

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5200
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PADMA AWARDS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any farmer has ever been conferred national honours like Padmashree, Padma Vibhushan, Bharat Ratna etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) In terms of regulations governing Padma Awards, the Padma Awards are given for exceptional/distinguished service in any discipline/field of activities. As per extant practice, these disciplines/fields of activities have been broadly classified as Art, Social Works, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Trade & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Civil Service, Sports and Others. Farmers are covered under the aforesaid disciplines. However, it is not the practice to maintain record of any sub-discipline or sub-field.

(b) to (c): do not arise.