

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PADMA AWARDS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of nominations received for Padma Awards in 2011, category-wise;
- (b) the number of nominations which were referred to the Award Selection Committee;
- (c) the number of awards sanctioned for each year, category-wise;
- (d) the procedure and criteria adopted in the selection of Padma awardees;
- (e) whether the Government has announced the list of Padma awardees which were more than the sanctioned numbers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The total number of nominations received for Padma Awards-2011 was 1331. The category-wise composition is Padma Vibhushan-92, Padma Bhushan-254 and Padma Shri-985.
- (b) 1331 nominations were referred to Padma Awards Committee.
- (c) The details of awards sanctioned each year, category-wise is annexed.
- (d) 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 Padma Awards Committee scrutinizes all nominations/ recommendations placed before it and makes its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the President for approval.
- (e) & (f): The Government has announced a list of 128 Padma Awards for 2011, which includes 12 in the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/Posthumous. The number of Padma Awards which can be given annually is 120. In this ceiling of 120 awards, the awards given to Foreigners/NRI/PIO and those conferred posthumously are not counted.