

I. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Prime Minister's Shram Awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions made by workmen as defined in the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 in organizations both in public and private sector and who have distinguished record of performance, devotion to duty of a high order, specific contribution in the field of productivity, proven innovative abilities, presence of mind and exceptional courage and also to the workmen who have made supreme sacrifice of laying down their lives in the conscientious discharge of their duties.

II. SCOPE:

The Awards will be presented to the workmen as defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and employed in the Departmental Undertakings of the Central and State Governments, Central and State Public Sector Undertakings as also private sector and having minimum of 500 employees on roll and engaged in manufacturing and productive processes and whose performance is assessable. Workmen solely engaged in routine service duties would not be eligible.

1. Coverage should be given to the workers in all sectors of industry. Persons working in important Departmental/Undertakings like those under the Department of Defence Production and Supplies, Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises etc. should be given adequate coverage.
2. Adequate representation would be given to women and handicapped workers who have made outstanding contributions in the areas specified above.
3. The organizations recommending their workmen for the "PRIME MINISTER'S SHRAM AWARDS" should satisfy themselves regarding the eligibility of the workman for this prestigious National Award and issue a certificate to that effect under the signature and seal of the Head of the Organisation/Chief Executive Officer where the workman is employed.

III NOMINATION :- CHANNEL OF SUBMISSION:-**(a) PUBLIC SECTOR**

The Head of the Organisation will fill up the attached nomination forms in all respects, in triplicate, and route it through the Administrative Central Ministry/respective State Government Deptt. alongwith enclosures and with their recommendation and forward the same to the Under Secretary (ISH-I), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001, latest by 30.11.2021 The nominations should be scrutinized with reference to the Scheme and the guidelines.

(b) PRIVATE SECTOR

The Chief Executive Officer of the organization will fill up the attached nomination forms in all respects, in triplicate, and send it to the respective Local/State Association/Chamber of Industries. After scrutiny of the nominations at local/state level, the nominations with recommendations and forward the same through the National level of Association/Chamber, in triplicate, to the Under Secretary (ISH-I), Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi – 110001 latest by 30.11.2021 The nominations should be scrutinized with reference to the scheme and the guidelines.

IV. GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY

The awards will be given to workmen who have distinguished record of performance, devotion to duty of a high order, specific contribution in the field of productivity, proven innovative abilities, presence of mind and exceptional courage. The awards may be given to those workmen also who have risked their lives or made supreme sacrifice of laying down their lives in the conscientious discharge of their duties.

His/her performance should have resulted in any or some of the followings:-

- Improving productivity;
- Workers who have made outstanding contribution in the field of productivity, safety and who have also shown innovative ability of high order;
- Increasing the efficiency of the organization;
- Innovations and improvements that bring about saving in materials including fuel, power and explosive;
- Improvement in the utilization of plant and equipment;
- Improvement in quality/safety of products for users;
- Better utilisation of waste or scrap material & Conservation of resources;
- Substitution of indigenous process/material for imported one;

The following eligibility criteria are required to be fulfilled.

- The nominated worker should be a workman as defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
- He / She should have worked continuously at least for the past 10 years in the nominating establishment.
- He / She should have distinguished record of performance in the industry/company
- He / She should have regularity and punctuality in attendance.
- The nominated worker should not have caused any type of reportable accident during his/her service period.
- The worker should have displayed courage by risking or sacrificing his/her life in the discharge of his/her duties, if applicable.
- He / She should be trustworthy.
- He/She should have good character, good temperament, traits of good team work including good relations with fellow employees and be amenable to discipline etc.
- His/her police record should be good.
- He/She should be an Indian Citizen.

