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Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

Dated:- 15.5.15

To

1. Director General, Sports Authority of India
2. President /Secretary General, IOA/All recognized National Sports Federations
3. Sports Control Boards

Subject:- Inviting nominations for the "Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri"- reg.

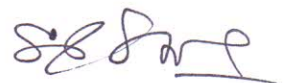
Sir,

The Padma Awards are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. These awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award, seek to recognize 'work of any distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these awards. In addition to the bio-data, a detailed writeup (citation) in narrative form (Maximum 800 words) clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements of person recommended in his/her respective field should be forwarded alongwith the each application.

2. The persons recommended should be pre-eminently worthy of the awards, looking at their life-time achievement. The criteria for selection should invariably be 'excellence plus' and the highest standards should be applied while recommending persons for these awards. The existence of an element of public service in the achievements of the person recommended for the award would be a desirable factor. A copy of Ministry of Home Affairs D.O. letter No.1/16/2015-Public dated 30.04.2015 inviting nominations for Padma Awards is enclosed.

3. It is requested that nominations in respect of eminent sportspersons, coaches and others associated with sports may please be sent in the prescribed proforma (Annex- II) alongwith a detailed write up (Citation) in narrative form (Maximum 800 words) clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person in his/her respective field to help this Department make its recommendations to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The nomination is required to reach the undersigned by **14<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**.

Yours faithfully



(S.P.S. Tomar)

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Respected Sir,

The Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award seeks to recognize 'work of distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as, Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these Awards. A copy of the statutes and rules relating to these awards is enclosed (Annex - I).

2. It is the conventional practice to invite nominations for these awards from all Ministries / Departments of the Government of India as also several other sources to enable broad-based consideration. The nominations are to be sent in the enclosed proforma (Annex - II). As you would notice from the proforma, in addition to the bio-data, a detailed write up (citation) in narrative form (maximum 800 words), clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person recommended in his/ her respective field/discipline, has to be provided in each case. We would also like to bring to your kind notice that **nominations received without the filled up proforma and citation (maximum 800 words) will not be considered.** All relevant columns of the proforma are also expected to be completed in all respects.

5. It has been observed in the past that while nominations are received in respect of a large number of persons, there could, however, be several talented persons who are left out of consideration despite exceptional contribution in their field. Often many of these persons may get overlooked primarily for the reason that they may not seek publicity or attention in the public domain. We would, therefore, request you to make concerted efforts in identifying such persons whose excellence and achievements really deserve to be recognized, and make suitable nominations in their favour. It goes without saying that recognition of such deserving persons will only add to the luster of these awards.

6. In the above background, we would to request you to kindly send suitable nominations for the Padma awards to be announced on the occasion of Republic

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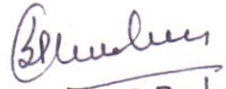
Day, 2016. While finalizing the recommendations, the following points may be kept in view:-

- (i) Persons recommended are pre-eminently worthy of the awards, looking at their life-time achievement. The criteria for selection should invariably be 'excellence plus' and the highest standards should be applied while recommending persons for these awards. The existence of an element of public service in the achievements of the person recommended for the award would be a desirable factor.
- (ii) As the Padma Award is the second highest Award of the country, it should be considered whether the recommended person has earlier been given any national award or at least a State Award in his respective field.
- (iii) Efforts may be made to identify talented persons from amongst the weaker sections of the society, like SCs & STs, handicapped persons, women, etc., who deserve to be considered for the award.
- (iv) The decoration is normally not conferred posthumously. However, in highly deserving cases, Government could consider giving an award posthumously if the demise of the person proposed to be honoured has been recent, say within a period of one year preceding the Republic Day on which it is proposed to announce the award.
- (v) A higher category of Padma award can be considered in respect of a person who has earlier been conferred an award provided a period of at least five years has elapsed. However, in exceptionally deserving cases, a relaxation can be considered.
- (vi) Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.

5. The receipt of the nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards will begin from May 1, 2015 and the last date for receipt of the recommendations for Padma Awards in this Ministry is **September 15, 2015**. **The cut-off date may please be strictly adhered to, as recommendation received only during 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 and 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 will be considered.**

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
30/4/15  
(Satpal Chouhan)

**Shri Ajit M. Sharan,**  
Secretary,  
Department of Sports,  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports,  
'C' Wing, Shastri Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

**Statutes and Rules relating to the Awards of Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri**

No. 2-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA VIBHUSHAN in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word VIBHUSHAN placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. The inscription PADMA VIBHUSHAN on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of white gold.

