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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
14th January 2013

To

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| 1. The Secretary,
Department of Youth Affairs &
Sports, (All States and U.Ts) | 2. The President/Secretary General,
(All recognized National Sports
Federations). |
| 3. The President/Secretary General,
Indian Olympic Association,
B-29, Olympic Bhawan, Qutub
Institutional Area,
New Delhi. | 4. Secretary
All India Police Sports Control Board
25, Akbar Road,
New Delhi |
| 5. The Secretary,
Army Sports Control Board,
Army Sports Institute Cell,
Dte. General of Military Trg.,
General Staff Branch, DHQPO,
New Delhi-110011. | 6. Secretary
Railway Sports Promotion Board
Room no. 452, 4th Floor,
Ministry of Railways,
Rail Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110001 |
| 7. Secretary,
Services Sports Control Board,
Room No.97, G Block, Armed Forces,
Headquarters, Nirman Bhawan, New
Delhi. | 8. The Secretary,
Indian Navy Sports Control Board,
Room No.330, Naval Headquarters,
New Delhi-110011. |
| 9. The Secretary,
Air Force Sports Control Board,
Air Force Station, Race Course,
New Delhi-110003. | 10. Secretary,
Central Civil Services Cultural &
Sports Board,
361-B Wing, 3 rd Floor,
Lok Nayak Bhawan |
| 11. Director General,
Sports Authority of India, New Delhi. | 12. All Previous Rajiv Gandhi Khel
Ratna Awardees |

Sub: Nominations for the Dhyanchand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games 2013

Sir,

I am directed to invite the nominations for the prestigious Dhyanchand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games 2013 for outstanding achievements of sportspersons and continued lifetime contribution to sports and sports promotion.

2. To be eligible for the award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance at National/International level for a period of three years or more but also should have continued to contribute to promotion of Sports in his individual capacity even after his retirement from sporting career. A Sports person should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and sense of discipline. The awards will also be given to those

sportspersons and NGOs who have made sterling contribution to promotion of sports, especially in the field of broad-basing and development of excellence in sports over a period of 20 years or more. However, sportsperson found positive for use of prohibited / banned drugs shall not be considered for the award.

3. The nominations for the award must be sent in the prescribed proforma (copy enclosed) duly signed by Secretary in-charge of Sports of State Governments/ U.T.s, President/ Secretary General of National Sports Federation including Indian Olympics Association and President/Secretary of Sports Promotion/Control Boards so as to reach the office of Under Secretary (SP-IV), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Room No.15, 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 **by the last date for receipt of nominations, i.e., 30th April 2013.**

4. Applications, which are not in the prescribed proforma, or not signed by the authorized signatory or are incomplete, shall not be considered for the award.

5. It should be noted that States/UT Governments, recognized National Sports Federations and Indian Olympics Association are entitled to nominate up to maximum of 3 sports persons only and eligible sports promotion/control boards are entitled to nominate up to maximum of 5 sports persons only in a particular discipline/sport for achievements/performance at the international level i.e. Olympic/Asian/Commonwealth/World Championships/World Cup or any equivalent recognized international sport event and in only one lot. In case more nominations are made, only first 3 or 5 as applicable, nominations will be considered. You are also requested to make nominations in one lot only.

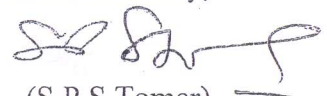
6. In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Dhyan Chand Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.

7. It should be noted by all and all concerned should be informed that canvassing in any respect by an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.

8. A copy of the scheme is enclosed for necessary information.

9. It is needless to emphasize that this is a national level award in recognition of the service rendered by an outstanding sportsperson in bringing pride and glory to the country. Therefore, it is expected that the concerned authorities will make meticulous efforts to recommend the best among many outstanding available.

Yours faithfully,



(S.P.S Tomar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Tel No. 23073206

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DHYAN CHAND AWARD

Affix a recent
passport
size photograph

1. Name of the applicant/sportsperson:
(*In capital letters*)
2. Father's name:
3. Address alongwith Phone No.:
4. Date of birth:
5. Year of Award:
6. Brief bio-data:
(*Enclose a separate Sheet*)
7. Sports Achievements in the year of consideration

S. No.	Name of the Event	Venue	Date(s) & Year	Achievement
	At national level			
	At international level			

8. Other achievements:
9. Other awards received:
from the State/Government/
Central Govt./Other agencies, if any

DECLARATION

I do hereby solemnly declare and affirm that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

Date : _____ Signature of the Applicant _____

Place : _____

Endorsement from State - Government/National Sports Federation/India Olympic Association etc

1. We recommend that Shri/Km/Smt. _____
son/daughter/wife of Shri _____ may be awarded the
Dhyan Chand Award of the year _____.

