

REVISED CODE OF PROCEDURE

**CODE OF PROCEDURE**

**DR. AMBEDKAR  
NATIONAL AWARD  
FOR  
SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING  
AND UPLIFTMENT OF  
WEAKER SECTIONS**

**SECTION - I**  
**DESCRIPTION OF THE AWARD**

1. The National Award shall be given for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Social Understanding and for the upliftment of the weaker sections in India.
2. **There shall be three Awards per year i.e one each under the categories i.e (i) Women, (ii) Man (iii) Institution/Organization. Each award shall carry an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each. It shall also carry a citation.**
3. The Award shall be presented to Individuals or organisations.
4. The Award may be presented jointly or shared by more than one recipient or organisation as may be considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in the year.
5. 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.
6. A Jury constituted for the purpose shall consider the achievements of the individuals and organizations nominated/recommended for the Award by the prescribed authorities. The efforts made towards integrating the weaker sections into the mainstream of Indian society, working for their socio-economic and educational upliftment shall be the primary consideration in identifying the Awardee. The Jury may also consider any other related aspect.

**SECTION - II**  
**ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD**

1. All persons or group of persons or organizations without any distinction of race, Caste, or creed or sex shall be eligible for the Award.
2. Only persons / organizations recommended in writing in accordance with the criteria laid down in Chapter IV of this Code will be considered by the Jury for the Award. However, the Jury may at its discretion, Propose and consider any other person or organization also.
3. No personal applications shall be entertained by the Jury.



विकास त्रिवेदी / VIKAS TRIVEDI  
निदेशक / Director  
डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र  
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली  
Govt. of India, New Delhi


**SECTION - III**  
**PERIOD OF THE AWARD**

1. The Award shall be instituted in the year 1992 and shall be conferred annually, provided that if none of the proposals merit recognition, the Award may be withheld that year.
2. Contributions made within the period of ten years immediately preceding the nomination shall be considered for the Award. However, the earlier contributions may also be considered if its significance has been of abiding nature.

**SECTION - IV**  
**COMPETENCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS**

1. Competence to recommend proposals for the Award shall be enjoyed by :
  - I. Ministries of the Government of India.
  - II. State Governments / Union Territory Administrations
  - III. Members of parliament of India
  - IV. Persons who have received the Award
  - V. Former Members of the Jury
  - VI. Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities
  - VII. Social Organisations and non-Government Organisations of repute.
  - VIII. Any other person or organisation whom the Jury may wish to invite to make nomination (s) for the Award.
2. Every year, a Circular will be issued in the first week of November, inviting nominations in accordance with the provisions of Sub-Section I above.
3. Date of submission of proposals: The jury shall consider all nominations as received in the office specified in the Circular to be issued vide Clause 2 upto and including 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year, unless the Chairperson of the Jury is of the opinion that such time should be extended either in general or with reference to a particular nomination.
4. Nominations/recommendations to be considered should be supported by adequate justification.



  
विकास त्रिवेदी / VIKAS TRIVEDI  
निदेशक / Director  
डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र  
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली  
Govt. of India, New Delhi

**SECTION - V**  
**EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

Procedure for evaluation/scrutiny of nominations received under the Award by the Scrutiny & Grading Committee (SGC)


**A. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- |       |  |                   |
|-------|--|-------------------|
| (i)   | Secretary<br>Department of Social Justice & Empowerment            | -Chairman         |
| (ii)  | Additional Secretary<br>Department of Social Justice & Empowerment | -Member           |
| (iii) | Secretary<br>National Commission for Scheduled Castes              | -Member           |
| (iv)  | Vice President/Vice Chairman<br>Dr. Ambedkar Foundation            | -Member           |
| (v)   | Member Secretary, DAF & Joint Secretary, SCD                       | -Member           |
| (vi)  | Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation                                  | -Member Secretary |

**B. PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SCRUTINY AND GRADING COMMITTEE(SGC)**

- I. The SGC would give its grading on each of the following parameters covered under the Code of Procedure :-
1. Social Empowerment
  2. Educational Development
  3. Economic Development
  4. Promoting social cohesion through
    - (i) Published Work
    - (ii) Sustained (performance) efforts/ Mass movement having positive impact on the life of weaker sections
- II. The grading would be given in the following manner:-
- (a) Significant contribution
  - (b) Some contribution
  - (c) Average contribution
  - (d) Poor contribution
- III. The nominations, shortlisted as stated below, would be placed before the Jury for consideration, after receiving their antecedents and work done report from the concerned State Governments/UT administrations:-
- (a) Nominations falling in the category of 'Significant Contribution' in any one or more parameters ;
  - (b) Nominations falling in the category of "Some Contribution" in any two or more parameters.

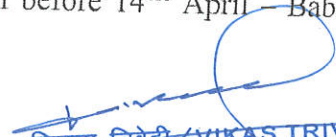


  
विकास त्रिवेदी / VIKAS TRIVEDI  
निदेशक / Director  
डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र  
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली  
Govt. of India, New Delhi

SECTION - VI  
SELECTION

1. The scrutiny and final selection for the Award shall be made by a Jury to be appointed by the Government of India.
2. The Jury shall consist of seven Members who shall all be Indian Nationals.
3. The Jury shall be constituted as follows:
  - I. The Vice-President of India and the Chief Justice of India shall be permanent ex-officio Members of the Jury.
  - II. The Vice-President of India shall be the Chairperson of the Jury. If for some reason, it is not possible for him to be present, then the Chief Justice of India shall act as the Chairperson.
  - III. The other five Members shall be nominated by the President of India from amongst the persons belonging to the following categories :
    - (a) An eminent journalist
    - (b) An eminent educationist
    - (c) A person who has done outstanding work for the upliftment of weaker sections.
    - (d) Two eminent persons from public life in India.
    - (e) Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment as Member Secretary to the Jury.
4. Members of the Jury except those mentioned in 3(I) shall be appointed for a period of three years. However, Members who have completed three years shall be eligible for reappointment.
5. If a Member of the Jury retires or dies, before the expiry of the completion of the full term, another Member shall be appointed in that place for the residual Part of the term.
6. The Jury shall not be competent to take a final decision unless at least four of its Members are present.
7. The decisions of the Jury shall be by a majority vote. In the event of the votes on both sides being equal, the Chairperson presiding over a particular meeting shall have a casting vote.
8. The discussions, deliberations, opinions and proceedings of the Jury in connection with the Award shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
9. The Jury shall announce its decisions as far as possible well before 14<sup>th</sup> April - Baba Saheb's birthday - every year for the previous calendar year.



  
विकास त्रिवेदी / VIKAS TRIVEDI  
निदेशक / Director  
डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र  
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली  
Govt. of India, New Delhi

10. Decisions of the Jury shall be final and no appeal or protest could be made against them.

## SECTION - VII PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD

1. The Award, as far as possible, shall be presented at a special ceremony at New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> 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. The payment of the amount of the Award shall be made at the Award ceremony by mode of a Bank Draft.
4. Should an Awardee decline the Award, the amount shall revert to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

## SECTION - VIII GENERAL

1. The Jury may propose an amendment to the Code by passing a resolution by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 necessary finance for the Award and all expenses incidental thereto shall be provided by the Government of India.
4. The Secretariat for the Award shall be provided by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India or such other agency as the Ministry may nominate from time to time.



विकास त्रिवेदी / VIKAS TRIVEDI  
निदेशक / Director  
डॉ. अम्बेडकर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय केन्द्र  
Dr. Ambedkar International Centre  
सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली  
Govt. of India, New Delhi