

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:109
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CRITERIA FOR PADMA AWARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted and the procedure followed for selecting the Padma awardees;
- (b) the names of the member of the Committee during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether elected representatives of the Union Legislature, are prohibited to become members of the said Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the time since when the said practice is in force?

Answer

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

(a): In terms of extant rules and regulations governing the award, Padma Vibhushan is awarded 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.

In terms of extant procedure/guidelines regulating Padma Awards, nominations for the awards are open to all. Besides inviting nominations from institutional sources like State/UT governments, Central Ministries/Departments, Institutes of Excellence and Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan awardees, a large number of recommendations are also received from various other sources like Governors, Chief Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Private institutions/bodies and individuals etc. All nominations/recommendations received in the Ministry are placed before the Padma Awards Committee for its consideration.

The Awards Committee scrutinizes all nominations/ recommendations placed before it and makes its recommendations to the prime Minister and the President for approval.

(b): The names of the members of the Padma Awards committee for last three years are as at Annexure.

(c): There is no restriction as such on the elected representatives of the Union Legislature to become members of the said Committee.

(d): Dies not arise.