

Section - VII: Selection of Awardee

1. The final selection for the Award shall be made by the Selection Committee to be constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
2. The Selection Committee shall consist of nine members who shall be Indian Nationals.
3. The Hon'ble Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment shall be the Chairperson of the Selection Committee. The other Members of the Selection Committee shall be the following :
 - (i) The Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes;
 - (ii) The Chairman, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis;
 - (iii) The Chairman, National Human Rights Commission or a Member of the NHRC nominated by the Chairman;
 - (iv) Two Members of Parliament, to be nominated by rotation for one year at a time by the Parliamentary Forum of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Members of Parliament;
 - (v) Two Members from amongst the Heads of reputed NGOs to be nominated by the Government, by rotation, for one year at a time (such NGOs would be barred from submitting proposal);
 - (vi) Two Members from amongst human rights activists, to be nominated by the Government, by rotation, for one year at a time;
 - (vii) The Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (*Ex-officio* Member);
4. If a nominated non-official member of the Selection Committee retires or dies or otherwise resigns or demits his membership before the expiry of the term of his office, another member shall be appointed in his place for the unexpired period of that term.
5. The Selection Committee shall not take a decision unless at least six of its members are present.
6. The non-official members of the Selection 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 decisions of the Selection Committee shall be by a majority vote. In the event of the votes on both sides being equal, the Chairperson presiding over a particular meeting shall have a casting vote.
8. The Selection Committee shall announce its decision as far as possible by 1st March, every year.
9. Decisions of the Selection Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to confirmation by any authority and no appeal or protest would lie against the Selection Committee's decision.