.08.2023**.

3. As per the new guidelines (**copy enclosed**), State Governments, Union Territories Administrations, District Collectors/District Magistrates, Panchayati Raj Institutions may also send the nominations for the deserving candidates, who have done exceptional contribution in the above-mentioned 7 fields.

4. It is, therefore, requested to nominate the deserving candidates (at least three candidates from every district). The nominations will be accepted only through online mode on portal <https://awards.gov.in>. up to **31.08.2023**. You are also requested to give these awards wide publicity through print and electronic media and other mediums so that the award is discussed and nominations submitted from all levels including Gram Panchayats/Municipalities, etc.

5. It may also be noted that Indian Council of Child Welfare (ICCW), which is an NGO currently under investigation by CBI for mis-appropriation of Government funds also has an Award named as the National Bravery Award, which gives an impression of being a Government sponsored programme. I would reiterate that ICCW enjoys no patronage or support of the Ministry and it is requested not to be associated with the ICCW Award nomination process in any manner and inform the District Authorities/Panchayats etc. to desist from any kind of involvement in the Award process of ICCW.

With regards,

Encl. : As above.

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States/UTs

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Yours sincerely

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GUIDELINES FOR PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL
PURASKAR (PMRBP)

Dated: 24.04.2023

1. Introduction

The 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' (PMRBP) awards are given to children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements in the fields of Bravery, Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts & Culture and Innovation, which deserve recognition at the national level.

2. Objectives

2.1. To give bravery awards to the brave children of our nation, as a tribute to the great valour and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, younger sons of the tenth Sikh Guru, Govind Singh Ji for their supreme and unparalleled sacrifice on 26th December, 1705 at the tender age of 9 and 6 years, respectively.

2.2 To commemorate the abiding commitment of the Government towards children and their well being. It will also provide an opportunity to understand and appreciate the capabilities and contribution of children in the building of our society and nation. The awards will inspire citizens to follow the league of PMRBP awardees.

3. Description

3.1 The recipients of the PMRBP shall be declared every year on December 26 on 'Veer Bal Diwas'.

3.2 The maximum number of awards would be 25. However, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the National Selection Committee. The Award in each category shall carry a Medal, a Certificate and Cash prize of Rs. One Lakh.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 A child who is an Indian Citizen.



4.2 Residing in India.

4.3 Child up to 18 years (as on the last date of receipt of application/nomination).

4.4 The act/incident/achievement should have been within 2 years of the last date of receipt of application/nomination for the year of consideration in the website i.e <https://awards.gov.in>.

4.5 Category of Awards: Achievement and excellence having impact and benefit for society in any one of the fields mentioned below:

i) Child Bravery Award: The award is given to a child to acknowledge her/his selfless service in the face of risk to her/his own life; and/or an act of outstanding courage and daring against an adverse natural or man-made situations; and/or an exceptional act of mental strength, quick wit and presence of mind in the face of grave danger to self and society.

ii) Child Excellence Award: The award is given to children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements in the following fields:

- (i) Sports
- (ii) Social Service
- (iii) Science & Technology
- (iv) Environment
- (v) Arts & Culture
- (vi) Innovation

4.6 The applicant should not be a previous recipient of the same award earlier in any category (including National Child Awards for Exceptional Achievement, as were awarded by the Ministry earlier).

4.7 If any applicant has applied in more than one category, it will be at the discretion of the National Selection Committee to accept only one application.

5. Nominations

5.1 The award endeavours to reach all corners of the Country to showcase the exceptional deeds and abilities of Children. Nominations for the award shall be invited from:



- (a) State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, District Collectors/District Magistrates, Panchayat Raj Institutions.
- (b) All Central and State School Boards, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Novodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights and National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development.
- (c) Ministry of Social Justice, Department of Disabilities, Department of School Education in Ministry of Education, all state Departments of School Education, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Department of Sports, Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Press Information Bureau.
- (d) The National Selection Committee may also, suo-moto, recommend an individual for the award with sufficient justification.
- (e) Self-nomination & recommendations for the awards, both shall be considered.

