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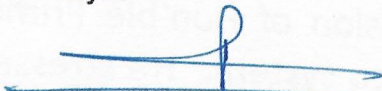
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Transformation of Awards & Decorations – regarding**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meeting held under the chairmanship of Home Secretary on 22.09.2022 on the above mentioned subject and to enclose the Minutes of the Meeting for immediate necessary action.

2. It is requested to send the action taken report within 10 days.

*Pls upload the notification with this and into our actw file*

  
27/9/2022  
(Pandey Pradeep Kumar)  
Deputy Secretary (Public)  
Tel. 23093101

To,

1. Shri Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Ms. Anita Karwal, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Shri K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Shri Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. Shri. Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, DG (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy for kind information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Home Secretary, North Block, New Delhi.
2. Sr. PPS to DG (Awards)/AS(p-I), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.
3. Senior Technical Director, NIC, MHA, North Block, New Delhi.



## **Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Home Secretary with the officers from various Ministries/Departments on 22.09.2022 to review the Transformation of Awards**

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Home Secretary with the Secretaries/officers of various Ministries/Departments on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 at 12.15 pm to review the Transformation of Awards and Decorations of these Ministries.

2. List of the participants is annexed.

3. Home Secretary welcomed the participants and highlighted the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding transformation of Awards Eco system. He stressed that number of awards and awardees should be very restrictive and selection process must be transparent to select really deserving candidates. He said that suitable guidelines have already been issued earlier by MHA and the participating Ministry/Departments should follow these guidelines.

### **(a) Department of Higher Education**

A brief presentation of the awards under Department of Higher Education was made during the meeting. There are 11 awards under the Department of Higher Education- 4 awards of AICTE, 3 of Council of Architecture and 4 of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR). After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) A new national level award with high stature may be instituted for Teachers, which could have two-three categories. In this National Level Award, all other awards given to teachers (including Technical Teachers Award of AICTE) by various



Ministries/Institutions etc. may be merged. This new award may be instituted either by the Department of Higher Education or the Department of School Education and Literacy.

- (ii) National Technical Institutions Award instituted by AICTE may be converted into the ranking of institutions.
- (iii) AICTE Lilavati Awards for women empowerment may be merged with Nari Shakti award of Ministry of Women & Child Development.
- (iv) AICTE Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards may be converted into grant/fellowship with proper justification and guidelines.
- (v) 3 Awards conferred by Council of Architecture and 3 Awards conferred by ICPR may be converted into research grant/fellowship with proper justification and guidelines.
- (vi) The Best Book of the Year Philosophy Award by ICPR may be discontinued; the book should compete in Sahitya Akademy Awards.

**(b) Department of School Education & Literacy**

A brief presentation of the awards under the Department of School Education & Literacy was made during the meeting. There are



12 awards under the Department of School Education & Literacy- 2 awards of Department, 1 of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), 3 of National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT), 1 of National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), 2 of CBSE, 1 of National Bal Bhawan, 1 of National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and 1 of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS). After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) National Award to Teachers may be merged in the new national level award suggested at para 3 (a) (i) above.
- (ii) The Department may discontinue the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar and convert this into ranking of schools.
- (iii) Award conferred to teachers by KVS, NCERT, NIOS, NCTE, NVS and CBSE may be discontinued and merged with National Awards to Teachers (para 3(a) (i) above).
- (iv) Diksha/ICT Award for States/UTs may be converted into ranking.
- (v) Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Mukta Vidya Award by NIOS, Awards to Toppers of 10 and 12 class by CBSE and National Bal Shree Honor of National Bal Bhawan may be discontinued.

**(c) Department of Agricultural Research and Education (ICAR)**

A brief presentation of the awards under Agricultural Research and Education (ICAR) was made during the meeting. Department informed that they have rationalized their 23 awards by



discontinuing of awards and there is only one award now having 16 sub-awards in 4 categories. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) 3 new National Level Awards with high stature may be instituted for Farmers, Research and Technology. All other sub awards may discontinued. The award given ICAR institutes, DUs, CAUs etc. may be converted into ranking.

