

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4257  
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PADMA AWARDS  
Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz

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

- (a) the criteria adopted and the procedure followed for selection of Padma awardees;
- (b) the names of the members of the Committee which finally decide the awardees during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) whether there are any rules/ guidelines prohibiting MPs from being considered for these awards; and
- (d) if so, the time since when this rule/ guideline has been in operation?

**Answer**

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

(a): 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 receipt of nominations from sources like State/UT governments, Central Ministries/ Departments, Institutes of Excellence and Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan awardees from whom nominations are invited, 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 annexed. The selection procedure for Padma Awards 2012 is not completed yet. As per extant practice, the names of the members of the Padma Awards Committee are not revealed till the selection procedure is over.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): In view of (c), does not arise.