SCHEME FOR NATIONAL AWARDS –2008
TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. OBJECTIVE
The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) in India have seen a vast development in the last five decades. The MSMEs have registered tremendous growth as also the progress in terms of quality production, exports, innovation, product development and import substitution, very much beyond the expected objectives of setting up MSMEs by the planners of industrial production base in the country. Entrepreneurial efforts have made it possible to produce number of items, which hitherto were imported. In quite a few cases new variants so produced are having additional attributes than their original versions and are capable of solving a multitude of user problems.

This all has become possible owing to the ambitious and visionary spirit of entrepreneurs of MSMEs.

Recognizing the achievements of successful entrepreneurs in MSMEs, Government has decided to encourage such entrepreneurs by giving national awards to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for outstanding efforts in entrepreneurship.

2. Award
Under the scheme, details of awards are as under.

(I) National Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Micro & Small Enterprises engaged in Manufacturing.
1. First National Award: Rs.1,00,000/- cash prize, a trophy and a certificate.
2. Second National Award: Rs75,000/- cash Prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
3. Third National Award: Rs.50,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
4. Special National Award to outstanding Women Entrepreneur: Rs.1,00,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
5. Special National Award to outstanding SC/ST Entrepreneur: Rs.1,00,000/- Cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
6. Special National Award to outstanding Entrepreneur from NER including Sikkim: Rs.1,00,000/- Cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
(II) National Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Micro & Small Enterprises rendering services.
1. First National Award: Rs.1,00,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
2. Second National Award: Rs.75,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.

(III) National Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Medium Enterprises engaged in Manufacturing.
1. First National Award: Rs.1,00,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.
2. Second National Award: Rs.75,000/- cash prize, a Trophy and a Certificate.

(IV) A special Recognition award to those MSMEs scoring marks above 80 percent (50 percent in case of North Eastern Regions including Sikkim) will be given with a cash prize of Rs.20,000/- each, a certificate and a Trophy at the State Level Function to be organized by Director, MSME-DI. The awards will be presented in a public function.

3. PERIODICITY & ELIGIBILITY
The awards will be given for every calendar year to deserving entrepreneurs managing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises having permanent registration/have filed Entrepreneurs Memorandum part –II with the authorities notified by Respective State Governments/UT Administration in accordance with the provisions contained in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act. 2006, which has since come into force from 2 October 2006. The MSME should have been in continuous production/servicing at least during last four years.

4. CRITERIA
The evaluation for the award is to be done on the basis of and on the Criteria & Proforma for evaluation and Awarding Marks Form X (MSMEs engaged in manufacturing) & X-1 (for MSMEs rendering services) specifically designed for the purpose. The critical areas include:
1. Rate of growth of MSME based upon investment, employment, production & profit.
2. Use and choice of technology.
3. Export.
5. Location of the MSME.
7. Manufacturing Practices & inhouse testing/on-line inspection
8. Quality control standards
10. Pollution Control Measures
11. Welfare Measures
12. Packaging Standards.

5. COMPOSITION OF STATE/UT LEVEL SELECTION COMMITTEE (SLSC)
The SLSC will consists of the following members.
(i) Secretary/Commissioner of Industries state/UT Chairman
(ii) Member of Parliament (M.P.) from the state/UT nominated by the concerned State government. Member
(iii) Director of Industries of State/UT. Member
(iv) Representative of Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) in the State to be nominated by the State Government. Member
(v) A representative of one of the Lead Banks Member
(vi) Representative of one of the State Level Micro and Small Enterprise Association to be nominated by the state Government Member
(vii) Representative of one of the State Level Medium Enterprise Association to be nominated by the state Government Member
(viii) Director, MSME-DI Member Convener

State Level Selection Committee after proper screening is to select eligible MSMEs in order of Merit (bench mark 60 percent and 50 percent in case of enterprise from SC/ST and NER including Sikkim) of marks, details of which given in form X (MSMEs engaged in Manufacturing ) & X-1 (MSEs rendering services), including at least one each from SC/ST and a women entrepreneur for the consideration of the National Level selection Committee. Recommendations made by the state /UT level Selection Committee that do not conform to the above stipulation will not be considered. MSMEs should be assessed based on the data/information submitted by the entrepreneur after verification.

