

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1513  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000  
BHARAT RATNA AWARD  
CHANDRA VIJAY SINGH

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of recipient of Bharat Ratna Award posthumously; and
- (b) the criteria for such posthumous recognition?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a): 13 persons have been posthumously decorated with Bharat Ratna Award so far.

(b): Bharat Ratna is awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science and in recognition of public service of the highest order. The Award is normally not conferred posthumously. However, in exceptional and highly deserving cases, the award has been conferred posthumously.