2. Certified that the particulars mentioned above are correct.

3. Certified that nominee is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and is not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, a requisite report has been obtained from the concerned employer before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

Signature of recommending authority
(Giving name and designation of the signing authority)
Official Seal

Date _____

Place _____

SCHEME FOR THE DHYAN CHAND AWARD FOR LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORTS AND GAMES (Amended as on 1st March 2011)

1. PREAMBLE

The Scheme may be called the "Dhyan Chand Award for Life-time Achievement in Sports and Games".

2. OBJECTIVE

- i) To honour those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career.
- ii) To motivate persons who have contributed their lifetime to sports and sports promotion.
- iii) To encourage broad-basing, and development of excellence in sports culture in the country.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Scheme , unless the context otherwise requires,

- (a) "Scheme" means the scheme for Dhyan Chand Award for Life-time Achievement in Sports and Games.
- (b) "Committee" means the Selection Committee constituted under the Scheme.
- (c) "Award" means the Dhyan Chand Award for Life-time Achievement in Sports and Games.
- (d) "Chairperson" means chairperson of the Selection Committee under the Scheme.
- (e) "Government" means the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- (f) "Sports Administrator" means a person who is engaged in management/administration of national/international sports events, sports organizations including private sports academies, sports programmes and delivery of sports services.
- (g) "Arjuna Awardee" means a person who has been awarded an Arjuna Award by the Government of India.
- (h) "Olympian" means a sportsperson who participated in the Olympic Games as a member of the Indian contingent approved by the Government of India.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 To be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance at national/international level for a period of 3 years or more but also should have continued to contribute to promotion of sports in his individual capacity even after his retirement from sporting career. A sportsperson should also have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and sense of discipline. The awards will also be given to those persons and NGOs who have made sterling contribution to promotion of sports, specially in the field of broad-basing and development of excellence in sports over a period of 20 years or more.

4.2 However, sports persons found positive for use of drugs banned by the International Olympic Committee, in any laboratory accredited by International Olympic Committee will not be eligible for the Award

5. NOMINATIONS

5.1 The nominations for the Award will be invited by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports from all recognized National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, Indian Olympic Association and State/UT Governments in the month of January each year. Last date for the receipt of nominations will be 30th April of the same year. The National Sports Federations recognized by the Government of India, the Indian Olympic Association and the State/UT Governments may nominate upto a maximum of three sportspersons in a particular discipline/sport in a particular year. In addition, nominations will also be invited by the Ministry from Sports Control/Promotion Boards of various Governments organizations such as the All India Police Sports Control Board, Army Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, Services Sports Control Board, Indian Navy Sports control Board, Air Force Sports Control Board etc. These agencies will be allowed to make nominations upto a maximum of five sportspersons. In case of receipt of more than three/five nominations from the concerned agency as the case may be the applications will be sent back to the concerned agency, so that they could be prioritized. In case, sufficient time is not available for this purpose, the first three nominations sent to the recommending agency will only be taken up for consideration. Government reserves the right to make nomination of sportspersons/coaches in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from any of the mentioned agencies under the scheme.

5.2 In addition to the existing sponsoring authorities/agencies, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardees of the previous years can also nominate one eligible sportsperson each for Dhyan Chand Award. Further, Director General, Sports Authority of India can also nominate upto three eligible sportspersons for this award.

5.3 Notwithstanding the above, Government reserves the right to make nomination of sportspersons/coaches in deserving cases where no such nominations have been received from the agencies mentioned under the Scheme.

5.4 The Award will be made in respect of the calendar year for which the applications are invited.

5.5 The nominations will be sent to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the prescribed proforma attached with the application form giving the past performance of the nominated sportspersons in International competitions.

5.6 The nominating authorities are required to certify in the nomination form itself that the nominees are clear from vigilance/disciplinary angles and are not involved in acts of criminal and moral turpitude nature. In case of sportspersons employed with Central Government/State Governments/PSUs or in private organizations, nominating authorities should obtain a requisite report from the concerned employers before certifying that the sportsperson being nominated is clear from vigilance/disciplinary angle and is not involved in any act of criminal or moral turpitude nature.

