## No. 24/231/2014-Public Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar Ministry of Home Affairs/ Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi. Dated the 30. 05, 2014

To,

Shri D. R. Subramanyam, R/o No. 22, 3<sup>rd</sup> B Cross, L.B. Nagar, Kasturi Nagar, Bangalore-560043

Subject: Information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Please refer to your application dated Nil, received in Public Section on 02.06.2014 under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The desired information is as below:

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| 1.     | As per extant practice Padma Awards Committee scrutinizes all the recommendations received for Padma Awards and makes the suitable recommendation to the Prime Minister and the President for approval.   |
| 2.     | Padma Awards are given after the due verification of character and antecedents of the persons by the premier investigating agencies of the country. These verifications are done before sending the names to the Prime Minister and the President for approval.             |
| 3.     | Any person can send the nominations for Padma Awards directly to the Ministry of Home Affairs.  |
| 4.     | No  |
| 5.     | Yes   |
| 6.     | All the recommendations received from various sources including MPs are also  |
| 7.     | put before the Padma Awards Committee for consideration.  |
| 8.     | Names of the recommending authorities (Maximum 10) are mentioned in the citation of the nominee.  |
| 9.     | In terms of a decision taken with the approval of the Prime Minister and the President in the year 2008, a higher category of Padma award could be conferred on a person only where a period of atleast five years has elapsed since conferment of the earlier Padma award. |
| 10.    | In terms of a decision taken with the approval of the Prime Minister and the President in the year 2012, serving Government servants, including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.                                  |

2. Appeal if any, may be made under Section 19(1) of the RTI Act to Shri Satpal Chouhan, Joint Secretary (Admn.), Room no. 194, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001, the Appellate Authority, within 30 days.

(Shyamala Mohan)

Director& CPIO

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## RTI AAPLICATION FORM

TO

The Director & CPIO, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India North Block, New Delhi – 110001

Sir.

Subject: <u>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER RIGHT TO INFORMATION</u>
ACT 2005

I, D.R.Subramanyam Resident of No 22, 3<sup>rd</sup> B Cross, L.B.Nagar, Kasturi Nagar Bangalore - 560043 Telephone number 080-25424646 wish to seek information on Padma Awards as under:

- 1. Step by step process from receipt of nominations to the final selection of awardees and approval by the PM and President of India.
- 2. At what stage a vigilance check is carried out on the candidates nominees
  - a) on all the nominations received and before the list is given to expert panel for selection or
  - b) After the finalization by Expert panel and given to PM / President.
- 3. Who can send the nominations directly to Home Ministry for Padma Awards.
- 4. Is there any Priority given to the nominations received from State Governments compared to those received from individuals, Societies and other organizations.
- 5. Is PMO permitted to make any nominations.
- 6. Will nominations from MP be considered or disqualified
- 7. Will nomination from Central Ministers be considered or disqualified for the consideration of Padma Awards?
- 8. How will the multiple nominations for an individual, nominated by multiple agencies is handled?
- 9. It is learnt that during the President ship of Dr A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, a restriction was imposed that any one who has been given a Padma Award will be considered for higher award only after a period of 10 years from the year of previous award. Is it True?, If so, is it still in practice? If discontinued or revised, from which year and what is the revision
- 10. It is learnt that another restriction was made prohibiting consideration of nominations of Government Official / Public Sector Executives in service for Padma awards. Is it true, if so from which year it was introduced? Is it still in practice? And if it is not, from which year it is discontinued, and this prohibition is removed.

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I hereby inform that following formalities have been completed by me:

1. That I have deposited the requisite fee of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten only) by way of Postal Order No. 67.C. 91.56.25 9 67.6915626

2. I need photo copy of the documents and I had deposited the cost of the photocopy of Rs..... / for .... (number of pages)

3. I had deposited sum of .... For charges of CD ( strike out whichever is not applicable.

4. That I belong to Category of below Poverty Line(BPL): Yes / No (Strike out whichever not applicable). If yes, I am attaching the valid photocopy of the certificate Yes/ No

5. That I am 'Citizen' of India and I am asking the information as 'Citizen'

6. I assure that I shall not allow/ cause to use/ pass/share/display/or circulate the information received in any case and under any circumstances, with any person or in any manner which would be detrimental to the unity and sovereignty or against the interest of India

Signature of the Applicant

Dated: