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Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak :

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The medal was instituted vide Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Notification No.11024/04/2018-PMA dated 23rd July, 2018 to be conferred on Members of intelligence organizations of Central Government, Intelligence wing/Branch/Special Branch of the State/UT Police Forces, Central Police Organizations (CPOs), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), National Security Guard (NSG), Assam Rifles (AR) in consideration of the exceptional performance, indomitable & daring intelligence service. Union Home Minister is Competent for approval of recommendations to be finalized by the committee. The details of the Medal is attached (**Link**).

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Ministry of Home Affairs

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 23rd July, 2018

No.11024/04/2018-PMA - The Union Home Minister is pleased to institute "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" to be conferred on members of intelligence organizations of Central Government, Intelligence wing/Branch/Special Branch of the State/UT Police Forces, Central Police Organizations (CPOs), Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), National Security Guard(NSG), Assam Rifles(AR) in consideration of the exceptional performance, indomitable & daring intelligence service and to make ordain and establish the following statutes governing them, which shall be deemed to have effect from the date of their notification:-

ASADHARAN AASUCHANA KUSHALATA PADAK

Firstly: The award shall be in the form of a Medal and styled and designated the "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" (hereinafter referred to as the Medal).

Secondly: The Medal shall be circular in shape, made of silver gold gilt, one and three eighth inches in diameter and shall have embossed on the obverse the symbol of "Kautilya" in the Centre with the "आसूचना लभते सुरक्षा" inscribed below and shall have engraved on the upper edge, the words "आसूचना सेवा" and the words "Aasuchana Sewa" inscribed on the lower edge. Hindi and English inscription shall be separated by a small Star appearing on either side. On the reverse, it shall have embossed the State Emblem in the centre and words "असाधारण आसूचना कुशलता पदक" and "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" on the upper and lower edge respectively. The words "सत्यमेव जयते" (in Hindi) shall be embossed below the State Emblem. The State Emblem and the writings around it shall be encircled by a wreath. On the rim, the name of the person to whom the Medal has been awarded, shall be inscribed.

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Thirdly: The Medal shall only be awarded to the Members of Intelligence organizations notified by Central Government or Members of Intelligence Branch/Special Branches of State/UT Police and Intelligence Wings of CPOs, CAPF, AR, NSG engaged in intelligence gathering for combating terrorism/militancy/insurgency etc. and performed acts of exceptional courage and skill in intelligence gathering, leading to significant breakthrough in unearthing of modules of espionage/insurgency/terrorism/ militancy/organised crimes or in arrest/capture/neutralization of members of such outfits.

Fourthly: The name of those to whom this Medal is awarded may not be published in the Gazette of India for the reason of security of the work and need to safeguard the identity of the person. However, a Register of such names may be kept by such authority as directed by MHA.

Fifthly: Each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast and the riband, of one and three eighth inches in width, shall be half blue and silver white, the two colours being separated by a vertical red line 1/8" in width.

Sixthly: Any act of Intelligence, which is worthy of recognition by the award of "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" but is performed by one upon whom the Decoration has already been conferred, may be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended. For every such additional act an additional Bar may be added and for each Bar awarded a small silver rose with gold gilt shall be added to the riband, when worn alone.

Seventhly: It shall be competent for the Union Home Minister to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above decoration and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be deleted. It shall, however, be competent for the Union Home Minister to restore any Decoration, which may have been so forfeited. Every person to whom the said decoration is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement, to return the Medal if, his name is deleted as aforesaid. Notice of cancellation or restoration should not be published in the Gazette of India. However, entries of such effect should be made in the Register.

Eighthly: It shall be competent for Ministry of Home Affairs to make rules to carry out the purpose of these statutes.


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NOTIFICATION

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No.11024/04/2018-PMA - In accordance with the Statute 'eighthly' of the statutes relating to the award of the "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" the following rules governing them are notified which shall be deemed to have effect from the date of their notification:-

1. Recommendations for award on the ground of performed acts of exceptional courage and skill in intelligence service combating terrorism/militancy/insurgency, etc. leading either to significant breakthrough in unearthing of modules of espionage/terrorism/ militancy/ organized crimes or in arrest/capture of members of such outfits, shall be made as soon as possible after the occasion of which the exceptional courage and skill was shown.

2. All the recommendations shall state the name and rank of the person recommended, the name of the Intelligence organizations of Central Government and Intelligence Wing/Branch/Special Branch of State/UT Police, CPOs, CAPF, AR and NSG of which he/she is or was a member and particulars of the intelligence service for which the grant of the Medal is recommended.

3. The Medal shall be awarded for:

(i) Performed acts of skill and exceptional courage in intelligence gathering for combating terrorism/militancy/insurgency etc., leading either to significant breakthrough in unearthing of modules of espionage/ terrorism/militancy/organized crimes or in arrest/capture of members of such outfits.

(ii) A special distinguished record of intelligence service in organizations of Central Government and Intelligence Department/Wing/Branch/Special Branch of State/UT Police, CPOs, CAPF, AR, NSG.

(iii) Special efforts in intelligence gathering against serious or wide spread outbreaks of crime or public disorder.

4. There shall be no qualifying service period for the award, which is to be given only for distinguished intelligence service of very exceptional ability and merit.

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5. A three tier screening procedure will be followed for selection of the candidates for the Medal, as detailed below:
- a) Head of the Intelligence organizations of Central Government and Intelligence Wing/Branch/Special Branch of State/UT Police, CPOs, CAPF, AR and NSG will constitute a committee of senior level officers for screening of nomination at the organization/state level to select the nominees and send the recommendation to MHA.
 - b) A Sub Committee headed by Special Director, IB constituted by DIB to scrutinize the recommendations received from Intelligence organizations of Central Government and Intelligence Wing/Branch/ Special Branch of State/UT Police, CPOs, CAPF, AR and NSG through MHA.
 - c) A Selection Committee in MHA headed by Home Secretary wherein DIB would be a member and 2 DGsP of State/UT (by rotation in alphabetical order) and 1 DG of a CAPF by rotation (the larger Organisation would be given preference) would screen all the nominations and recommend for award of the Medal every year.
6. The recommendation made by Ministry level Committee will be submitted to the Union Home Minister for his consideration and approval.
7. The Medal is liable to be forfeited when the holder is guilty of disloyalty, cowardice in action or such conduct as in the opinion of the Union Home Minister, brings the force into disrepute.
8. A certificate (Scroll) signed by the Union Home Minister will be awarded to each winner alongwith the Medal.
9. The Ministry may lay down standard operating procedure (SOP) for giving effect to these Rules.
10. In case of any dispute or complaint arising in connection with the award of the Medal, the decision of the Union Home Minister shall be final.
11. Recommendations for the announcement of the "Asadharan Aasuchana Kushalata Padak" on any suitable date as may be fixed for the purpose by the State/UT/Central Intelligence organizations/entity. The recommendation should reach MHA at least three months before the designated date.


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