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Government of India
National Commission for Minorities
5th floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003

NOMINATION FOR MINORITY RIGHTS AWARD

The Minorities Rights Award is presented in December every year by National Commission for Minorities for outstanding contribution to promote and protect the rights of minorities.

2. Nomination for the Minorities Rights Award are invited from (i)State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations (ii)Central Government Ministries/ Departments (iii)Specialized agencies/institutions/organizations of repute dedicated to the cause of minorities (iv)Vice Chancellors of Universities (v)Commissions of the State/Central Government concerned with disadvantaged groups (vi)NGOs working for Minority Rights and (vii)other sources. Nominations cannot be made by any individual for himself/an organization for itself or for any of its members.

3. Details of the eligibility for the award, method of selection etc. can be seen on our website i.e. www.ncm.nic.in. Last date for submission of nomination in the National Commission for Minorities is 30th November, 2010. The nominations clearly spelling out the contribution along with the documentary proof may be submitted to Secretary, National Commission for Minorities, 5th floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi-110003 by post/hand or on E-mail with scanned documents before 30th November, 2010 at Secretary's E-mail ID mkkhanna@aol.in.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

Minorities Rights Award, 2010

The National Commission for Minorities has instituted the Minorities Rights Award for an individual or an organization that are given every year on Minorities Rights Day on 18 December for outstanding contribution to promote and protect the rights of minorities over a period of time.

2. The award is being regulated as under:-

I. Objectives:-

The award has been instituted to promote protection of rights of minorities by recognizing activities relating to:-

- (i) Safeguarding the rights of minorities and fostering unity among all sections of Indian Society through any peaceful and civilized method including peaceful protests, demonstrations, non-violent movements, writing, teachings and education or any progressive measures recognized by the civil society and the Constitution of the Country.
- (ii) Championing courageously the cause of minorities and securing their rights/interest despite heavy odds, if any and the work is of such an outstanding nature worthy of recognition.

II. Eligibility:-

The award is being given to an individual or an organization on the basis of their activities and performance over a sufficiently long period of time rather than on the basis of a single or sporadic act in any situation.

The individual/organization should have a impeccable record of integrity and should not have a questionable background namely: should not have at any point of time come under dubious cloud, or politically/legally controversial or disqualified/indicted by court of law.

(a) An individual is eligible for consideration of award if he/she:-

- (i) Has been working in the area of protection of minorities for a minimum of ten years;
- (ii) Does not hold any elective office in parliament, State legislature or local body constituted under an act of parliament or the state legislature;
- (iii) Is not a member of a political party recognized by the Election Commission of India; and
- (iv) Is above 35 years of age and is alive on the date of nomination.

(b) In the case of an organization, it is essential that the organization:

- (i) Is registered under the appropriate act of parliament or state legislature;
- (ii) Has been working at the all India level, or at least state level. In case activities of the organization are at the State level, these should be spatially well dispersed and extend to cover a substantial area of the state, and
- (iii) Should have been functioning for a minimum of five years in the field of promotions of rights of minorities.

No educational institution or a body created under an act of Parliament or the state legislature is eligible for the award.

III. Method of selection:

- (a) The nominations of the award will be sent by
 - (i) State govt./union territory administration,
 - (ii) Central Govt. Ministries/Department concerned with religious minorities,
 - (iii) Specialized agencies/institutions/organizations of repute dedicated to the cause of minorities,
 - (iv) Vice Chancellor of Universities,
 - (v) Commission of the State/Central Govt. concerned with disadvantage groups,
 - (vi) NGOs working for minority rights and
 - (vii) Other sources, if any. Nomination cannot be made by an individual for itself or for any of its members.
- (b) Nominations shall be accompanied by a script typed on electronic gadgets or typewriter or in English or Hindi indicating the outstanding contribution made year wise by the individual/organization duly signed by the person making the nomination indicating the reasons why he/she considers him/her or the organization as deserving the award as per the requirement. The nominating authority should clearly indicate its name and designation and category in which it falls.

- (c) Nomination for organizations shall also be accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate, rules and bye-laws of the organization, names of office bearers and their addresses along with relationship between different office bearers and audited statement of accounts during last three years and a resume of the outstanding work done by the organization.
- (d) The last date for receipt of the nominations is 30th November, 2010.
- (e) Canvassing in any form in respect of a nomination shall render it disqualified.
- (f) Nominations shall be considered by Awards Committee and its decision in respect of the Award shall be final.

IV Presentation

- (i) Presentation of the awards shall be made at a ceremony to be organized by the NCM on 16th December, 2010.
- (ii) The awardee shall be reimbursed to and fro expenditure for attending the Investiture ceremony for the presentation of award as per rules of the NCM.

V General:

- (i) All correspondence in the matter should be made either in Hindi or in English addressed to the Secretary/Joint Secretary, NCM. In case documents in regional languages are enclosed, their translation in Hindi or English should accompany the proposal.
- (ii) A person/organization who has nominated for the award shall be deemed to have accepted these rules.
