

नार्थ ब्लाक, नई दिल्ली - 110001 MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI - 110001

27th August, 2007.

DO No. 15011/50/2007-SC/ST-W, Dear Sir,

You may have received a letter from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Government of India asking for nominations for National Awards to Non-Governmental Organisations (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). As you may be aware, there shall be four awards every year, one each for East, West, North and South Region of the Country and shall be conferred annually from the year 2006 and thereafter. The Awards to individual activists shall carry an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs and to an Institution shall carry an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

- 2. The nominations/responses received from State Governments and other competent authorities for grant of awards for the year 2006 shall be placed before the Screening Committee in the MSJE for necessary scrutiny and final selection. Its recommendations will thereafter, be placed before the Selection Committee constituted under the Hon'ble Minister in the MSJE to enable to take a final decision in this regard.
- 3. As the above said Committees would have to work in a time-bound manner, you are requested to send, if not already sent, to MSJE urgently nominations of eligible individual Human Rights Activists and NGOs working in these areas and having outstanding fieldwork to their credit, in the prescribed formats.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely

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Shri Chhering Targay, Chief Secretary, Andaman & Port Blair,

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