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Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/ GrihMantralaya

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the October 3, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Transformation of Awards & Decorations – regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to the meeting held under the chairmanship of Home Secretary on 27.09.2022 on the above mentioned subject and to enclose the Minutes of the Meeting for immediate necessary action.

2. It is requested to send the action taken report within 10 days.


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To,

1. Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Jeevan Prakash Building, K.G. Marg, New Delhi.
2. Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Shri Ajay Tirkey, Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. Shri Aramane Giridhar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
5. Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Parivahan Bhavan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
6. Dr. Reeta Vasishta, Secretary, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law & Justice, Room No. 405-A, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Shri Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Room No. 104, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
8. Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. Ms. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No. 604-A, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi.

Copy for kind information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Home Secretary, North Block, New Delhi.
2. Sr. PPS to DG (Awards)/AS (P-1), MHA, North Block, New Delhi.

1. Update the presentation
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Take action as appropriate.

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Home Secretary with the officers from various Ministries and Departments on 27.09.2022 to review the Transformation of Awards

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Home Secretary with the Secretaries/officers of the Departments under Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Department of Rural Development, Legislative Department, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, on 27th September 2022 to review the Transformation of Awards and Decorations of these Ministries/Departments.

2. List of the participants is annexed.
3. Home Secretary welcomed the participants and highlighted the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding Transformation of Awards Eco system. He stressed that the number of awards and awardees should be very restrictive and selection process must be transparent to select deserving candidates.

4. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways was made during the meeting. There are 3 Awards under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

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After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) The Ministry may review the two awards namely National Awards and the Good Highways Excellence Awards and the Good Samaritan Award whether to retain or discontinue them.
- (ii) Road Safety Award, based on performance of States in terms of road safety may be discontinued and converted into ranking.

5. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

A brief presentation of the awards under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment was made during the meeting. There are 2 awards under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may convert the first component of Vayoshreshtha Samman given to institutions into ranking and the other components of the awards given to individuals may be reviewed with a view to give focus to recognise excellence in the field.
- (ii) Department may convert the first component of the Scheme National Awards for Outstanding Services in the Field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse given to institutions into ranking and the other components of the awards given to individuals may be reviewed with a view to give focus to recognise excellence in the field.
- (iii) Department intimated that Dr Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sections was reviewed and has been discontinued.

6. Ministry of Panchayati Raj

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj was made during the meeting. There is 1 award under Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

After a detailed discussion, it was suggested that: -

- (i) Department may convert the National Panchayat Award into ranking.

7. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

A brief presentation on one award under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways was made during the meeting.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may convert the first component of Sagar Samman award given to training institutions, ship owning companies, ports etc. into ranking and the other component for leadership and meritorious contribution etc. given to individuals may be continued.

8. Ministry of Textiles

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Textiles was made during the meeting. There are 6 awards - 3 under Development Commissioner (Handicraft) and 3 awards under Development Commissioner (Handloom)

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may institute a new award of high stature for Handicraft and Handloom by merging all 6 awards namely Shilp Guru Award, National Award, National Merit Certificate

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(Handicraft), Sant Kabir Handloom Award, National Handloom Award and National Merit Certificate (Handloom).

- (ii) Department would encourage public participation in this award with streamlining the selection process.

9. Department of Rural Development

A brief presentation of one award under the Department of Rural Development was made during the meeting. Every Division of the Department handling various programmes have instituted a performance-based award for States/Districts/Block/Panchayat levels etc.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may convert these awards into ranking.
- (ii) Department may consider to institute a new National award to encourage individuals/SHGs for exemplary works.

10. Legislative Department

A brief presentation of the awards under the Legislative Department was made during the meeting. There are 2 awards under Legislative Department.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may discontinue two awards instituted for book writing in Hindi and merge them with Department of Official Language as the latter also have an award for book writing in Hindi.

11. Department of Land Resources

A brief presentation of the awards under the Department of Land Resources was made during the meeting. There are 2 awards under Department of Land Resources.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Department may discontinue the National Watershed Management Awards and National Land Records Management Awards and convert them into ranking.

12. Ministry of Labour and Employment

A brief presentation of the awards under the Ministry of Labour and Employment was made during the meeting. There are 2 awards under Ministry of Labour and Employment. It was informed that Ministry of Labour and Employment is in the process to discontinue the existing two awards namely Prime Minister's Shram and National Awards for Safety. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that in their place two new awards namely Prime Minister's Shram for workers and Vishwakarma Rashtriya Shram Award for various establishments may be established. Department may formulate a proposal accordingly and the guidelines of the new awards may be shared with MHA.

13. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

A brief presentation of one award under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was made during the meeting.

After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that: -

- (i) Ministry may convert the first component of the Kaushalacharya Award given to establishments into ranking.
- (ii) The other component of Kaushalacharya Award may be replaced by a new national level award of a high stature for

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trainers and master trainers with a restrictive number of awardees.

(iii) Awards given by the 5 Divisions of MSDE may be discontinued and merged in the proposed new national level award.

14. Home Secretary informed the participants that a review meeting will be soon held by the PMO in this regard and **Ministries/Departments should take necessary actions as per the decisions taken during the meeting and send the action taken report to MHA within 10 days.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**List of participants who attended the meeting on 27/09/2022 Under
the Chairmanship of Home Secretary**

Sl. No.	Name	Designation and Organization
1	Shri Ajay Bhalla	Home Secretary (Chairman)
2	Shri Sunil Kumar	Secretary (M/o Panchayati Raj)
3	Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan	Secretary (M/o Ports, Shipping & Waterways)
4	Ms. Anjali Bhawra	Secretary (D/o Social Justice & Empowerment)
5	Shri Satpal Chouhan	DG (Awards)
6	Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh	As (Police-I)
7	Shri Sonmoni Borah	JS (D/o land Resources)
8	Shri Shantanu Mitra	Sr. Economic Advisor (M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship)
9	Shri Shashank Goel	AS (M/o Labour & Employment)
10	Shri K. Biswal	Legislative Department
11	Shri A.K. Ghosh	AS (M/o Road Transport & Highways)
12	Shri R.R. Meena	DS (M/o Road Transport & Highways)
13	Shri Praveen Mahto	CEA (D/o Rural Development)
14	Shri Manik Chandra Pandit	Director (D/o Rural Development)
15	Shri Sanjay Rastogi	DC (Handlooms-M/o Textiles)
16	Shri Shantmanu	DC (Handicrafts-M/o Textiles)
17	Shri Pandey Pradeep Kumar	DS (Public)