

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:409  
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2011  
PADMA AWARDS  
Punia Shri P.L.

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to keep the Government officials/employees out from the category of Padma Awards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any norms to honour the Government officers/employees for their distinguished services;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Serving Government servants are not eligible for Padma Awards as per decision taken by the Government.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Government of India has instituted the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by officers of the Central and State Governments. First such awards were given in the year 2007. All serving officers of the Central and the State Governments, either individually or as a team, or as organization are eligible for the Awards. The awards carry a medal, scroll and cash. The awards are presented by the Prime Minister of India on the occasion of Civil Services Day i.e. 21st April every year.
- (e): Does not arise.