

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FAVOURITISM IN PADMA AWARDS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of favouritism in awarding Padma Awards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): 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 Governments/ UT Administrations, 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 headed by the Cabinet Secretary for its consideration. The Padma Awards Committee scrutinizes all nominations and submits its recommendations to the Home Minister, Prime Minister and the President for approval. In terms of regulations governing Padma Awards, the Padma Awards are given for exceptional/ distinguished service in any discipline/ field of activities.