3. A scaled pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA VIBHUSHAN, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

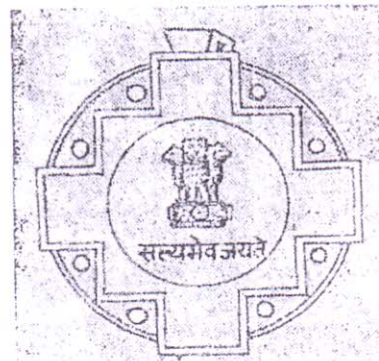
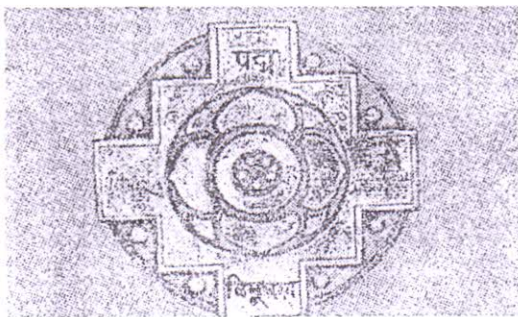
11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (PAHELA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA VIBHUSHAN



No. 3-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA BHUSHAN in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word BHUSHAN placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. @The inscription PADMA BHUSHAN on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of standard gold.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width, with a broad white stripe in the middle; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service of a high order in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients of the award shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

\*9 The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA BHUSHAN, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (DUSRA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA BHUSHAN has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA BHUSHAN



No. 4-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA SHRI in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knot shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern towards the rim. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word SHRI placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. @The inscription PADMA SHRI on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of stainless steel.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width with two narrow white stripes each a quarter inch distant from the edges of the riband; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

\*9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA SHRI and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (TISRA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA SHRI has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE  
PADMA SHRI

Obverse



Reverse



**PROFORMA FOR PADMA AWARDS**

1.	<b>Name:</b> <u>Shri/Smt/Ms</u>	<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Middle Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>
2.	<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Male:</b>	<b>Female:</b>	
3.	<b>Date of Birth/Age:</b>	<b>DD:</b>	<b>MM:</b>	<b>YY:</b>
4.	<b>State to which belong:</b>	<b>Age(Yrs):</b>		
5.	<b>Nationality:</b> (Indicate NRI/OCI/Foreigner status)			
6.	<b>Complete Postal Address with District, State, Country:</b>			
7.	<b>Telephone / Mobile No:</b>			
8.	<b>Email Address:</b>			
9.	<b>Religion:</b>			
10.	<b>Category (SC/ST/OBC/General):</b>			
11.	<b>Profession or Occupation:</b> (with designation/office held)			
12.	<b>Field of activity *:</b> Viz., Art, Sports, Social Work, etc.			
13.	<b>Padma Award for which name is recommended, viz. 'Padma Vibhushan', 'Padma Bhushan' or 'Padma Shri':</b>			
14.	<b>Padma Award conferred, if any, in the past:</b>			
15.	<b>Citation:</b>	A write up in narrative form with the required details (as annexed*) in maximum of 2 pages not containing more than 800 words.		

\*An illustrative list of fields and details required in the citation is annexed for reference.

### Illustrative list of fields

1. **Art** (includes Music, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Cinema, Theatre etc.)
2. **Social work** (includes social service, charitable Service, contribution in Community Projects etc.)
3. **Public Affairs** (includes Law, Public Life, Politics etc.)
4. **Science & Engineering** (includes Space Engineering, Nuclear Science, Information Technology, Research & Development in Science & its allied subjects etc.)
5. **Trade & Industry** (includes Banking, Economic Activities, Management, Promotion of Tourism, Business etc.)
6. **Medicine** (includes medical research, distinction/ specialization in Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Sidhha, Allopathy, Naturopathy etc.)
7. **Literature & Education** (includes Journalism, Teaching, Book composing, Literature, Poetry, promotion of education, promotion of literacy, Education Reforms etc.)
8. **Civil Service** (includes distinction/ excellence in administration etc. By Government Servants)
9. **Sports** (including popular Sports, Athletics, Adventure, Mountaineering, promotion of sports, Yoga etc.)
10. **Others** (fields not covered above and may include propagation of Indian Culture, protection of Human Rights, Wild Life protection/ conservation etc.)

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### Details required in the citation

The citation should be in the form of a write up in narrative form (maximum 800 words). It is desirable that the citation should include the details of the distinctions, life time achievements in the field, works published in the indexed/ reputed journals in the concerned field. The work done for the welfare of society, social service work may also be highlighted in the citation. Kindly also give details of National/ State level awards conferred, if any or any other significant/ important fact.