

GRANT OF 'KABIR PURASKAR' FOR PROMOTION OF COMMUNAL HARMONY.

It has been decided by the Government of India to institute a National Award to be designated as "Kabir Puraskar" in three grades, namely, Grade One, Grade Two and Grade Three to be awarded each year. The Award carries title and cash award as indicated below :

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| i) | Kabir Puraskar | Grade-I | Rs. 20,000/- |
| ii) | Kabir Puraskar | Grade-II | Rs. 10,000/- |
| iii) | Kabir Pruaskar | Grade-III | Rs. 5,000/- |

A certificate with suitable citation shall also be awarded to the recipients. The Award will be regulated as under :

1. Purpose :

This Award is being instituted to promote communal harmony by recognising act of physical/moral courage and humanity exhibited by members of one community in saving lives and properties of the members of another community. Such courage and promptitude in saving life and property of member(s) of another community shall also involve a danger to the life/body/property of the rescuer himself or herself and to his or her family members. Three sets of criteria have been prescribed to decide the category of Award. It is entirely left to the Screening Committee mentioned in clause 6 to decide upon the category of Award on the merit of each individual act of courage as reported by State Government or U.T. Administration.

2. Eligibility :

The Puraskar shall be awarded to an individual for his conspicuous act of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer in saving life and property of member(s) of another community during communal riots. All Indian citizens of either sex in all walks of life (other than members of the Armed Forces, Police Forces and members of recognised fire services, Government servants, if the

act performed by them falls in the sphere of their duty) shall be eligible for this award.

3. Nature of Award :

The cash award is non-recurring. There shall be no bar on a person receiving such award for a second time on a subsequent occasion. Persons in receipt of any other award or citation for the same act so exhibited would not be eligible ordinarily for the Kabir puraskar.

4. Criteria :

The Criteria for three grades of Award is as under :-

- i) For most conspicuous act of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of very great danger to the life of rescuer, or an act resulting in death or the permanent incapacitation of the rescuer/his or her family member(s) in saving life and property of member(s) of another community.
- ii) For conspicuous act of physical/moral courage or promptitude under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer resulting in bodily injury in saving life and property of member(s) of another community.
- iii) For act of physical/moral courage and promptitude in saving life and property of member(s) of another community.

5. Number of Award :

There is no fixed number of the three series of Awards. It would depend on the recommendations to be made by the respective State/UT Governments and the final selection/approval of the Screening Committee set up for the purpose.

6. Method of Selection :

All recommendations for the Award shall be made through State/ UT Governments and such proposals shall be placed before the Screening Committee consisting of Home Secretary, Director Intelligence Bureau, and Secretary in the Ministry of Welfare. The recommendations of this Committee shall be placed before the Union Home Minister and the

Prime Minister for approval.

7. Timing of Announcement of Award :

The Award shall be announced on 2nd October, each year.

8. Presentation :

The Award may be given by the Central Government and presented to the recipients by the Prime Minister at a function organised for the purpose at New Delhi.

9. Notification of the Award :

The names of those persons upon whom such awards are conferred shall be published in the official gazettes.

10. Date of Effect : 12.2.1991

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