

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2560**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2023/ AGRAHAYANA 28, 1945
(SAKA)**

PADMA AWARDS

**2560. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted/followed by the Government for conferring the Padma Awards, namely Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shree to a person in the country;

(b) the various fields in which these distinguished awards are given by the Government;

(c) the details of facilities provided to the persons conferred with these prestigious awards;

(d) whether any mechanism or scheme exists within the Government through which work done or achievements of the Padma Awardee reaches to the people to encourage the Padma Awardee and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (e): The Padma Awards are given every year in three categories viz.

Padma Vibhushan for “exceptional and distinguished service”; Padma

Bhushan for “distinguished service of a high order” and Padma Shri for “distinguished service”, in any field of activity. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex is eligible for the Padma Awards. Serving Government servants, including those working with Public Sector Undertakings, except doctors and scientists, are not eligible for the Padma Awards. All the nominations received are placed before the Padma Awards Committee for its consideration. Award is conferred only on the recommendations of the Padma Awards Committee. The names of the persons recommended by the Padma Awards Committee are submitted to the competent authority for approval.

Padma Awards are given in 10 broad fields of activities namely Art, Social Work, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Trade & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Civil Service, Sports and Others.

Padma Awards are the highest civilian awards of the country and no monetary or other facility is attached to these awards.

These Awards are given in recognition of the contribution made by the Padma Awardees to the society and the nation or for their life time achievements in any field of human endeavor.
