

Subject:- National Award for outstanding fieldwork in eradicating untouchability and combating offences of atrocities against Scheduled Castes for the year 2009.

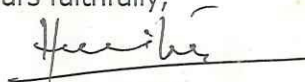
Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India in the year 2006 had instituted four National Awards to be given to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and 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 i.e. one for each of four regions viz North comprising of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh and Delhi), South (comprising of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry), East (comprising of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Orissa, West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and West (comprising of Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu) Award to an individual human rights activist shall carry an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs and to an NGO, an amount of Rs.5.00 lakhs. The award may be shared by more than one recipient or organization. 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 this 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 2008 may kindly be furnished immediately.

3. It is also requested that proposals regarding nomination of the prospective awardees for the year 2008 may kindly be furnished to this Ministry with the approval of the Chief Minister/Lt. Governor latest by **31st March, 2010**.

Yours faithfully,


(P.P.Mitra)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India