

Section – I

Description of the Award

1. The National Award shall be given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) or individual Human Rights Activists who have done outstanding fieldwork in the area of eradicating untouchability and in combating offences of atrocities under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 (PCR Act) and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (POA Act).
2. There shall be Four Awards every year. Award to individual activist shall carry an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs and to an Institution shall carry an amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs. The Award will be given to outstanding NGOs or Human Rights Activists in each of the four regions of the country namely North, South, East and West) for rendering yeomen services in the said fields.
3. The Award may be presented jointly or shared by more than one recipient or organisation as may be considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.
4. Normally the Award will not be presented posthumously. If, however, the death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the jury in the manner stipulated in this Code, then the Award may be presented posthumously.
5. A Screening Committee and finally the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose shall consider the achievement of the NGOs and the Individual Human Rights Activists nominated/recommended for the Award by the prescribed authority. The outstanding fieldwork in the area of eradicating untouchability and combating offences of atrocities shall be the primary consideration in identifying the Awardee.