

CODE OF PROCEDURE

DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

CHAPTER I

Description of the Award

The Award shall be known as "DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL AWARD". The award has been instituted to commemorate the signal services rendered by Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar to India and the human family at large. It shall be conferred upon the individual(s) organization(s)


- for waging an exemplary fight against inequality and injustice;
- for resolutely espousing the cause of the exploited and underprivileged;
- for contributing significantly to social change;
- for bringing about reconciliation among conflicting social groups and serving the goal of social harmony and human dignity.

CHAPTER II

Value of the Award

1. There shall be one Award each year. It shall carry an amount of Rs.1.5 million which will be paid in the preferred currency of the recipient. It shall also carry a citation.
2. **JOINT AWARD** : The Award may be presented jointly to more than one person, who may be considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.
3. **POSTHUMOUS AWARD** : Normally the Award will not be presented posthumously. If, however, the death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the Jury in the manner stipulated in this Code, then the Award may be presented posthumously.




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CHAPTER III

Eligibility for the Award

1. All persons, regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex, shall be eligible for the Award.
2. An organization may also be eligible for the Award, in exceptional cases, having substantial outstanding work or track record of outstanding contributions in the relevant field.
3. Only persons/organizations recommended in writing in accordance with the criteria laid down in Chapter V of this Code will be considered by the Jury for the Award.
4. No personal applications shall be entertained by the Jury.

CHAPTER IV

Period of the Award

1. The Award shall be conferred annually. However, if none of the proposals merit recognition, the Jury will be free to withhold the Award for that year.
2. Only recent work(s) shall be considered. However, the earlier work(s) may also be considered if its significance has been of an abiding nature.

CHAPTER V

Competence to submit proposals

1. Competence to recommend the proposals for the Award shall be enjoyed by:
 - (a) Former Members of the Jury;
 - (b) Persons who have received the Award;
 - (c) Members of Parliament of India;
 - (d) Speaker/Presiding Officers of National Legislatures of other countries;
 - (e) The Bar Associations of Supreme Court of India and High Court of each State/U.T.;
 - (f) Presidents and Vice-Chancellors of Universities, Professors of Political Science, History, Law, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy and Natural Sciences;
 - (g) Heads of Indian Missions abroad;
 - (h) Any other person whom the Jury may wish to invite to submit proposals for the Award.
2. Details of the Award shall be disseminated as widely as possible by 1st July, every year.




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3. Proposals/recommendations received upto 30th November of the year preceding the year in which the Award is to be given shall be considered by the Jury for the Award. The Chairperson of the Jury may, however, extend the time for submission of recommendations in general or with reference to a particular proposal.
4. Proposals / recommendations to be considered should be supported by adequate justification.

CHAPTER VI

Selection of Awardee

1. The scrutiny of the recommendations and final selection for the Award shall be made by a Jury to be appointed for this purpose by the Vice-President of India.
2. The Jury shall consist of seven Members all of whom shall be Indian nationals.
3. The Vice-President of India and the Speaker Lok Sabha, shall be permanent ex-officio Members of the Jury. The Vice-President shall be the Chairperson of the Jury. If for some reason it is not possible for him to be present then the Speaker shall act as the Chairperson.
4. The other six Members of the Jury shall be nominated by the Vice-President of India in the following manner:-
 - (i) Chairperson of the National Commission for **Scheduled Castes**.
 - (ii) Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.
 - (iii) One eminent educationist- *to be recommended by HMSJE & Chairperson, DAF and then to be forwarded to Vice-President of India for nomination.*
 - (iv) One eminent social worker who has done outstanding work for the uplift of weaker sections- *to be recommended by HMSJE & Chairperson, DAF and then to be forwarded to Vice-President of India for nomination.*
 - (v) Two eminent persons from public life in India including one with experience of international affairs - *to be recommended by HMSJE & Chairperson, DAF and then to be forwarded to Vice-President of India for nomination.*
5. Members of the Jury shall be appointed for a period of three years. After three years members other than the two permanent ex-officio Members shall retire. They shall, however, be eligible for reappointment.
6. In case of the death of a Member during the tenure another shall be appointed in his place for the unexpired part of that term.
7. Presence of at least four Members will constitute the quorum for the meeting of the Jury.
8. The decision of the Jury shall be by a majority of vote cast by open ballot. In the event of tie, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote.




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9. The discussions, deliberations, opinions and proceedings of the Jury in connection with the Award shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
10. The Jury shall announce its decision as far as possible by 15th February, every year.
11. Decision of the Jury shall be final and no appeal or protest could be made against them.

CHAPTER VII

Presentation of the Award

1. The Award will be presented at a special ceremony at New Delhi on 14th April every year.
2. The awardee shall be invited to receive the Award in person and also to give a public lecture connected with the work recognized for the Award.
3. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, under the Ministry of Welfare, will administer the Award and will make payment of the Award money at the time and place requested by the awardee.
4. If the awardee is not an Indian the Award money shall be paid in the preferred currency of the recipient at the prevailing exchange rates.
5. If an awardee declines the Award, the Award money will immediately revert to the Government of India but if the awardee accepts yet fails to draw the Award money within a period of thirty six months then also the Award money shall revert to the Government of India.

CHAPTER VIII

General

1. The Jury may propose an amendment in the Code by passing a Resolution by 2/3rd majority of the total membership of the Jury. In case the proposed amendment is approved by the Government of India, it shall come into force from the date decided by the Government of India.
2. The Government of India may also make amendment in the Code with prior consultation with the Jury.
3. The Award will be administered by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, under the Ministry of Welfare, for that all the expenses incidental thereto shall be provided by the Government of India.
4. The Secretariat for the Award shall be provided by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and Ministry of Welfare.



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