

- (i) It may be ensured that the persons recommended are pre-eminently worthy of the awards, looking at their life-time achievement. The criteria for selection should invariably be 'excellence plus' and the highest standards should be applied while recommending persons for these awards. The existence of an element of public service in the achievements of the person recommended for the award would be a desirable factor.
- (ii) The decoration is normally not conferred posthumously. However, in highly deserving cases, Government could consider giving an award posthumously if the demise of the person proposed to be honoured has been recent, say within a period of one year preceding the Republic Day on which it is proposed to announce the award.
- (iii) A higher category of Padma award can be considered in respect of a person who has earlier been conferred an award provided a period of at least five years has elapsed. However, in exceptionally deserving cases, a relaxation can be considered.

4 The last date for receipt of the recommendations for Padma Awards in this Ministry is October 1, 2011. The cut-off date may please be strictly adhered to as it may not be possible to consider the recommendations received thereafter.

Yours faithfully,



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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-sixteenths inches in length, one and seven-eighths inches at its greatest breadth and one-eighth of an inch in thickness. It shall be of sound 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 scaled 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 ribbon 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 scaled 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 VAR) 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.

Obverse

ANNEXURE

PADMA VIBHUSHAN

Reverse



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:—

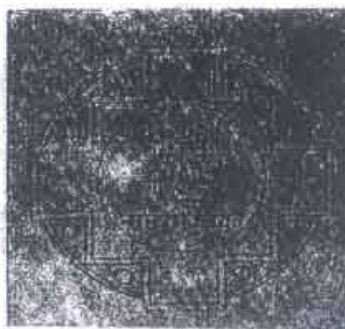
1. The decoration shall be conferred by the President by a Sanad under his hand and seal.
2. The decoration shall be mainly circular in design, with a geometrical pattern superimposed on the circle (as in the representative drawing in the annexure). The diameter of the circular portion of the decoration 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

PADMA BHUSHAN

Reverse



No. 4-Proc/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-Proc/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 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 Proc/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



PROFORMA FOR PADMA AWARDS

1.	Name: (a) First Name (b) Last Name	
2.	Sex (Male/Female)	
3.	Date of Birth/Age	
4.	Place of Birth (if known)	
5.	Nationality	
6.	Postal Address with Telephone/email etc.	
7.	Religion	
8.	Category (SC/ST/OBC/General)	
9.	Profession or Occupation (with designation/office held)	
10.	Field of activity * viz., Art, Sports, Social work, etc.	
11.	Padma Award for which name is recommended, viz. 'Padma Vibhushan', 'Padma Bhushan' or 'Padma Shri'	
12.	Padma Award conferred, if any, in the past.	
13.	<u>Citation</u>	This should be in the form of a write up in narrative form indicating distinctions/achievements obtained in the concerned field of activity. (in approx. 2 pages) – <u>please attach separate sheets.</u>

* An illustrative list of fields is annexed for reference.

Illustrative list of fields

1. **Art** (includes Music, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Cinema, Theatre etc.)
2. **Social work** (includes social service, charitable Service, contribution in Community Projects etc.)
3. **Public Affairs** (includes Law, Public Life, Politics, etc.)
4. **Science & Engineering** (includes Space Engineering, Nuclear Science, Information Technology, Research & Development in Science & its allied subjects etc.)
5. **Trade & Industry** (includes Banking, Economic Activities, Management, Promotion of Tourism, Business etc.)
6. **Medicine** (includes medical research, distinction/specialization in Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Sidhha, Allopathy, Naturopathy etc.)
7. **Literature & Education** (includes Journalism, Teaching, Book composing, Literature, Poetry, promotion of education, promotion of literacy, Education Reforms etc.)
8. **Civil Service** (includes distinction/excellence in administration etc. by Government Servants)
9. **Sports** (including popular Sports, Athletics, Adventure, Mountaineering, promotion of sports, Yoga etc.)
10. **Others** (fields not covered above and may include propagation of Indian Culture, protection of Human Rights, Wild Life protection/conservation etc.)