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**Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Department of Language, Art and Culture**

No. LCD-F(11)-5/2020

dated Shimla-171002 the

3rd August, 2022

NOTIFICATION

The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to make the following Rules for the grant of awards to Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Pahari literature and literary work on Himachali Culture which will come into force with immediate effect.

SHORT TITLE

These Rules shall be called Rules for the Scheme of "Himachal Pradesh Government State Awards for literature,"

REPEAL & SAVINGS

(i) The Himachal Pradesh Government State Awards for literature, 1985 & 1986 notified vide notification No. LCA-C(10)-42/76 dated 27th June, 1985, No. Bhasha-Ch(5)-1/85 dated 25th June, 1986 and LCD-F(4)-1/2001-Vol-I dated 28th August, 2008 are hereby repealed.

(ii) Notwithstanding such repeal any award, awarded or anything done or any action taken under the rules so repealed under Sub rule (i) supra shall be deemed to have been validly made or done for taken under these rules.

1. **OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:-**

- I) To honor the talented litterateurs of the State:
- II) To provide incentive so as to bring out the best in the field of Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Pahari literature and literary work on Himachali culture combined in local dialect and Hindi in the State.

2. **AWARDS AND VALUE:-**

- (a) There shall be five Awards (one for each category):-
 - I) Pt. Chanderdhar Sharma Guleri State Award for Hindi Literature.
 - II) State Award for Sanskrit Literature.
 - III) State Award for Urdu Literature.

IV) **Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar State Award for literary work on Himachali Culture.**

V) **Pahari Gandhi Baba Kanshi Ram State Award for Pahari Literature.**

(b) Each Award shall consist of the following:-

I) Cash Award of ₹ 1,00,000/- (₹ One Lakh)

II) Angvastra (Robe of honour) of the value up to ₹ 7000/- (₹ Seven Thousand)

III) Copper plaque, containing citation etc.

(Signed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh)

3. EXPENDITURE PER ANNUM:-

The total expenditure on the Scheme shall be ₹ 10,00,000/- (₹ Ten Lakhs only) per annum and shall be met out from the Budget of Department of Language, Art & Culture, H.P.

4. RULES GOVERNING THE AWARDS:-

I) The Awards shall be given to the writer of a book published during three years preceding the year of the award.

II) Pt. Chanderdhar Sharma Guleri State Award for Hindi Literature in a particular year shall be deferred if book of less than ten writers are available for consideration for an Award during that block of the years. In case of a deferred award, the condition at (I) shall be waived.

III) State award for Sanskrit literature shall be deferred if book of less than five writers are available for consideration for an Award during that block of the years. In case of a deferred award, the condition at (I) shall be waived.

IV) State award for Urdu literature in a particular year shall be deferred if book of less than three writers are available for consideration for an Award during that block of the years. In case of a deferred award, the condition at (I) shall be waived.

V) Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar State Award for literary work on Himachali culture in a particular year shall be deferred if book of less than three writers are available for consideration for an Award during that book of the year. In case of a deferred award, the condition at (I) shall be waived.

VI) Pahari Gandhi Baba Kanshi Ram State Award for Pahari Literature in a particular year shall be deferred if book of less than five writers are available for

consideration for an Award during that block of the year. In case of a deferred award, the condition at (I) shall be waived.

- VII) Creative or critical books only shall be eligible for the award. The assessment for award will be made on the literary merit of the work.
- VIII) Where two or more books are found to be equal or almost of equal literary merit, the total literary contribution and standing of the author shall be taken into consideration.
- IX) Translations, anthologies, abridgments and edited or annotated works shall not be eligible for award.
- X) Fresh collections of writing published earlier in book form or revised editions of books published earlier shall not be eligible for award.
- XI) A book shall not be eligible for Award if it is published only in part and is still incomplete. A book published in part but complete in itself shall be eligible.
- XII) Treatise and research works prepared for University Degree or examination shall not be eligible for award.
- XIII) A publication (Posthumous) shall be eligible for award only if it is published within three year of the author's death.
- XIV) No author who has once received the award shall be eligible to receive it again.
- XV) A book shall be disqualified for award, if it is established to the satisfaction of the Government that canvassing has been done on its behalf for the award.
- XVI) The title of the book must be reflected on each page of the book.

5. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:-

- I) Four copies of each book but not more than three books of each writer which fulfill the condition given above shall reach the Director, Language and Culture by the last working day of a calendar year.
- II) A selection committee comprising the following shall be constituted :-
 1. Secretary Language & Culture- **Chairman.**
 2. Three non-official experts.
 3. Director (Language and Culture) Himachal Pradesh-**Member Secretary.**
- III) Process of awards shall be initiated with prior approval of Minister-In charge for Language, Art & Culture. The lists of the non-official experts

committee members & judges will be placed before the Minister-In-Charge Language & Culture for approval.

IV) Other members remaining the same, the non-official experts for Pahari, Hindi, Sanskrit and Urdu literature shall be different and shall be nominated by the Government on the basis of the distinction that they have achieved in their respective fields. Barring Pahari, the non-official experts for other languages shall be litterateurs of States other than H.P.

V) The titles received by the Director, language and Culture shall be referred to the non-officials experts of the above selection committee.

VI) The non-official experts shall select fifteen books in each language which stand on merit for the award.

VII) The entire selection committee shall then consider the merits of each book and ultimately select seven books out of the fifteen.

VIII) For each award three judges, who are distinguished men of letters in their field, say Sahitya Academy award or Jnanpith award winners, shall then be appointed, which will be called the final panel of judges to evaluate and grade the work and assess the overall literature contribution of the author.

IX) Selected seven books in each language shall be sent to this panel which shall evaluate the books in depth and give them placings viz. 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. The Judges shall also give detailed reasons for placing the books at Sr. No. 1 to 7.

X) This evaluating shall be final and the book which gets placing No. 1 on an overall basis shall be considered to be one deserving the award.

XI) Each non-official experts shall be entitled to a remuneration of ₹ 2500/- per set of 5 books. Each judge in the panel of judges shall be entitled to a remuneration of ₹ 10,000/-. They shall be entitled to avail the facility of taxi to perform their to & fro journey for this purpose.

6. AWARD GIVING:-

I) The award shall be given in a befitting function organized by the Department of Language Art and Culture, H.P.

II) The award winner shall be given to and fro journey expenses, at approved rates and local hospitality.

III) The expenditure on account of these awards, journey expense, local hospitality and organization of the function shall be debitable to the budget of the Department of Language Art and Culture.

7. RELEXATION CLAUSE:-

The rules framed above are subject to relaxation at the discretion of Government of Himachal Pradesh.

By Order

Rakesh Kanwar
Secretary (LAC) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

3rd August, 2022

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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. All Administrative Secretaries to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Pr. Accountant General, H.P. Shimla-171003
3. The Sr. Accountant General (A&E) H.P. Shimla-171003
4. All Heads of Department of Himachal Pradesh.
5. All Deputy Commissioners of Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Director (LAC), Himachal Pradesh Shimla-9 with reference to his letter No. Bhasani-03/95-Rajya Samman-III-390 dated 18/04/2022 for further necessary action.
7. Guard File

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