

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

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DR.AMBEDKAR AWARDS
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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 said 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) Dr. Ambedkar Chairs at different Universities/Institutions.
- (ii) Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards for meritorious students of Secondary school Examination belonging to scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes.
- (iii) Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme.
- (iv) Dr. Ambedkar Samajik Samata Kendra Yojna.
- (v) Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Award Scheme for meritorious students of Senior Secondary School Examination belonging to Scheduled Castes.
- (vi) Dr. Ambedkar National Relief to the Scheduled Caste victims of atrocities Scheme.
- (vii) Dr. Ambedkar scheme for celebration of Birth Anniversary of Great Saints.
- (viii) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation National Essay Competition Scheme for the students of recognized Schools/Colleges/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 Kastruba 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.

(c) : Dr. Ambedkar International Award.

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