

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:127

ANSWERED ON:23.02.2010

PADMA AWARDS

Gandhi Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal;Gawali Patil Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao ;Gowda Shri D.B. Chandre;Jeyadural Shri S. R.;Rao Shri Nama Nageswara;Yadav Shri Sharad

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints against the recently announced Padma Awards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has examined the matter; and
- (d) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): Yes. A few representations have been received in respect of the Padma awards announced this year.

(c) & (d): Padma awards are considered in terms of existing guidelines and conferred after observance of established procedures. As per extant guidelines/regulations, all nominations are placed before the Padma Awards Committee. A due diligence exercise including verification by premier investigating/intelligence agencies of the Government, is undertaken in respect of persons shortlisted by the Padma Awards Committee before announcement of the final list of names. This year also, all prescribed procedures were duly followed before announcement of the names on the occasion of Republic Day, 2010.