

STATUTES AND RULES RELATING TO THE AWARDS OF BHARAT RATNA,
PADMA VIBHUSHAN, PADMA BHUSHAN AND PADMA SHRI.

The following is a reprint of Notification Nos. 1-Pres./55, 2-Pres/55, 3-Pres/55 and 4-Pres/55, dated 8th January, 1955, as amended upto 1st January, 1969.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
PRESIDENT.

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 8th January, 1955.

No. 1-Pres./55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration BHARAT RATNA in supersession of those published in Notification No. 1-Pres./54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be in the form of a Peepul leaf, two and five-sixteenth inches in length, one and seven-eighth inches at its greatest breadth and one-eighth of an inch in thickness. It shall be of toned bronze. On its obverse shall be embossed a replica of the Sun five-eighths of an inch in diameter with rays spreading out from five-sixteenths of an inch to half an inch from the centre of the Sun, below which shall be embossed the words BHARAT RATNA in Hindi. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi. The Emblem (but not the motto), the Sun and the rim shall be of platinum. The inscriptions shall be of burnished bronze.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn round the neck by a white riband one and a half inches in width.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

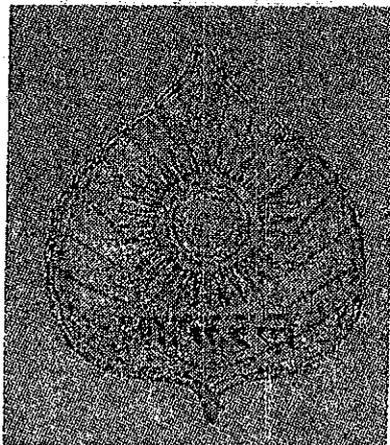
*9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the BHARAT RATNA, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

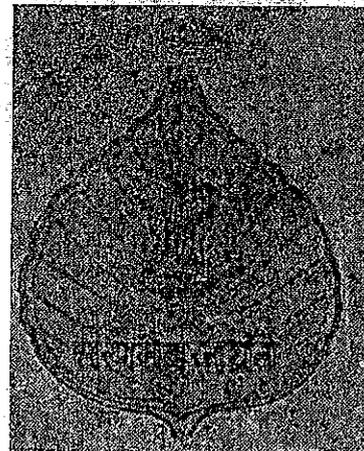
11. All persons upon whom the decoration BHARAT RATNA was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 1-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these Regulations, be deemed to be persons on whom the decoration BHARAT RATNA has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE
BHARAT RATNA

Obverse



Reverse



No. 2-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA VIBHUSHAN in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word VIBHUSHAN placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. The inscription PADMA VIBHUSHAN on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of white gold.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional and distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA VIBHUSHAN, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

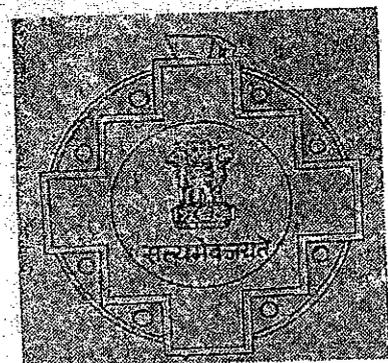
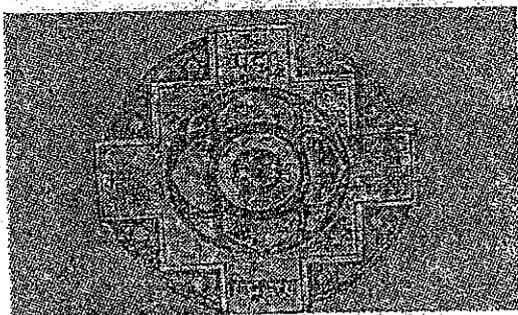
11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (PAHELA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA VIBHUSHAN



No. 3-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA BHUSHAN in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knob shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word BHUSHAN placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. The inscription PADMA BHUSHAN on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of standard gold.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a plain lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width, with a broad white stripe in the middle; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width, fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service of a high order in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients of the award shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

*9 The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA BHUSHAN, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

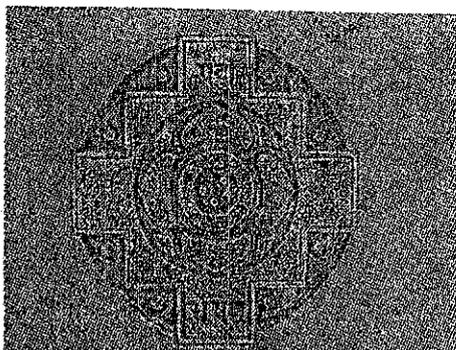
11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (DUSRA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA BHUSHAN has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE

Obverse

Reverse

PADMA BHUSHAN



No. 4-Pres/55—The President is pleased to make the following revised regulations for the award of the decoration PADMA SHRI in supersession of those published in Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954:—

1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.

