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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**(Department of Official Language)**

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**RESOLUTION**

No. 11034/48/2014-OL (Policy): A new award scheme named '**Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Yojana**' from the financial year 2015-16 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. 11/12013/2/85-OL(A 2), dated the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1986; No. 11/12013/1/2000-OL(Policy 2), dated the 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2005 and Office Memorandum no. 11014/12/2013-OL(P), dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2013 (for excellent articles). The award schemes are as follows: -

- (A) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar to Citizens of India for writing original book in Hindi on knowledge and science based subjects.
  - (B) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar to Central Government Employees (including retired one) for writing original book in Hindi.
  - (C) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar to Central Government Employees (including retired one) for writing excellent article in Hindi.
- (A) **Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme for 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 Regulation, 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 in 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 book 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
- Consolation Prize (Ten) - Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees) A certificate and a Memento to each.

**5. Eligibility:**

- (1) The author should be a citizen of India.
- (2) 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) Entry can be sent for only one of the above mentioned schemes. 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 become eligible.
- (vi) The author will be responsible for facts and figures given in the book and must give references where ever 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 proportionally.
- (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.

## **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 in a 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 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: -

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| A. | Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language  | - Chairperson      |
| B. | Two non- official persons, who will be nominated<br>by The Department of Official Language every year | - Member           |
| C. | Director/Deputy Director (Implementation),<br>Department of Official Language                         | - Member-Secretary |

- (1) The next of kin of the authors, who are sending their entries, will not be included in the Evaluation Committee.
- (2) The Evaluation Committee shall have the right to take advice from specialists/experts of the subject before deciding on a book.
- (3) The evaluation committee will determine the assessment criteria themselves.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The experts of the Evaluation Committee will be entitled to honorarium as determined by Department of Official Language.
- (7) 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PROFORMA**

**RAJBHASHA GAURAV PURASKAR FOR CITIZENS OF INDIA FOR WRITING  
ORIGINAL BOOK ON KNOWLEDGE/SCIENCE BASED SUBJECTS IN HINDI - YEAR**

1. Name 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. .... Fax No. ....
- (iv) Mobile No. ....
- (v) e-mail .....
4. (i) Name of the publisher .....
- (ii) Full Address of the publisher .....
- (iii) Year of publishing .....
5. Had the book been awarded by any Government organisation previously? : Yes/No. If yes,  
please give full details thereof  
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6. I certify that
- (i) I ..... son/daughter of .....am 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-science based subject.

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.

**(B) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for Central Government Employees (including retired one) for writing original book in Hindi.**

Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar is introduced from the financial year 2015-16 to encourage Central Government employees or retired employees for writing original book in Hindi under which following prizes will be awarded -

First Prize -	Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh rupees) A certificate and a Memento
Second Prize -	Rs. 75,000/- (Seventy five thousand rupees) A certificate and a Memento
Third Prize -	Rs. 60,000/- (Sixty thousand rupees) A certificate and a Memento
Consolation Prize -	Rs. 30,000/- (Thirty thousand rupees) A certificate and a Memento

**1. Definitions:** In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires-

- I "Scheme" means Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Scheme for Central Government Employees (including retired one) for writing original book in Hindi.
- II "Book" means published book.
- III "Year" means: (i) Scheme year means - Financial year (ii) Publication year means- Calendar Year.

**2. Objectives:** The objective of this scheme is to encourage Central Government Employees (including retired) for writing original book in Hindi.

**3. Eligibility:**

- (i) The author must be a working/retired officer/employee of the Ministries/Departments/Attached/Subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Nationalised Banks/Financial Institutions and Autonomous Bodies, Central Universities/Training Institutes owned or controlled by the central government.
- (ii) Author should send his/her entry with the attestation and recommendations of the Head of Department/previous department.

**4. General Conditions:**

- (i) Entry can be sent for only one of the above mentioned schemes. 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 works in Hindi by the author, are accepted. Translated books are not accepted.
- (iii) Books awarded previously by any government organisation will not be 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 awards under the above mentioned schemes.

- (iv) Under the scheme, books published during 1st January to 31st December are accepted.
- (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 are not eligible.
- (vi) The author will be responsible for facts and figures given in the book and must give references where ever 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 books shall not be considered. However, a co-author, (if any) can participate in the scheme.
- (viii) The books should contain at least 100 pages.
- (ix) If the Evaluation Committee arrives at the conclusion that none of the books, sent as entries, is suitable for the award, its 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.