V. DETAILS OF AWARDS

The number of cash prizes for each are as follows :-

S.No.	Name of Award	No. of Awards	Cash Prize	Criteria
1.	Shram Ratna	1	Rs.2,00,000	Highest Award will be given to a worker who has really outstanding calibre and has made exceptional all round contribution.
2.	Shram Bhushan	4	Rs.1,00,000 each	Workers who have made outstanding contribution in productivity, and also shown innovative abilities of high order.
3.	Shram Vir / Shram Veerangana	12	Rs. 60,000 each	Workers who have a continuous record of dedicated service and has achieved high order of productivity.
4.	Shram Devi/Shram Shree	16	Rs. 40,000 each	Workers who have shown extra ordinary zeal and enthusiasm for work and have made remarkable contribution towards productivity.

The Shram Ratna Award would be common for both the Public and Private Sectors and the remaining 32 awards would be shared equally by both the sectors, i.e. 16 each for Public and Private Sectors.

In case of awards being shared by a worker with team and/or different teams/other individual worker, the award money would be equally shared by the total number of workers {members of the team(s) + individual worker}.

While the total number of awards in one year would be thirty three, in case awards for any one or more categories are not being given, these can be distributed among the other lower categories. It may not be mandatory to give all the prizes every year. Besides the cash prize, awardees would also receive a "SANAD" from the Prime Minister. The awardees are also eligible for 75% concession in 2nd Class Rail Fare.

VI. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All the nominations received through the administrative Ministries/State Governments in the case of Departmental Undertakings of the Central and State Governments and Central and State Public Sector Undertakings and that of private sector through their National Associations/Chambers will be scrutinized and graded in descending order, award-wise, by a Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is chaired by an eminent personality in the field of technology with representatives from employers' organizations, central trade unions, experts from the scientific/technical institutions of repute and DGFASLI. The Technical Committee will make recommendations for various categories of awards to the Screening Committee.

The Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Labour and Employment Secretary will further consider the recommendations of the Technical Committee and will make final recommendations for the approval of Hon'ble Labour and Employment Minister / Hon'ble Prime Minister. A lady member should also be nominated (either the lady member could be part of the Committee in an ex-officio capacity or in the case there is no lady member, a suitable lady member to be nominated).

The decision of the Government regarding the selection will be final.

The Govt. of India will have the right to publish any of the information in respect of the winners who have been conferred the awards for their outstanding performance for the benefit of others.

1. INCOMPLETE NOMINATION FORM IN ANY MANNER IS LIABLE TO BE REJECTED.
2. ANY TYPE OF UNDUE INFLUENCE / RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COMMITTEE BY THE NOMINEE OR EMPLOYER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE NOMINATION.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE AWARDS

These awards shall be announced on the eve of the **Republic Day/Independence Day** and will be distributed in the public function to be chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister as per his convenience.

The awardees are also allowed the following facilities for attending the Prime Minister's Shram Awards Presentation Function:-

1. To bring one guest
2. Air Fare (Economy) or expenditure incurred on actual mode of travel both ways, whichever is less, both for the awardees and one guest.
3. Lodging facilities for two days both for the awardees and one guest, and
4. Out of pocket expenses of Rs. 2,000/- for both, the awardees and one guest.

VIII. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURNISHING COMPACT DISC (CD) ALONG WITH THE APPLICATIONS.

- a. A Compact Disc (CD) of only the "Citation" part (i.e. Annexure-II) in respect of the employees or group employees is required to be sent along with the application.
- b. The CD must be in Windows, 2000 (TEXT FORMAT ONLY) Package.

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- c. Only fresh (free of virus) CD should be used.
- d. Underlining should be avoided. Where necessary, italics fonts may be used instead of underlining.
- e. At the top of the Citation, the name of the employees/group of employees along with designation should be indicated clearly in capitals and bold.
- f. Where the citation has been prepared in any language other than English, English translation of the same should accompany the application. The CD should be of English Version only.
- g. Line spacing – between the lines should be 'double'.
- h. Margins should be as under :
 - i. Left margin should be 16 syllables and Right Margin 12 Syllables.
 - ii. Top/bottom margins should be 3 line (12 Syllables).
- i. Preferably only Times New Roman Font and Font size '12' should be used for text of the citation. The name of the employees(s) may be typed in slightly bigger Font size.
