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Government of India

Ministry of Home Affairs

(Department of Official Language)

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RESOLUTION

No.11034/01/2023-OL(Policy): A revised award scheme named '**Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar**' from the year 2022-23 has been introduced by the Department, with an objective to encourage writing books originally in Hindi in various streams of modern knowledge/science and to promote Official Language, in supersession of earlier Resolution No. 11034/48/2014-OL(Policy), dated 25.03.2015; resolutions of even no. dated 20.02.2017 and 22.03.2018. The award scheme is as follows:-

"Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar to Citizens of India for writing original book in Hindi on knowledge and science based subjects"

1. **Name:** The name of this regulation shall be "Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme for writing original book in Hindi on knowledge and science based subjects."
2. **Definitions:** In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:-
 - (i) **"Scheme"** means "The award scheme of Department of Official Language for encouraging writing original book in Hindi on various technical/scientific subjects".
 - (ii) **"Original"** means "It should be originally written in Hindi and published for the first time. Translation of books published earlier will not be included under the scheme.
 - (iii) **"Book"** means "published books".
 - (iv) **"Year"** means: (i) Scheme year means - Financial year (ii) Publication year means - Calendar Year.
3. **Objectives:** Various Offices/Undertakings/Banks etc. of Central Government also deal with technical subjects in their official work. Difficulty is being faced to increase the use of Hindi in the field of knowledge/science based subjects in the official work due to scarcity of books in Hindi on technical subjects. Employees also do face

difficulties in doing their official work in Hindi in these subjects as they are not acquainted with Hindi terminologies of knowledge/science based subjects. The main reason behind this is that there is scarcity of books on the subjects relating to knowledge/science. The Department of Official Language is undertaking this scheme with the sole objective to encourage writing books in Hindi in this field.

4. Awards:

First Prize (One)	Rs.2,00,000/- (Two lakh rupees) a certificate and a memento
Second Prize (One)	Rs.1,25,000/- (One lakh twenty five thousand rupees) a certificate and a memento
Third Prize (One)	Rs. 75,000/- (Seventy five thousand rupees) a certificate and a memento

5. Eligibility:

- (I) The author should be a citizen of India.
- (II) The book may be on various streams of modern technology/Science, for example:-
 - (i) Engineering, Electronics, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, Energy, Space Science, Medicine, Chemistry, Information Technology, Management, Psychology etc.
 - (ii) Contemporary subjects such as Liberalisation, Globalisation, Consumerism, Human Rights and Pollution etc.

6. General Conditions:

- (i) In case of Author being more than one, each co-author must fill the proforma separately.
- (ii) Under the scheme only those books, which are original work of the author in Hindi, are accepted. Translated books are not accepted.
- (iii) Books awarded previously by any government organisation will not become eligible. The author of the book must inform Department of Official Language immediately if the book is awarded under any other award scheme before the declaration of the awards under the above mentioned schemes.
- (iv) Under the scheme, books published during 1st January to 31st December are acceptable.
- (v) The book should be an analytical review of the subject it deals with. Books written in the form of thesis for Ph.D., poems, novel, story, play etc. or text books will not be eligible.
- (vi) The author will be responsible for facts and figures given in the book and must give references wherever possible as proof.

- (vii) If a person has received a prize under any scheme of Department of Official Language during the preceding three years, his/her entry shall not be considered. However, a co-author, (if any) can participate in the scheme. The co-author will be given the amount proportionately.
- (viii) The books should contain at least 100 pages.
- (ix) If the Evaluation Committee arrives at a conclusion that none of the books, sent as entries, is suitable for the award, the committees' decision in this regard will be considered as final.
- (x) In case, a book selected for the award has more than one author, award money will be divided equally among them.
- (xi) Only the books with ISBN will be accepted under the scheme.

7. Procedure for sending the entries:

- (i) The entry should be sent along with the proforma given at Annexure; otherwise the same would not be accepted.
- (ii) Kindly send three copies of the book invariably with each entry. The books will not be returned.
- (iii) Entry filled in prescribed proforma must reach the Department before the last date so declared.
- (iv) An author may send only one entry under the scheme.