2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration shall be one and three-fourth inches and the thickness of the decoration shall be one-eighth of an inch. The geometrical pattern shall be composed of the outer lines of a square of one and three-sixteenths inches side, centrally placed on each side of which shall be a rectangle projecting beyond the rim thereby breaking the circumference of the circular design of the decoration. A knot shall be embossed within each of the outer angles of the geometrical pattern towards the rim. There shall be a raised circular space of diameter one and one-sixteenth inches forming the centre-piece of the decoration. On the obverse a lotus flower shall be embossed in this circular space. The name of the decoration shall be embossed in Hindi, with the word PADMA placed above and the word SHRI placed below the lotus flower. On the reverse shall be embossed the State Emblem and motto in Hindi below it. The decoration shall be of toned bronze. The inscription PADMA SHRI on the obverse of the decoration, the geometrical pattern on either side and the border around the periphery, shall be of burnished bronze. All embossing on either side of the decoration shall be of stainless steel.

3. A sealed pattern of the decoration (manufactured according to the specifications described above and the drawing in the annexure to these regulations) shall be deposited and kept.

4. The decoration shall be worn by men on the left breast, suspended from a lotus pink riband one and a quarter inches in width with two narrow white stripes each a quarter inch distant from the edges of the riband; and by women on the left shoulder, suspended from a riband of the same colour and width fashioned into a bow.

5. The decoration shall be awarded for distinguished service in any field including service rendered by Government servants.

6. Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex shall be eligible for the award.

7. The decoration may be awarded posthumously.

8. The names of the persons, upon whom the decoration is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India and a register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the President.

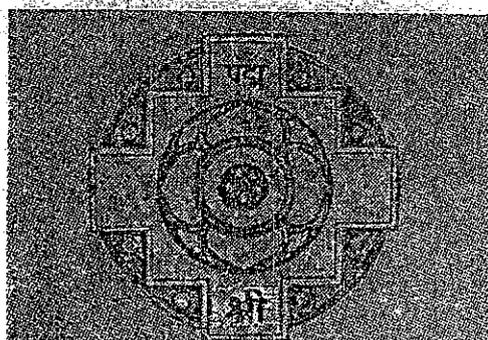
*9. The miniature of the decoration which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients shall be half the size of the PADMA SHRI and a sealed pattern of the said miniature shall be deposited and kept.

10. The President may cancel and annul the award of the decoration to any person and thereupon his name shall be erased from the Register and he shall be required to surrender the decoration and the Sanad. But it shall be competent for the President to restore the decoration and Sanad and to withdraw the orders of cancellation and annulment. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the Gazette of India.

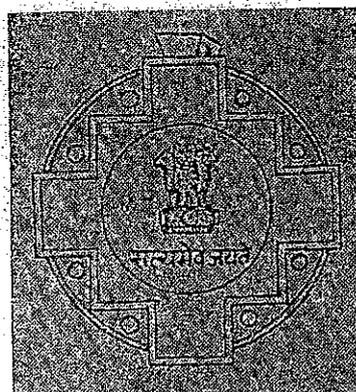
11. All persons upon whom the decoration of PADMA VIBHUSHAN (TISRA VARG) was conferred under the Regulations issued with Notification No. 2-Pres/54, dated the 2nd January, 1954, shall, for all purposes of these regulations, be deemed to persons on whom the decoration of PADMA SHRI has been conferred by the President.

ANNEXURE
PADMA SHRI

Obverse



Reverse





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सं. 133-प्रेज/2011.—राष्ट्रपति, दिनांक 8 जनवरी, 1955 की अधिसूचना संख्या 1-प्रेज/55 के अंतर्गत दिनांक 15 जनवरी, 1955 के भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित भारत रत्न पुरस्कार के विनियमों में निम्नलिखित संशोधन किए जाने का निदेश देती हैं, अर्थात् :—

विनियम 5 में, वाक्य :

“उपर्युक्त पुरस्कार से अलंकरण, कला, साहित्य और विज्ञान की समुन्नति की दृष्टि से की गई असाधारण सेवा और सर्वोत्कृष्ट स्तर की लोक सेवा, के सम्मान के फलस्वरूप किया जाएगा”

को निम्न वाक्य से प्रतिस्थापित किया जाए :

“उपर्युक्त पुरस्कार से अलंकरण, मानव प्रयत्न के किसी भी क्षेत्र में की गई असाधारण सेवा/सर्वोत्कृष्ट स्तर के निष्पादन के सम्मान के फलस्वरूप किया जाएगा” ।

क्रिस्टी फर्नान्डेज, राष्ट्रपति के सचिव

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 16th November, 2011

No. 133-Pres/2011.—The President is pleased to direct that the following amendment be made in the Regulations for the award of the BHARAT RATNA published in the Gazette of India of the 15th January, 1955 under Notification No. 1-Pres/55 dated the 8th January, 1955, namely :—

In Regulation 5, for the sentence :

“The decoration shall be awarded for exceptional service towards the advancement of Art, Literature and Science, and in recognition of public service of the highest order”

the following sentence shall be substituted :

“The decoration shall be awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavour”.

CHRISTY FERNANDEZ, Secy. to the President