OFFICE MEMORANDUM


The undersigned is directed to refer to letter No.5-2/2018-NA Cell dated 23rd July, 2018 received from the Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) on the subject cited above.

2. As in the previous years, this year also, the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be conferred on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. on 3rd December, 2018 in the following categories:-

(i) Best Employee/Self-employed with disabilities;
(ii) Best Employer and placement Officer or Agency;
(iii) Best Individual and Institution working for the cause of persons with disabilities;
(iv) Role Model;
(v) Best Applied Research/Innovation or Product Development aimed at improving the life of persons with disabilities;
(vi) Outstanding Work in the Creation of Barrier-free Environment for the persons with disabilities;
(vii) Best District in providing rehabilitation service;
(viii) Best State Channelizing agency of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;
(ix) Outstanding creative adult persons with disabilities;
(x) Best Creative Child with disabilities;
(xi) Best Braille Press;
(xii) Best Accessible Website;
(xiii) Best state in promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities and implementation of Accessible India Campaign;
(xiv) Best Sportsperson with disability.

3. Criteria for each of the above categories of awards, and full details of the Scheme of National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with disabilities, 2018 have been uploaded on the website of the Department: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. An advertisement has also been issued in this regard by the Department on 17.07.2018 in leading national and regional newspapers.

4. Applications of those employed in the Central/State Government/ Union Territory administrations/Public Sector Undertakings have to be sent in the prescribed proforma (either in Hindi or in English only) through the Ministry/Department/State Government/Union Territory Administration/Public Sector Undertaking concerned duly approved by the competent authority in such Govt./Administration/Undertaking.

Dated: 6th August, 2018

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5. Applications of persons desiring to apply for the Award have to be made in the specific proforma (downloadable from Website of the Department: www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) and have to be accompanied by the following:

> Two passport sized photographs (in the case of individuals).
> Bio-data along with summary of achievements and documents in support thereof; and.
> Draft citation (not exceeding one page).

6. Applications duly recommended and complete in all respects are to be sent to Shri Sitaram Yadav, Deputy Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No 520, B-II, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, C.G.O Complex New Delhi-110003, so as to reach him latest by 20th August, 2018. Applications received after the last date and/or not recommended by the prescribed authority/persons will not be entertained.

7. The contents of the letter under reference are being brought to the notice of all the NPOs and other Organisations/Institutes under the Ministry of AYUSH for wider circulation and submission to Shri Sitaram Yadav, Deputy Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No 520, B-II, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, C.G.O Complex New Delhi-110003, so as to reach him latest by 20th August, 2018. The communication under reference may be uploaded on the Website of the Ministry of AYUSH: www.ayush.gov.in to economise on usage of stationery. The pathway for viewing the document is: www.ayush.gov.in → Tender/Vacancy → Communication received from other Ministries for information of Officers under Ministry of AYUSH. All concerned may be requested to peruse/download the communication which is being uploaded in the Website of the Ministry.

8. The applications of the candidates under various constituent units of the Ministry of AYUSH may be sent direct to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with requisite recommendation and an intimation to the undersigned.

(K.B.Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. CEO, NMPB/ Adv.Ay. (MN)/(DCK)/Adv.(U)/DDG(RCA)
2. Dir. (FLK)/(SRKY)/(SKA)/Dy. CEO (NMPB)/Jt. Adv.(Yoga)
3. DS (RM)/Dy. Dir (NMPB)/ Dy. Adv. (Dr. Qasmi)/Dr. Raghu/Sr.Con(SS)/IT Consultant (VS)
/IT/ NIC/ Vig./Hindi Section/E&C/ P&E/ Budget.
6. All Directors General of Research Councils/ Secretary, CCIM/CCH, all Directors of National Institutes/
HPL/PLIM/PCIM&H/ Managing Director, IMPCL
7. NIC Cell, Ministry of AYUSH with a request to upload the enclosed communication in the Website of the Ministry of AYUSH

Copy to:

1. PPS to Secretary (AYUSH)
2. PS to AS
3. PS to JS (RJ)/ Sr. PPS to JS (PNRK)

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that this Ministry has been implementing the Scheme of National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. This year also, the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities shall be conferred on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. on 3rd December, 2018 in the following categories:

(i) Best Employee/Self-employed with disabilities;
(ii) Best Employer and Placement Officer or Agency;
(iii) Best Individual and Institution working for the cause of persons with disabilities;
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2. Advertisement for inviting applications for National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2018 has been issued on 17.07.2018 in leading national and regional newspapers and has been uploaded on website of the Department i.e. www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. Criteria for each of the above categories of awards, and full details of the Scheme of National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2018 may be seen on the above mentioned website of the Department. Applications should be sent in Hindi or English only with the recommendation of any one of the prescribed authorities.

3. Applications of those employed in the Central/State Government/Union Territory Administrations/Public Sector Undertakings should be sent in the prescribed proforma (either in Hindi or in English only) through the Ministry/Department/State Government/Union Territory Administration/Public Sector Undertaking concerned duly approved by the competent authority in such Govt./Administration/Undertaking.

4. In case of others (including self-employed, those in the private sector organizations/ unorganized sector and sportspersons), applications should be routed through and recommended by one of the following:-

> Department of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration dealing with disability matters.
> Central Ministry/Department dealing with the relevant subject or area.
> A National Institute (under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment or Health and Family Welfare) dealing with rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities.
> Principal Secretary/Secretary, Welfare of the concerned State.
> Collector of the concerned District.
> A past recipient of National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

5. Incomplete applications or applications received after the prescribed date and/or not recommended by the any of the prescribed authorities mentioned above, will be ineligible for consideration of award and no further reference in the matter will be made.

6. Applications in the prescribed proforma should be accompanied by the following:-

> Two passport sized photographs (in the case of individuals).
> Bio-data along with summary of achievements and documents in support thereof; and
> Draft citation (not exceeding one page)
7. Application duly recommended and complete in all respects should be sent to Shri Sitaram Yadav, Deputy Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No. 520, B-II, 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, C.G.O Complex New Delhi-110 003, so as to reach him latest by 20th August, 2018. Applications received after the last date and/or not recommended by the prescribed authority/persons will not be entertained.

Yours faithfully,

(Dolly Chakrabarty)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

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