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FAQs ON THE SCHEME OF NATIONAL AWARD FOR TEACHERS

Q.1 When the scheme of National Award was started in Govt. of India?

Ans. The Scheme of National Award to Teachers was introduced by the Govt. of India, Ministry of HRD (Deptt.of Sec. & Higher Education) in the year 1958-59.

Q.2 What are its objectives?

Ans. The objectives of National Award are to raise the prestige of teachers and giving public recognition to the meritorious services of outstanding teachers working in Primary, Middle & Higher Secondary Schools.

Q.3 How many awards are conferred to the KVS Teachers?

Ans. (a) Primary Teacher Category-06 (b) Sec./Sr.Sec. Teachers including Principals-06 (c) Special Category PRT-02 (d) Special Category -Sec./Sr.Sec. including Principal - 02 (e) Sanskrit Teachers-15 (for entire country) (f) Special Category (Sanskrit Teachers)-02 (for entire country).

Q.4 What is the Award Money?

Ans. Each award carries with it a certificate of merit, a cash award money of Rs.50,000/- & a Silver Medal.

Q.5 What is the eligibility criteria for consideration for the awards?

Ans. (a) Primary Teachers - 15 years of regular service (b) HM-20 years of regular service (c) Sec./Sr.Sec. Teachers - 15 years of regular service (d) Principal - 20 years of regular service (e) Special category, (PRT/Sec./Sr.Sec.)- 10 years of regular service & Principals/HMs-15 years of regular service.

Only those teachers having requisite years of teaching experience as on 31st December of the preceding year of the award will be eligible to be considered for the award.

Q.6 Are retired teachers eligible for National Award?

Ans. Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those teachers who have served a part of the calendar year (atleast for four months i.e. upto 30th April in the year to which National Award relates) may be considered if they fulfill all other conditions. However, the service rendered on re-employment after attaining the age of superannuation will not count as eligible services.

Q.7 Are the teachers, whose names were recommended in a previous year but were not selected for award are eligible for consideration in next year?

Ans. Teachers whose names were recommended last year or before can be considered again if they are still otherwise eligible and are recommended by the Regional Selection Committee.

Q.8 What are the main consideration for selection of teachers for the Award?

Ans. Main considerations that should guide the selection of teachers at various levels are:-

1. Teachers' reputation in the local community;
2. Teachers' academic efficiency and desire for its improvement;
3. Teachers' genuine interest in and love for children; and
4. Teachers' involvement in the social life of the community.

Q.9 What is the procedure for selection?

Ans. The selection for National Award is based on scrutiny of the proposals at Regional Offices by the Regional Selection Committees. Recommendation of the Regional Selection Committees is scrutinized at KVS HQ by a Scrutinizing Committee and thereafter on its recommendation the selection is made by the Final Selection Committee. List of finally selected/recommended teachers is forwarded to MHRD for consideration.

Q.10 What is the Composition of Final Selection Committee of KVS?

Ans. The Composition of Final Selection Committee is as under:-

1. Commissioner, KVS : Chairman
2. Addl. Commissioner (Admn.), KVS (HQ) : Member
3. Addl. Commissioner (Acad.), KVS (HQ) : Member
4. A representative of GOI, MHRD : Nominee Member
5. Joint Commissioner (Admn.), KVS (HQ) : Member Secretary

Q.11 How does the committee decide the marks for short listed nominees out of 20 allocated to the Final Selection Committee which entitle the selected candidates to get National award?

Ans. **Parameters for Awarding Committee marks out of 20 by the Final Selection Committee at KVS (HQ)** : Committee at the final Level for the selection of teachers for National Awards will further make the assessment of teacher in the following areas and allot them marks out of 20 :- (1) Professionalism (2) Teaching (3) Student Development (4) School Development (5) Contribution to the Education Sector and Community. Further elaboration of these areas has been given hereunder:-

(1) Professionalism

- Urge for self-improvement and professional development
- Abreast of latest developments in educational practices and policies
- Has a strong sense of commitment to the profession

- Has always tried to improve teaching practices
- Actively collaborating and sharing with colleagues

(2) Teaching

- Subject expertise
- Effective teaching practices
- Effective classroom management
- Curriculum planning, organization and development

(3) Student Development

- Love and care for students
- Awareness of students' individual learning background
- Ability to inspire students to learn
- Able to serve as role model to the students

(4) School Development

- Sharing school's mission/vision on educational goals
- Makes regular contribution to school's all round development
- Involvement in team work.
- Maintains good relationship with parents and the community

(5) Contribution to the Education Sector/Community

- Actively participates and contributes to education-related activities.
- Actively involved in community services.

Q.12 On which day the National awards are conferred?

Ans. The National awards are conferred on the Teachers' Day i.e. 5th September of every year by the Hon'ble President of India.

Q.13 Are the National Awardee teachers eligible for extension of service after superannuation?

Ans. As per Article-51 of Education Code for KVs Two years extension in service shall be granted to National Awardees teachers on year to year basis after superannuation subject to fulfillment of other conditions.

Q.14 Is there any specific proforma/application for applying the National Award?

Ans. Yes, there is a prescribed proforma and MHRD supplies proforma to all States and Educational Institutes.

Q.15 What is the time schedule for inviting applications for the National Awards?

Ans. On receipt of the circular from MHRD tentatively in the month of January/February every year. It is circulated to all Regional Offices of KVS to give it wide publicity.