5.2 The nominations would be submitted to the Ministry of Women & Child Development with details, as per online application form along with supporting documents, as mentioned in the application form. Only fully completed applications shall be considered.

5.3 The entities at para 5.1 recommending the nominations should clearly certify the work carried out by the nominees for which the award is being recommended.

6. Mode of calling the nominations:

6.1 For inviting the applications for the awards, the designated portal shall be opened from 01st April to 31st July of every calendar year. Government may, at its discretion decide any other start/cut-off date for consideration of nominations for award for that particular year.

6.2 The Ministry will also write to State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Central Ministries/Departments for giving wide publicity



for the awards and also for sending nominations through the designated portal.

6.3 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, along with relevant details.

7. Procedure for sending nominations:

7.1. Open nominations from any citizen will be received only through **National Awards Portal on <https://awards.gov.in>**. The link of this website will also be available on the official website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (www.wcd.nic.in). Applications received other than online mode will not be entertained.

7.2 Applications received by the due date will be sent to States/UTs and District Collectors/District Magistrates for verification of the claims and achievements mentioned in the applications. Those applications recommended by the last date of receipt of application/nomination shall be considered for further evaluation/action.

8. Screening of Nominations:

8.1 A Search-cum Screening Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to scrutinize and short list the nominations received for the awards considering the achievement of the applying/recommended individuals.

8.2 The Search-cum Screening Committee shall consist of:

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| i.) | Joint Secretary (Child Welfare), Ministry of Women & Child Development | Chairperson |
| ii.) | Representatives of Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak Akadami, Lalit Kala Akadami and National School of Drama. | Member |
| iii.) | Representatives of Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Commissioner of Delhi Police | Member |
| iv.) | Representatives of Ministry of Electronics and | Member |



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| | Information Technology and Department of Science and Technology. | |
| v.) | Representatives of Sports Authority of India (SAI). | Member |
| vi.) | Representatives of Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). | Member |
| vii.) | Director/DS (CW), Ministry of Women & Child Development | Member |

9. National Selection Committee:

9.1 A National Selection Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to select the awardees on the basis of recommendation of the Search-cum Screening Committee.

9.2 The National Selection Committee shall consist of:

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| | Minister of Women and Child Development | Chairperson |
| | Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development | Member, ex-officio |
| | Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development | Member, ex-officio |
| | Special or Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development | Member, ex-officio |
| | Secretary or her/his representative in the Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs. | Member, ex-officio |
| | Subject expert in each field | Member |
| | Joint Secretary (Child Welfare), Ministry of Women and Child Development | Member Secretary, ex-officio |

9.3 The National Selection Committee, may at its discretion, also consider individuals other than those who have got nominated/recommended before the last date of receipt of nominations/recommendations with sufficient justification.

(Signature)

10. Presentation of the Award:

10.1 The awards will be conferred by H.E., President of India at New Delhi at a special ceremony/function to be held in January every year.

10.2 The Ministry of Women and Child Development will either provide return air tickets and local transport or reimburse the Air fare expenses and local transport from place of residence to the place of stay in New Delhi and back incurred by the Awardees, as also his/her parents or guardians (maximum two numbers excluding awardee), in economy class or actual expenses incurred on this account, whichever is less. The Air fare will be reimbursed from the place of residence, as provided by the applicant in the application form or any institution within India where child may be studying. Apart from this, boarding and lodging arrangements for the awardees shall be arranged by the Ministry.

10.3 The awards are to be received personally by the awardee.

11. Miscellaneous Provisions Governing the Awards:

11.1 The Ministry reserves the right to reject any application/s without assigning and/ or disclosing any reason.

11.2 The decision of the Government with regard to selection of awardees shall be final and binding and no person including the applicant shall have the right to question the decision of the Government or to challenge the validity of such decision.


(Vikas Tripathi)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India