For the purpose of evaluation by the state/UT Level Selection Committee, the Evaluation Criteria for awarding marks (FormX and X-I) is available and it is expected that recommendations of the state/UT level Selection Committee on the prescribed Application format should also accompany the break up of marks on Form ‘X’ or ‘X-1’(duly completed).

Minimum qualifying marks as per criteria for consideration by the National Level Selection committee for any type of the Award will be 60percent and 50 percent in case of enterprise from SC/ST and NER including Sikkim. There will be no bar for an Awardee to be nominated or considered for a higher Award in the subsequent year. The Awardees should not be nominated or considered for the same or lower award in the subsequent 5 year(s).

State/UT Level Selection Committee while recommending the names for National Awards would institute such inquiries as may be necessary to satisfy themselves that the entrepreneur has been abiding by all statutory requirement in vogue, is maintaining the proper documentation and is also not involved in any economic/other offence for which enquiry/legal action is pending. The MSME status of the enterprise for the award year be specifically verified and certified keeping in view the investment limit permissible in plant & machinery as also other norms in vogue and in accordance with the provisions contained in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act.2006, which has since come into force from 2 October 2006.

The state level Selection committee may send its recommendations along with the applications in duplicate to office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, 7th Floor, ‘A’ Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New delhi-110108 latest by…………..

6. COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL LEVEL SELECTION COMMITTEE(NLSC)
NLSC will consist of the following members.
(i) Additional Secretary & Development commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India Chairman
(ii) Two Secretaries (Industries) of the state Govt. to be nominated by the Govt. of India (by rotation) Member

(iii) A representative of the Reserve Bank of India or SIDBI or Nationalized Banks as nominated by the Govt. of India. Member

(iv) Representative of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Member

(v) Representative of Department of Science and Technology Member

(vi) Representative of Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)/Ministry of Commerce Member

(vii) President, Federation of Association of Small Industries of India (FASII) Member

(viii) President Laghu Udyog Bharti Member

(ix) President India Council of Small Industries, Kolkata Member

(x) Additional Development Commissioner o/o DC(MSME) Member Convener

7. METHODOLOGY
For purpose of selecting enterprise for consideration for awards, the following procedure will be observed:-

(i) The eligible Enterprise will send their nomination in the prescribed proforma in duplicate (with original/downloaded only on the prescribed form) to Director, MSME-DI(formely SISI) of the state where their MSMEs is registered/have filed Entrepreneurs Memorandum(EM).

(ii) State Level Selection committee will select MSMEs for the Award-2008 and award marks on the criteria proforma Form X (MSMEs engaged in manufacturing) & X-1 (MSEs rendering services).

(iii) The recommendations of the State Level Selection Committee (SLSC) received without break-up of marks on Form X & X-I, and those on Application form will not be considered by the National Level Selection Committee (NLSC).

(iv) The applications will further be scrutinized by the technical group of the office of DC (MSME) for evaluating the marks for submitting before National Level Selection Committee for selecting the awardees.

(v) Qualifying marks as per criteria for consideration by the National Level Selection Committee will be 60% (50% in case of enterprise from SC/ST and NER including Sikkim).

8. PRIVILEGES
The winner of the Awards shall have the privilege of allowing their employees to wear labels, pins, ties or other distinctive badges with the symbol indicating the Award with the year of the award inscribed on it. The entrepreneurs could also use this symbol on their letterheads or in any advertisement issued by them along with the year of the Award.

9. TO WHOM TO APPLY
The eligible Enterprises will send their nominations in the prescribed proforma in duplicate to Director, MSME-DI of the State where their MSME is registered/have filed Entrepreneurs Memorandum. The application could also be routed to Convener through Director of Industries of State/General Manager, District
Industries Centre by ensuring that it reaches to the convener by the last date of application .......... The awards will be given for every calendar year to deserving entrepreneurs managing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises having permanent registration/have filed Entrepreneurs Memorandum part –II with the authorities notified by Respective State Governments/UT Administration in accordance with the provisions contained in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act.2006, which has since come into force from 2 October 2006. The MSMEs should have been in continuous production during last four years.

Director, MSME-DIs will send one copy of all the applications of MSMEs on the prescribed proforma alongwith break-up of Marks on Form ‘X or X-I’ duly completed with the recommendations of the State Level Selection Committee to the Development Commissioner (MSME) Ministry of MSME, 7th Floor, ‘A’ Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110108 latest by ............. (Visit Website : www.dcmsme.gov.in)