

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1501  
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2011  
PADMA FOR CULTURE  
Tharoor Shri Shashi

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

- (a) the criterion followed by the Government for awarding the Padma Shri including persons contributing in the field of culture;
- (b) whether such awards are confined to artists or practitioners, and denied to those engaging in the promotion of Indian culture; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): In terms of extant procedure/guidelines regulating the Padma Awards, the Padma Shri awards are given for distinguished service in any field of activity.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.