

of the Secretary to the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This has been issued with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department under their U. O. No. 3919/F dated 25-8-2014 and with approval of the Government under 7482/F dated 13-8-2014.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Dr. *Prakash Vazrikar*, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Official Language).

Panaji, 16th September, 2014.

Notification

8/28/2013/DOL/Bhasha Puraskar Yojana/1088

The Government of Goa is pleased to constitute following scheme in the public interest of languages under:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) this scheme shall be called as Bhasha Puraskar Yojna (भाषा पुरस्कार योजना).

(ii) Under this scheme following award will be presented.

(a) Durgaram Upadhe Sanskrit Bhasha Puraskar (दुर्गराम उपाध्ये संस्कृत भाषा पुरस्कार) for Sanskrit language.

(b) Dnyanpeeth awardee Ravindra Kelekar Konkani Bhasha Puraskar (ज्ञानपीठकार रविंद्र केळेकार कोंकणी भाषा पुरस्कार) for Konkani language.

(c) B. D. Satoskar Marathi Bhasha Puraskar (बा. द. सातोस्कर मराठी भाषा पुरस्कार) for Marathi language.

(iii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette and will be awarded from the financial year 2013-14.

2. *Introduction.*— The scheme is prepared to consider and appreciate the scholar/writer/

worker who has dedicated his work in the concerned language i.e. Sanskrit, Konkani and Marathi. So also Government desires to appreciate the work of the Goan scholar in the concern language

3. *Objective.*— (i) Objective of the scheme is to bring out the hidden qualities and expose the scholastic work of the language scholar. So also Government desires to place positive ideals of a person before the public.

(ii) It also aims to give financial support to a person who has dedicated his career for the interest of language.

4. *Eligibility.*— (i) Any person of Goan origin residing in Goa for last 50 years and contributed his work for propagating language by way of teaching, translation, writing, lecturing etc.

5. *Procedure.*— (i) Government may invite application from interested person by giving advertisement on local newspaper/channels/ /Radio etc.

(ii) Interested individual/person may submit his application in the prescribed format available with the Directorate of Official Language.

(iii) Any institution/organization/ /Government Department/Body may submit application in prescribed proforma available with the Directorate of Official Language and submit the nomination of person/individual/ /scholar with recommendations in detail.

(iv) The Directorate of Official Language may *suo-moto* identify a name of person/ /individual/scholar with details for approval of Government.

6. *Selection procedure.*— Government will constitute a committee of expert for awards in concerned language which will consist of the following:—

1. Director, Official Language.

2. President, Goa Konkani Academy or his nominee.

3. Expert in the field of Marathi language to be nominated.

4. Expert in the field of Sanskrit language to be nominated.

5. To be nominated by Government.

Tenure of the committee shall be consisting of three years.

The committee shall scrutinize the nomination received from various agency/ /body/individual etc. The committee shall meet at least three times in a year to discuss the name and after perusing the proposal in detail write a report in this regard and recommend the name to Government for award.

Any member who gives descending opinion shall also submit his report with remarks. The committee may also prepare separate guidelines/criteria before taking into consideration of the nomination.

The report prepared by the committee will be submitted to the Government for approval.

The Government reserves the right to select or not to select all or any person for award.

7. *Disbursement.*— On approval of Government over the selection or non-selection for any award, the Directorate of Official Language will announce/publish the names of awardees by Government order.

The award will be given in a special function.

8. *Nature and quantum of award.*— The award shall consist of Certificate, mementos and a cheque of Rs. 1,00,000/- maximum.

9. *Framing of guidelines.*— In order to avoid any indiscrepancy Government may frame guidelines from time to time, if required.

10. *Relaxation.*— Government is empowered to relax all or any of the clauses provided in the scheme, if deem fit.

This is issued with concurrence of Finance Department under U. O. No. 2755/F dated 17-06-2014.

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