

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3202  
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PADMA AWARDS  
Jigajinagi Shri Ramesh Chandappa

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

- (a) whether there is any provision for conferring Padma Awards in the field of ancient Indian scriptural knowledge;
- (b) if so, the details of the nominations and awards given during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): In terms of extant policy and procedures regulating Padma awards, the awards are given in nine broad fields/disciplines, namely, Art, Social Work, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Trade & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Civil Service, and Sports. The sub-field 'ancient Indian scriptural knowledge' is covered under the aforementioned broad fields/disciplines. It is not the practice to maintain any record for subfields/disciplines.