**(d) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**

A brief presentation of the awards under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare was made during the meeting. Department informed that total number of awards under their Department is 1. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) Either the Department of Agricultural Research and Education or Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare may institute one National level award (Krishank Ratna) for Farmers.
- (ii) Department may discontinue Krishi Karman Awards and may convert these into ranking

**(e) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

A brief presentation of the awards under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was made during the meeting. Ministry informed that total number of awards under their Ministry is 17, out of which 5 awards are conferred by Ministry and 12 awards are conferred by the PSUs. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-



- (i) Department may discontinue all 3 Awards conferred by Centre for High Technology (CHT), 1-award of Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD), 1 of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), 3 awards of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., 2 awards of Oil India Ltd., and 5 awards of ONGC Videsh Ltd., (OVL).
- (ii) Awards conferred by Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. may be discussed with Government of Assam and convert them into a CSR activity.

**(f) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was made during the meeting. There are 13 awards under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting – 9 awards of Ministry, 1 award of Film and Television Institute of India and 3 awards by Autonomous Bodies under it. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) The number of awardees under National Film Awards (Feature Film) & National Film Awards (Non-Feature Film) may be rationalized.
- (ii) Dada Saheb Phalke Award may be continued.
- (iii) Best Writing Cinema Award for authors and publishers of books may be discontinued. The Book may compete under Sahitya Akademi Awards.



- (iv) Ministry may convert Most Film Friendly State award into ranking.
- (v) Ministry may discontinue cash prize under International Film Festival of India Award and Mumbai International Film Festival Award and numbers of awardees under Mumbai International Film Festival Award may be rationalized.
- (vi) National Photography Award may continue.
- (vii) The Ministry may discontinue National Community Radio Awards, FTII Student's Award Akashvani Annual Awards and Doordarshan National Awards.
- (viii) Number of awardees under International Children's Film Festival of India Award conferred by Children's Film Society of India may be rationalized. Also cash prize in the award may be discontinued.

**(g) Ministry of Culture**

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Culture was made during the meeting. There are 16 awards under the Ministry of Culture – 3 awards of Ministry and 13 awards of Autonomous Bodies under it. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that:-

- (i) Gandhi Peace Prize and Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony may continue.



- (ii) Original Book Writing in Hindi may be merged with awards given for Hindi writing by Department of Official Language.
- (iii) There should be one Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and one Sahitya Akademi Award of higher stature with various categories under them. Secretary (Culture) may review the awards given by Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Natak Akademi with a view to consider opening up their awards to general public in terms of nomination etc.
- (iv) B.V. Karanth Smriti Puraskar and Manohar Singh Smriti Puraskar of National School of Drama may continue.
- (v) Kriti Samman Yojana (2016) and Shreshth Patrikaon par Puraskar (2016) may be discontinued.
- (vi) CCRT award for teachers may be discontinued in view awards given to teachers by Ministry of Education.
4. Home Secretary informed the participants that a review meeting will be soon held by the PMO in this regard and **Ministries/Departments should take necessary actions as per the decisions taken during the meeting and send the action taken report to MHA within 10 days.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**List of participants who attended the meeting on 22/09/2022 Under  
the Chairmanship of Home Secretary**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation and Organization</b>
1.	Shri Ajay Bhalla	Home Secretary (Chairman)
2.	Ms. Anita Karwal	Secretary, D/o School Education & Literacy
3.	Shri K. Sanjay Murthy	Secretary, Department of Higher Education
4.	Shri Satpal Chouhan	DG (Awards)
5.	Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh	AS (Police-I)
6.	Shri Rajinder Kumar	Economic Advisor, M/o Petroleum and Natural Gas
7.	Dr.P.K.Agarwal	ADG, D/o Agricultural Research and Education
8.	Shri Vikram Sahay	JS, M/o Information and Broadcasting
9.	Ms. Lily Pandeya	JS, Ministry of Culture
10.	Shri R P Singh	Addl. Commissioner, D/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
11.	Dr. Somnath Agasimani	Asstt. Commissioner, D/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
12.	Shri Pandey Pradeep Kumar	DS (Public)