#### **5. Procedure for sending the entries:**

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

#### **6. Evaluation procedure of books:**

Books will be evaluated by a committee of available renowned scholars/experts based on the criteria set by Department of Official Language. The Committee will comprise of the following: -

- A. Joint Secretary, Department of Official Language - Chairperson
- B. Two non- official persons who will be nominated by Department of Official Language every year - Member
- C. Director/Deputy Director (Implementation), Department of Official Language - Member-Secretary

- (i) The 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 evaluation criteria themselves. The decision of the Evaluation Committee will be final.
- (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 member 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 Evaluation Committee will be entitled to honorarium determined by Department of Official Language.

**7. Declaration and distribution of awards:**

- (i) Decision regarding the award will be intimated through a letter 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.

**8. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**9. 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.

**PROFORMA**

**RAJBHASHA GAURAV PURASKAR FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
(INCLUDING RETIRED) FOR WRITING ORIGINAL BOOK IN HINDI - YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Name of the Award Scheme .....
2. Title of the book .....
3. (i) Name of the Author/Co-author .....
- (ii) Full Address (with Pin code) .....
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- .....
- (iii) Telephone No. .... Fax No. ....
- (iv) Mobile No. ....
- (v) e-mail .....
4. (i) Name of the publisher .....
- (ii) Full Address of the publisher .....
- (iii) Year of publishing .....
5. Had the book been awarded by any Government organisation previously? : Yes/No. If yes, please give full details thereof .....
- .....
6. I clarify that
  - (i) I ..... son/daughter of ..... am a citizen of India.
  - (ii) I am working in/retired from the office ..... of central government or under the central government (applicable only for Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar)
  - (iii) The book has been written originally in Hindi by me.
  - (iv) 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 original book writing on knowledge-science in Hindi.

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.

**(C) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar for Central Government Employees (including retired) for writing excellent article in Hindi.**

A new award scheme named '**Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar Yojana**' has been introduced for **Central Government Officers/Employees for their excellent Hindi articles published in** journals and magazines for financial year 2015-16 in supersession of earlier award scheme started in 2013-14 vide Office Memorandum No. 11014/12/2013-OL(A), dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013. The following six prizes will be awarded under the Scheme:-

**Hindi Speaking**

First- Rs. 20,000/-(Twenty thousand rupees)  
Second-Rs. 18,000/-(Eighteen thousand rupees)  
Third- Rs. 15,000/-(Fifteen thousand rupees)

**Non-Hindi Speaking**

Rs. 25,000/-(Twenty five thousand rupees)  
Rs. 22,000/-(Twenty two thousand rupees)  
Rs. 20,000/-(Twenty thousand rupees)

**Eligibility:**

- (A) All employed or retired employees of the Central Government.
- (B) The article should be published in Departmental or any other journals-magazines during the financial year.
- (C) Ministry on its own level can add any articles published in Journal by employees of its subordinate office for the financial year.
- (D) Hindi speaking writer are those officials/employees whose declared residence is located in 'A' or 'B' Region.
- (E) Non-Hindi speaking writer are those officials/employees whose declared residence is located in 'C' Region.
- (F) Awardees coming from places other than the place fixed for distribution of award will get to and fro 2<sup>nd</sup> AC fare and daily allowance as per rules of the Government of India. Arrangement for lodging to be made at own expenses.

**Evaluation process:**

Each Ministry/Department will select three articles at their level. For the selection of the article a committee should be constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary-Incharge of Hindi. Ministry/Department will send the selected articles with details duly filled in the proforma to the Department of Official Language. The Department of Official Language will evaluate these articles received from Ministries by the Evaluation Committee and select them for three prizes - first, second and third. The appropriate entries about the winner of the award should be made in the Service Book of concerned officer/employee.

**Proforma**

Name	Designation	Address of the Office	Subject of the article	Contact details: Phone, Mobile, e-mail etc.

**ORDER**

IT IS HERE BY ORDERED that a copy of this resolution should be communicated to the Secretariat to all the State Governments, UT Administrations, all Ministries/Departments, Presidential 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.

To,  
**Manager,  
Government of India Press,  
Faridabad (Haryana)**

*Poonam Juneja*  
**(Poonam Juneja)**  
Joint Secretary, Government of India

No: 11034/48/2014-OL(Pol.)

New Delhi, Dated 25 March, 2015

**Copy forwarded to:-**

- (1) Director (Implementation/Technical) Deptt. of Official Language, MHA, New Delhi for necessary action in respect of issuing orders etc for the New Scheme as per the revised scheme of the 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
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- (14) All officers/desks/sections of Deptt. of Official language
- (15) Senior Principal Private Secretary to Secretary(OL)
- (16) Additional copies for official Language (Policy) Desk

  
(Poonam Juneja)

Joint Secretary, Govt. of India