

## KABIR PURASKAR SCHEME

The Government of India introduced a Kabir Puraskar Scheme in 1990 under which a National Award designated as “KABIR PURASKAR” was instituted in three grades, namely, Grade One, Grade Two and Grade Three carrying a title and cash Award of Rs.20,000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs.5,000 respectively for acts performed during communal riots. The Scheme has been amended and the cash amounts of the various grades of the Award and eligibility criteria for the Award have been revised. The revised/amended Scheme is as under :-

### **1. AMOUNT OF AWARD**

(I)	Grade-I	Rs.2,00,000 (Rupees two lakh only)
(ii)	Grade-II	Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only)
(iii)	Grade-III	Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand only)

A certificate with suitable citation shall also be awarded to the recipients.

### **2. PURPOSE**

This Award is instituted to promote communal, caste and ethnic harmony by recognizing acts of Physical/moral courage and humanity exhibited by member(s) of one a community, caste or ethnic group in saving the lives and properties of the member(s) of another community, caste or ethnic group. Such courage and promptitude in saving the life and property of member(s) of another community, caste or ethnic group shall also involve a danger to the life/body/property of the rescuer himself or herself and to his or her family member(s). Three sets of criteria have been prescribed to decide the category of Award. It is entirely left to the Screening Committee mentioned in clause 6 to decide upon the category of Award on the merits of each individual act of courage as reported by the State Government or Union Territory Administration.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

The Award (Kabir Puraskar) shall be awarded to an individual for his/her conspicuous acts of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer in :-

- (a) saving the life and property of member(s) of another community during communal riots; or
- (b) Saving the life and property of member(s) of another caste during caste conflicts; or
- (c) Saving the life and property of member(s) of another ethnic group during ethnic clashes.

All Indian citizens of either sex in all walks of life (other than members of the Armed Forces, Police Forces and members of recognised fire services, Government servants, if the act performed by them falls in the sphere of their duty) shall be eligible for this Award.

### **4. CRITERIA**

The criteria for three grades of Award is as under :-

**Grade-I:** For most conspicuous acts of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of very grave danger to the life of rescuer or an act resulting in death or the permanent incapacitation of the rescuer/his or her family member(s) in saving life and property of member(s) of another community, caste or ethnic group.

**Grade-II:** For conspicuous acts of physical/moral courage or promptitude under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer resulting in bodily injury in saving life and property of member(s) of another community, caste or ethnic group.

**Grade-III:** For acts of physical/moral courage and promptitude in saving life and property of member(s) of another community, caste or ethnic group.

## **5. NATURE AND NUMBER OF AWARD**

The cash Award is non-recurring. There shall be no bar on a person receiving such Award for a second time on a subsequent occasion. Persons in receipt of any other Award or citation for the same act so exhibited would not be eligible ordinarily for the Kabir Puraskar.

There is no fixed number of the Award in any of the three Grades. The State Governments/UT Administrations may recommend the nominations of any number of persons who fulfil the relevant provisions of the Scheme.

## **6. METHOD OF SELECTION**

All recommendations for the Award shall be made through State Governments/UT Administrations and such proposals shall be placed before the Screening Committee consisting of Union Home Secretary, Director (Intelligence Bureau) and Secretary in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (formerly Ministry of Welfare). The recommendations of this Committee shall be placed before the Union Home Minister and the Prime Minister for approval.

## **7. TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD**

The Award shall be announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> October each year.

## **8. PRESENTATION**

The Award may be given by the Central Government and presented to the recipients by the Prime Minister at a function organised for the purpose in New Delhi.

**9. NOTIFICATION OF THE AWARD**

The names of those persons upon whom such Award is conferred shall be published in the official gazette.

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**Annexure-I**

**NOMINATION FOR KABIR PURASKAR**

1. Name (in English) :
- (in Hindi) :
2. Photographs : Attach three copies of  
Recent passport Size  
photographs
3. Date of Birth :
4. Father's Name :
5. Educational Qualification :
6. Profession :
7. Permanent Address :
- Present Address :
8. Details of family Members :
9. Whether involved in civil :  
and criminal activity
- 10.A detailed note on the act :  
of physical/moral courage  
displayed by the nominee  
during communal/caste/

- ethnic violence be attached :
- 11.Recommndations of the  
State Govt./U.T. Admn. :
- 12.Any other work done in the  
past for promotion of  
communal harmony/national  
integration :
- 13.Any other relevant information :

Signature & Designation