5.7 Received applications are to be duly stamped and recorded in a register. In addition all applications received within the time will be duly acknowledged to the recommending authority.

6. SCRUTINY OF NOMINATION

All nominations received from the organization mentioned in para 5.1 and 5.2. will be sent to the Executive Director (Teams), Sports Authority of India and concerned National Sports Federations by 15th June who will verify and confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated sportspersons within a maximum period of one month of receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.

6.1 Screening Committee to scrutinize all the nominations received:

The following committee will scrutinize all the nominations and will place only the valid nominations before the Selection committee for its consideration :-

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| 1. | Joint Secretary (Sports) | - Chairman |
| 2. | Director/DS (Sports) | - Member |
| 3. | ED (Teams), SAI | - Member Secretary |
| 4. | Government Observer | - Member of the concerned discipline |

7. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

7.1 The Award will be decided by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India. The Selection Committee will be constituted every year by the Government. The Committee will be comprised of a Chairperson and eight members distinguished in the field of sports as indicated below. The Director/Deputy Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports will be the Member –Secretary of the Selection Committee:-

1.	Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Chairperson
2.	Olympians of eminence	2 members
3.	Previous Dhyan Chand Awardees	2 members
4.	Sports Administrators	1 member
5.	Director General, Sports Authority of India	Member (Ex-officio)
6.	Joint Secretary (Sports), Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	Member (Ex-officio)
7.	Deputy Secretary (Sports)/Director (Sports), Department of Sports	Member-Secretary (Ex-officio)

7.2 There should be a minimum two years gap before a member other than ex-officio is re-nominated as member in the Selection Committee.

7.3 The Chairperson, in consultation with Member Secretary, may constitute panels from amongst the members of the Committee to assist the Committee.

7.4 The Chairperson may seek advice of experts in specific sports disciplines wherever necessary.

7.5 Any person directly or indirectly related to a sportsperson nominated for the Awards shall not be eligible to participate in deliberations of the Selection Committee, concerning that sportsperson.

7.6 The Committee will determine its own work procedure.

7.7 The quorum for the meeting of the Committee shall be 75% of the members of the Committee and the Chairperson.

7.8 The Committee shall select the Award winners by consensus failing which by a majority decision and give its report to the Government of India within one month of reference.

7.9 The Executive Director (TEAMS), Sports Authority of India will be present at the time of deliberations of the Committee in order to provide information/clarifications, if any, required by the Committee.

7.10 All the selection proceedings will be treated as "Confidential". The Chairperson may take necessary steps in consultation with the Member Secretary to maintain strict confidentiality of the deliberations and selection made by the Committee.

8. NUMBER OF DHYAN CHAND AWARDS FOR LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT TO BE GIVEN IN A YEAR

8.1 Not more than three Awards will be given in a particular year subject to deserving sportspersons being available.

9. GENERAL

9.1 The Award will consist of a plaque, a scroll of honour, ceremonial dress, and a cash Award of Rs.5.00 lakh which will be presented to the winners at the function for the presentation of the Award to be held at a place and on a date to be determined by the Government of India.

10. No Award will be made for a second time to the same person.

11. The Award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.

12. In order to ensure due diligence in the selection of awardees, the Ministry will make necessary character verification prior to finalizing the names of the awardees. After Selection Committee has made its recommendations, Ministry may ask Sports Authority of India to carry out verification of character and antecedents of the recommended awardees through its regional centres, if need be, by taking help of concerned police authorities.

13. At the time of the ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhawan, the awards will be conferred upon the awardees, who are present. No person other than the awardees will receive the award and prize money at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The awardees, who are not able to come to receive the award on the National Sports Day, can receive the same later from the Minister-in-Charge for Youth Affairs and Sports.

14 The Government of India may cancel, annul the Award to any recipient for specific reasons and thereupon the recipient shall be required to surrender the plaque and the scroll of honour but it shall be competent for the Government of India to restore the Award once the cancellation and annulment has been withdrawn.

15. The decision of the Government of India in respect of matters covered by the scheme and of the interpretation of the provisions of the scheme shall be final and no appeal shall lie against them.

16. A person who is nominated for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions of the scheme.

17 Canvassing in any form in respect of an entry will render that entry liable to disqualification.
