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No.11012/ 3 /2007-PCR (Desk)
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi;
Dated: 31st August, 2007

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LG
spt Secy (SW)

The Chief Secretaries/Administrators
All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations

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Subject:- Institution of the National Award for outstanding fieldwork in eradicating untouchability and combating offences of atrocities against Scheduled Castes for the year 2007.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India has instituted the National Award for being given annually to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and/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). In this regard a copy of the Code of Procedure is enclosed. This Code has also been put on the website (www.socialjustice.nic.in) of this Ministry. It is requested that the Code may be given wide publicity. It is further requested that the names of renowned NGOs/ human rights activists and other details regarding names of their heads and complete addresses of communication, including phone numbers, etc. for the purpose of selecting them for being nominated on the Screening/Selection Committee for the year 2007 may kindly be furnished immediately.

2. It is also requested that proposals regarding nominations of the prospective awardees for the year 2007 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry with the approval of the Chief Minister/Lt. Governor immediately latest by **31st October, 2007**.

Yours faithfully,
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