

Government of India
Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME)
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SCHEME FOR NATIONAL AWARDS - 2009
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS IN
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)

1. OBJECTIVE

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India have undergone 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 to encourage such in-house R&D efforts and promote this spirit in larger interest of qualitative development of MSMEs with a view to recognise their effort and contribution.

2. AWARDS

The Awards will be of following categories, details of which are as under.

1. National Award for Research & Development Efforts in Micro & Small Enterprises:

- (1) First National Award Rs. 1,00,000/- Cash Prize, a Certificate and a Trophy.
- (2) Second National Award Rs. 75,000/- Cash Prize, a Certificate and a Trophy.

2. National Award for Research & Development Efforts in Medium Enterprises:

- (1) First National Award Rs. 1,00,000/- Cash Prize, a Certificate and a Trophy.
- (2) Second National Award Rs. 75,000/- Cash Prize, a Certificate and a Trophy.

3. Special Recognition Award

MSMEs scoring marks above 80 percent and (50 percent in case of North Eastern Region including Sikkim) will be given Cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- each, a Certificate and a Trophy.

3. PERIODICITY & ELIGIBILITY

The Awards will be given for every calendar year to deserving entrepreneurs managing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have permanent SSI 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 three years ie. 2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09.

4. CRITERIA

The evaluation for Award is to be done on the basis of and on the Criteria & Proforma for Evaluation and Awarding Marks (Form Z) specifically designed for the purpose. The critical areas include:

- (i) Nature of R&D achievement.
- (ii) Infrastructure evolved for in-house R&D effort.
- (iii) Economic potential of the R&D project realized/expected in terms of resource utilization, import substitution, export, energy conservation, environmental protection, cost reduction and other advantages.
- (iv) Status of commercialization project developed.
- (v) Detail of patents/design copyright obtained or applied for.
- (vi) Societal impact/contribution.
- (vii) Growth trends of the MSMEs.
- (viii) No. of persons (Technical & Scientific) engaged in R&D activities and their qualification.
- (ix) Leadership Abilities.
- (x) Strategic Initiatives.

5. COMPOSITION OF STATE LEVEL SELECTION COMMITTEE (SLSC)

The State Level Selection Committee will consist of --

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| (i) | The Secretary, Department of Industries of State/U.T. | Chairman |
| (ii) | Director of Industries of State/U.T. | Member |
| (iii) | Director, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
Laboratory of the State/neighbouring region. | Member |
| (iv) | Director, National Productivity Council of
the State. | Member |
| (v) | Director of the Regional/Govt. Engg. College | Member |
| (vi) | Scientist in-charge of Polytechnology Transfer
Centre in the State | Member |
| (vii) | Representative of State Level Small Industries
Association. | Member |
| (viii) | Director, MSME-DI | Member Convener |

5.1 State Level Selection Committee after proper screening is to select eligible MSMEs in order of merit including at least one each from SC/ST and a woman 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.

5.2 For the purpose of evaluation by the State/UT Level Selection Committee, the Evaluation Criteria for awarding marks (Form Z) is enclosed. The recommendations of the State/UT Level Selection Committee should also accompany the break-up of marks on Form Z (duly completed).

5.3 Minimum qualifying marks as per criteria for consideration by the National Level Selection Committee for any type of Award will be 60 percent 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).

5.4 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 requirements 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.

5.5 A Committee consisting of the Representative(s) of Director, MSME-DI and a Representative (s) of Directorate of Industries of the State/UT (on behalf of the State/UT Selection Committee) may visit the MSME to verify the information furnished in the application form including details on technology, performance, quality, Enterprises status, growth rate etc. and prepare a report for consideration of State Level Selection Committee while finalizing its recommendations.

5.6 The State Level Selection Committee may send its recommendations along with the applications to the Office of the Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, 7th Floor, 'A' Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110108 latest by **20th May, 2010**.

6. COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL LEVEL SELECTION COMMITTEE (NLSC)

The National Level Selection Committee will consist of --

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| (i) Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner,
(MSME) Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India. | Chairman |
| (ii) Two Secretaries, Department of Industries of State Govt.
to be nominated by Govt. of India. | Member |
| (iii) Director General, National Productivity Council or his nominee | Member |
| (iv) Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research
(CSIR) or his nominee | Member |

(v)	Nominee of the Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST)	Member
(vi)	Managing Director, National Research Development Corporation (NRDC), or his nominee	Member
(vii)	Dean, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) New Delhi. or his nominee	Member
(viii)	Managing Director, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). or his nominee	Member
(ix)	President, Laghu Udyog Bharti	Member
(x)	President, Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (FASII)	Member
(xi)	Additional Development Commissioner O/o DC (MSME)	Member Convenor

7. METHODOLOGY

For purposes of selecting enterprises for consideration for awards, the following procedure will be observed :-

- (i) The eligible Enterprises will send their nominations in the prescribed proforma in duplicate (with original/ downloaded only on the prescribed form) to Director, MSME-DI of the State where their MSMEs is registered/ have filed Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM).
- (ii) State Level Selection Committee will select MSME for the Award- 2009 and award marks on the Criteria proforma (**Form Z**) enclosed.
- (iii) The recommendations of the State Level Selection Committee (SLSC) received without break-up of marks on Form Z 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 mark 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% and (50% in case of NER including Sikkim).

8. PRIVILEGES

The Award winners are given second AC sleeper Class, Railway fare for to and fro journeys performed by them by the shortest route from the location of the unit and daily allowance as per govt. rules to attend the Award Function. The winners of the Award shall have the privilege of using the symbol of the Award in their letter heads and their employees can wear labels, pins, ties or other distinctive badges with Award symbol indicating the year of the Award. The amount of Cash Prize received by the Winners of the National Award is exempted under Section 10(17) of Income Tax Act 1961.

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 Director, MSME-DI through Director of Industries of State/General Manager, District Industries Centre but it should reach the Director MSME-DI by the last date of application **ie 20th April, 2010**. (Visit Website:- www.dcmsme.gov.in)