

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3140  
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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD  
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the declaration and distribution of the Rajiv Gandhi National Quality Award 2009 and 2010 for small scale manufacturing industry is still pending;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the expenditure incurred to organise and distribute such awards particularly for the year 2008;
- (c) whether the award ceremony is organised in sensitive places/venues to check the public gatherings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to organise such function in a public place to include more participants; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Applications for the Rajiv Gandhi National Quality Awards are invited by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) only after the Awards for the previous year are announced. The Awards for the year 2008 were announced in December, 2009 and an expenditure of Rs. 35 lakhs was incurred on organizing and distributing the awards. The process for selection of the awardees for the year 2009 is still on. The awards for the year 2010 are not yet due.

(c) & (d): A suitable venue for the award presentation ceremony is decided depending on its availability in Delhi. Participation in the ceremony is through invitation only.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.