

MOST IMMEDIATE

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Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Sports

By speed post

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated

To,

1. Director General, Sports Authority of India
2. All recognized National Sports Federations
3. Sports Control Boards

Subject:- Inviting of nomination for the "Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri"- reg.

Sir,

The Padma Awards are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. These awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award, seek to recognize 'work of any distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these awards.

2. The persons recommended should be 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.

3. It is requested that nominations in respect of eminent sportspersons, who have already received a sports award from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and have shown consistent performance of the highest level during the last 3 years or life time contribution in promotion of sports, may please be sent in the prescribed proforma (Annex- II) alongwith additional sheet (Citation) in narrative form clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person in his/her respective field. The nomination is required to reach the undersigned by **15th September, 2013**.

Yours faithfully



(S.P.S. Tomar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

