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Government of India

Ministry of Women & Child Development

8th April, 2024

D.O. No.19011/2/2024-CW-I

Dear Chief Secretary,

I would like to draw your kind attention to Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) instituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India to felicitate meritorious children in the country. These awards aim to give due recognition to young brave hearts who have done selfless acts of –

- i. Exceptional bravery for others, and
- ii. To young children with exceptional abilities, and outstanding achievements who are role models and have had widespread and visible impact on society in the fields of Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts & Culture and Innovation, which deserve due recognition at the national level.

These awards are conferred by the Hon'ble President of India in a special ceremony at New Delhi.

2. As per the new guidelines (copy enclosed), State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, District Collectors/District Magistrates, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies, Educational Institutions etc. may also send nominations for the deserving candidates, who have made exceptional contribution in the above-mentioned fields.

3. The portal for receiving applications for the PMRBP-2025 (<https://awards.gov.in>) has been made live on 1.4.2024. Any child, above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of this year), who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India, may apply for the award. Applications for the PMRBP 2025 are to be received only on the online portal <https://awards.gov.in> designed for this purpose. There are two options on the portal i.e. either the applicant child himself/herself can fill the form or anyone else namely parents/officials/ teachers, etc. can also nominate the child. In this regard, it is requested to direct the authorities under you to give widest publicity to the award, not only in the cities but also in the remote villages/panchayats/aspirational districts, etc. in order to cater to children belonging to marginalised/deprived section of the society. The last date of receipt of online application forms is 31.07.2024.

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4. It may be noted here that The Indian Council of Child Welfare (ICCW), which is an NGO currently under investigation by CBI for mis-appropriation of Government funds also runs the so-called National Bravery Award, which gives a wrong impression of it being a Government sponsored programme. The ICCW enjoys no patronage or support of this Ministry or Government of India and it is requested that no entity under the state government should associate itself with the ICCW Award nomination process. I would further request you to kindly inform the District Authorities/Panchayats etc. to desist from any kind of involvement in the Award process of the ICCW.

5. Therefore, I request you to kindly nominate at least three deserving candidates for PMRBP from every district.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl. : As above.


(Anil Malik)

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States/UTs

File No.19019/6/2020-CW-I
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GUIDELINES FOR PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR
(PMRBP)

Dated: 16.08.2023

1. Introduction

The 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' (PMRBP) awards are conferred upon young brave hearts who have done selfless acts of exceptional bravery for others and on young children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements who are role models and have had widespread and visible impact on society in the fields of Sports, Social Service, Science & Technology, Environment, Arts & Culture and Innovation, which deserve due recognition at the national level.

2. Objectives

2.1 To give bravery awards to the brave children of our nation, as a tribute to the great valour and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, younger sons of the tenth Sikh Guru, Govind Singh Ji for their supreme and unparalleled sacrifice on 26th December, 1705 at the tender age of 9 and 6 years, respectively.

2.2 To commemorate the abiding commitment of the Government towards children and their well being. It will also provide an opportunity to understand and appreciate the capabilities and contribution of children in the building of our society and nation. The awards will inspire citizens to follow the league of PMRBP awardees.

3. Description

3.1 The recipients of the PMRBP shall be declared every year on December 26 on 'Veer Bal Diwas'.

3.2 The maximum number of awards would be 25. However, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the National Selection Committee. The Award in each category shall carry a Medal and a Certificate.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.

4.2 Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year).

4.3 The act/incident/achievement should have been within 2 years of the last date of receipt of application/nomination for the year of consideration in the website i.e <https://awards.gov.in>.

4.4 **Bravery Award:** The award is given to a young child to acknowledge her/his selfless service in the face of risk to her/his own life; and/or an act of outstanding courage and daring against an adverse natural or man-made situations; and/or an exceptional act of mental strength, quick wit and presence of mind in the face of grave danger to self and society.

4.5 **Excellence Award:** The award is given to children who have overcome their ordinary circumstances to achieve exceptional and outstanding outcomes in the following fields:

S.No	Field of Achievements	Remarks
1.	Innovation	Innovation in any field maybe considered which has impacted the field positively.
2.	Social Service	Leadership skills in motivating, organizing and mobilizing community towards rights of women & children and others.
3.	Environment	Consistent efforts/achievements in environmental issues at various levels.
4.	Sports	Consistent achievements in sports at National and International levels to be encouraged.
5.	Art & Culture	Consistent efforts to promote cultural heritage and achievements in art & culture at National and International level in art, music (vocal & instrumental), dance, painting or any other form of art /culture.
- 6.	Science & Technology	Consistent achievements in science & technology issues at National and International level may be considered.

4.5 (i) The achievement should not be one-off, but carried out over a period of time. The achievements should be indicative of child's passion in respective field with visible impact on society.

4.5 (ii) Context and background of the child should also be a criteria. For example, achievements of a child in difficult circumstances would be given weightage.

