

Section - VI : Screening of Proposals

1. The requisite scrutiny and final selection of the responses so received for the Award shall be made by a Screening Committee to be appointed by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for this purpose.
2. The Screening Committee shall consist of Seven members who shall all be Indian nationals.
3. The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India shall be the Chairperson of the Screening Committee. The other members of the Screening Committee shall be :
 - (i) The Joint Secretary, Scheduled Castes Development Division, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (*Ex-officio* member);
 - (ii) The Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (*Ex-officio* member);
 - (iii) The Joint Secretary, SC & ST Cell, Ministry of Home Affairs (*Ex-officio* member);
 - (iv) The Joint Secretary, National Human Rights Commission (*Ex-officio* member);
 - (v) Two Representatives from the renowned NGOs which are doing outstanding work in creating awareness generation and assisting atrocity victims. However, such NGOs shall not submit proposals for the Award nor be represented by their representatives as Members on the Selection Committee. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations will be requested to suggest the names of such NGOs and the Chairperson shall have powers to include any of the two NGOs in the Screening Committee, as decided by him.
4. Non-official Members of the Screening Committee shall be appointed for a period of three years. After the expiry of three years, such nominated members shall retire. The retiring persons shall, however, be eligible for re-appointment.
5. If a nominated non-official member of the Screening Committee retires or dies or otherwise resigns or demits his membership before the expiry of the terms of his office, another member shall be appointed in his place for the unexpired period of that term.
6. The non-official members of the Screening Committee shall be entitled to Travelling and Daily allowance in accordance with the Financial Rules and procedures as applicable in Government of India.
7. The Screening Committee shall announce its decision as far as possible by 31st January, every year.
8. Decisions of the Screening Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest would lie against the Screening Committee.