

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DR. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL AWARD  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the schemes and programmes being undertaken by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation;
- (b) whether the Foundation has not conferred the Dr. Ambedkar National Award and Dr. Ambedkar International Award on an individual/organisation for the last several years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not conferring the Awards for a long time?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR Social Justice and Empowerment (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is implementing, inter-alia, the following Schemes and programmes:-

- (i) Collected Works of Babasahed Ambedkar (CWBA) Project.
- (ii) Celebration of birth anniversary and observance of death anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, every year on the Parliament House Lawns,
- (iii) Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards for meritorious students of Secondary and Sr. Secondary Examinations.
- (iv) Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme,
- (v) Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to SC Victims of Atrocities,
- (vi) Dr. Ambedkar National Essay Competition Scheme, and
- (vii) Dr. Ambedkar Chairs at different Universities/Institutions.

(b) &(c) Dr. Ambedkar National Award

The Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections was last given away in the year 2000, for the year 1998, to Kastrurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedarniam, Tamil Nadu. Thereafter no award could be given upto the year 2010.

The nominations for the National Award -2011 were invited by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. However, the selection of the Awardee(s) for the year 2011 has not been yet finalized.

Dr. Ambedkar International Award

The Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change was last given away in the year 2002, for the year 2000, to Mr. Remy Fernand Claude Satorre of Spain. Thereafter no award could be given.