8. Evaluation procedure of Books:

Books will be evaluated by a committee constituted by Department of Official Language based on the criteria set by Department of Official Language. Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language will be the Chairperson of the committee. If necessary, Committee may include non-official renowned scholars/experts along with official members. The Committee will comprise of the following:-

(i)	Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language	Chairperson
(ii)	Two non- official persons, who will be nominated by the Department of Official Language every year	Member
(iii)	Director/Deputy Director (Implementation), Department of Official Language	Member-Secretary

- (i) Next of kin of the authors, who are sending their entries, will not be included in the Evaluation Committee.
- (ii) The Evaluation Committee shall have the right to take advice from specialists/experts of the subject before deciding on a book.
- (iii) The evaluation committee will determine the assessment criteria themselves.

- (iv) In the absence of consensus about the award the decision will be made by majority. In cases, where on any decision, the for and against votes are equal, then the Chairman shall have the right to vote to arrive at a decision.
- (v) The official members of the Evaluation Committee will get TA/DA from the source, from where they get their salaries. The non-governmental members will be entitled to travelling allowance and daily allowance as per instructions issued by the Government from time to time and applicable during the period.
- (vi) The experts of the Evaluation Committee will also be entitled to honorarium as determined by the Department of Official Language.
- (vii) The Department of Official Language will take decision on recommendations made by the Evaluation Committee.

9. Declaration and distribution of awards:

- (i) Decision regarding the award will be intimated through a letter/email to all the awardees and will also be placed on the Department's Website.
- (ii) The distribution of the Awards will be held on the date fixed by the Department of Official Language.

10. General information:

- (i) Copyright on the award-winning book will remain with the Authors/Publishers.
- (ii) Awardees coming from places other than the place fixed for distribution of award will get to and fro 2nd AC fare and daily allowance as per rules of the Government of India. Arrangement for lodging will be made by him/her at his/her own expenses.
- (iii) No correspondence regarding conferment of the award or procedure for selection of a book for the award will be entertained.

11. Right to relax the scheme:

If it is necessary or expedient in the opinion of the Central Government to do so, documenting the reason for it, any of the provisions of these regulations may be relaxed by issuing an order.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy of this resolution should be communicated to the Secretariat of all the State Governments, UT Administrations, all Ministries/Departments, President's Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, NITI Aayog, The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

It is also ordered that this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for public information.

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To,

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New Delhi, Dated: 21 March, 2023

Copy forwarded to:-

- (1) Director (Implementation/Technical) Department of Official Language, MHA, New Delhi for necessary action in respect of issuing orders etc. for the Scheme as per the revised Resolution.
- (2) Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Administrators of all Union Territories.
- (3) Secretaries to all Ministries and Departments of Govt. of India.
- (4) President's Secretariat, New Delhi
- (5) Prime Minister office, New Delhi
- (6) Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi
- (7) NITI Aayog, New Delhi
- (8) Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi
- (9) Director Accounts (Central Revenue), New Delhi
- (10) Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi
- (11) Rajya Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi
- (12) Parliament Library (15 copies)
- (13) Director, Public Relations (MHA), Press Information Bureau, with a request to issue a press note in respect of the decision of the Government.
- (14) All officers/desks/sections of the Department of Official Language
- (15) Principal Staff Officer to Secretary (OL)
- (16) Additional copies for Department of Official Language (Policy Section)
- (17) Consultant (NIC): For uploading the resolution on the website of the Official Language.

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PROFORMA**“Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar to Citizens of India for writing original book in Hindi on knowledge and science based subjects**

1. Year of the Award Scheme.....
2. Title of the book.....
3. (i) Name of the Author/Co-author.....
 (ii) Full Address (with Pin code).....

 (iii) Telephone No.
 (iv) Mobile No. E-mail.....
4. (i) Name of the publisher.....
 (ii) Full Address of the publisher.....

 (iii) Year of publishing.....
5. Has the book been awarded by any Government organization previously? Yes/No.
 If yes, please give full details thereof.....

6. I certify that
 (i) I..... son/daughter ofam a citizen of India.
 (ii) The book has been written originally in Hindi by me.
 (iii) The copyright of any other person is not violated on entering my book in this scheme
 and I am responsible for the facts and figures given in the book.

I promise to abide by the provisions of the regulations of the Award Scheme for writing original book in Hindi on knowledge and science based subjects.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Author/Co-author

Note 1. Strike off whichever is not applicable.

Note 2. In case of authors being more than one, each co-author shall fill the above proforma separately.