4.6 Due care shall be taken to ensure fair representation of all States/UTs.

4.7 Efforts would be made to ensure fair representation of Boys and Girls.

4.8 The applicant should not be a previous recipient of the same award earlier in any category (including National Child Awards for Exceptional Achievement, as were awarded by the Ministry earlier).

4.9 If any applicant has applied in more than one category, it will be at the discretion of the National Selection Committee to accept only one application.

5. Nominations

5.1 The award endeavours to reach all corners of the Country to showcase the exceptional deeds and abilities of young children. Nominations for the award shall be invited from:

- i. State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, District Collectors/District Magistrates, Panchayat Raj Institutions.
- ii. All Central and State School Boards, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Sangathan, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights and National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development.
- iii. Ministry of Social Justice, Department of Disabilities, Department of School Education in Ministry of Education, all state Departments of School Education, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Department of Sports, Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and associated offices.
- iv. The National Selection Committee may also, suo-moto, recommend an individual for the award with sufficient justification.
- v. Self-nomination & recommendations for the awards, both shall be considered.

5.2 The nominations would be submitted to the Ministry of Women & Child Development with details, as per online application form along with supporting documents, as mentioned in the application form. Only fully completed applications shall be considered.

5.3 The entities at para 5.1 recommending the nominations should clearly certify the work carried out by the nominees for which the award is being recommended.

6. Procedure for nominations:

6.1 For inviting the applications for the awards, the designated portal shall be opened from 01st April to 31st July of every calendar year. Government may, at its discretion decide any other start/cut-off date for consideration of

nominations for award for that particular year.

6.2 The Ministry will also write to State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and Central Ministries/Departments for giving wide publicity for the awards and also for sending nominations through the designated portal.

6.3 The information will be simultaneously placed on Ministry's website and other social media platforms ,as well as any other medium of communication, as may be decided, along with relevant details.

7. Procedure for sending nominations:

7.1 Open nominations from any citizen will be received only through **National Awards Portal on <https://awards.gov.in>**.The link of this website will also be available on the official website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development(www.wcd.nic.in).Applications received other than online mode will not be entertained.

7.2 Applications received by the due date will be sent to States/UTs and District Collectors/District Magistrates for verification of the claims and achievements mentioned in the applications. Those applications recommended by the last date of receipt of application/nomination shall be considered for further evaluation/action.

8. Screening of Nominations:

8.1 A Search-cum Screening Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to scrutinize and short list the nominations received for the awards considering the achievement of the applying/recommended individuals.

8.2 The Search-cum Screening Committee shall consist of:-

1.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development	Chairperson ex-officio
2.	Representatives of Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak Akadami, Lalit Kala Akadami and National School of Drama.	Member
3.	Representative of Director General, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Commissioner of Delhi Police	Member

4.	Representative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	Member
5.	Representative of Department of Science and Technology	Member
6.	Representative of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)	Member
7.	Representative of Sports Authority of India (SAI).	Member
8.	Representative of Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).	Member
9.	Director (CW), Ministry of Women & Child Development	Member-Secretary

9. National Selection Committee:

9.1 A National Selection Committee, constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to select the awardees on the basis of recommendation of the Search-cum Screening Committee.

9.2 The National Selection Committee shall consist of:

1	Minister of Women and Child Development	Chairperson
2	Minister of State, Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member, ex-officio
3	Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member, ex-officio
4	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member, ex-officio
5	Secretary or her/his representative in the Department of School Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs.	Member, ex-officio
6	Subject expert in each field and child psychologist, sociologists, police/paramilitary/defence personnel/disability expert etc.	Member, ex-officio

7	Joint Secretary (Child Welfare), Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member Secretary, ex-officio

9.3 The National Selection Committee, may at its discretion, also consider individuals other than those who have got nominated/recommended before the last date of receipt of nominations/ recommendations with sufficient justification.

10. Presentation of the Award:

10.1 The awards will be conferred by H.E., President of India at New Delhi at a special ceremony/function to be held in January every year.

10.2 The Ministry of Women and Child Development will either provide return air tickets and local transport or reimburse the Air fare expenses and local transport from place of residence to the place of stay in New Delhi and back incurred by the Awardees, as also his/her parents or guardians (maximum two numbers excluding awardee), in economy class or actual expenses incurred on this account, whichever is less. The Air fare will be reimbursed from the place of residence, as provided by the applicant in the application form or any institution within India where child may be studying. Apart from this, boarding and lodging arrangements for the awardees shall be arranged by the Ministry.

10.3 The awards are to be received personally by the awardee. However, in case the awardee is not in a position to personally receive the award, then the award may be received on the child's behalf by the parents/guardians.

11. Miscellaneous Provisions Governing the Awards:

11.1 The Ministry reserves the right to reject any application/s without assigning and/ or disclosing any reason.

11.2 The decision of the Government with regard to selection of awardees shall be final and binding and no person including the applicant shall have the right to question the decision of the Government or to challenge the validity of such decision.



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