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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

B-II, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan,

C.G.O Complex, New Delhi, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

Office Memorandum

**Subject: Inviting applications for the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2019**

National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were instituted to focus public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming in society. These awards are conferred on 3<sup>rd</sup> December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities on outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

2. An advertisement for inviting applications has been published in the national/regional dailies. **The last date for receipt of applications for National Awards 2019 is 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.** A brief note indicating the category of awards, specified disabilities, authorities prescribed for recommending the applications is enclosed as Annexure.

3. It is requested that in order to encourage nominations/applications for submission before the last date, widespread publicity may please be given to these awards within the Ministry/Department and the autonomous bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry.

(Kishor B. Surwade)

Deputy Director General

Tel. No. 24364394

To

(Separate letter to each addressee)

- (i) The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India (list I).
- (ii) Organisations/National Institutes under the Department (List II).

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- (iii) The Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Hosur Road, Bangalore-560029
- (iv) The Director General, Confederation of Indian Industries, The Mantosh Sondhi Centre, 23 Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003;
- (v) The Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi-110001;
- (vi) The Secretary General, Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, ASSOCHAM Corporate Office, 1, Community Centre Zamrudpur, Kailash Colony, New Delhi-11004.

### Brief Note on National Awards for Persons with Disabilities, 2019

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been implementing the Scheme of National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are conferred on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. on 3<sup>rd</sup> December every year 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 Sportsman with disability.

2.(a) For the purpose of National Awards, the broad categories covering all the 21 types of disabilities specified under the The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 are as under:-

Sr.	Broad category of disability	Types of Disabilities covered
i)	Locomotor Disability	Locomotor Disability, Muscular Disability, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy
ii)	Visual Disability	Blindness, Low Vision
iii)	Hearing Disability	Deaf, Hard of Hearing
iv)	Speech and Language Disability	Speech and Language Disability
v)	Developmental Disorder	Autism Spectrum Disorder, Specific Learning Disability
vi)	Intellectual Disability	Earlier Known As Mental Retardation
vii)	Mental Behavior	(Mental Illness)
viii)	Disability caused due to blood disorder	Haemophilia, Thalassemia Sickle Cell Disease
ix)	Chronic Neurological Conditions	Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease)
x)	Multiple Disabilities	(Multiple Disabilities involving any two or more of the above 8 broad categories)

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(b) An advertisement inviting applications for the above mentioned category of National Awards has been issued on 6.7.2019 in the national/regional newspapers. It is now therefore, requested that in order to encourage nominations/applications for submission before the last date, widespread publicity may please be given to these awards within your State/UT.

(c) Applications should be sent in the prescribed format in Hindi or English only. The application format is available in advertisement hosted on the website of the Department. Criteria laid down for each of the above categories of awards, and the Guidelines of National Awards are also available on the website of the Department. ([www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)).

3. The applications of organizations/institutions and 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. Applications of those not covered under above mentioned category (including self-employed or employed in the private sector organizations/ unorganized sector), should be sent with recommendation of any one of the following:-

- Department of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration dealing with disability matters.
- Collector/District Magistrate of the concerned District.
- A National Institute of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- A past recipient of National Award (in individual capacity) for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

5. Application not routed or recommended by the prescribed authority or in the manner provided in paras 3 & 4 above and/or received after the last date will not be considered. No correspondence in this connection will be entertained.

6. Applications in the prescribed format 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 respect should be sent to Shri Sitaram Yadav, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (*Divyangjan*), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No. 520, B-II, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhavan, C.G.O Complex New Delhi- 110 003, **so as to reach him latest by 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**