

No. 24/248/2014- Public
Government of India / Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs / Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi- 110 001

Dated the 15 July, 2014

To

Shri Pavan Reddy,
EWS 573, Road-2,
KPHB Colony, Hyderabad,
Andhra Pradesh.

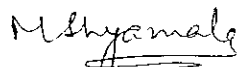
Sub: Information sought under Right to Information Act - 2005.

Sir,

Please refer to your application dated 25/06/2014 on the above cited subject received through transfer under section 6(3) (ii) of the RTI Act, 2005 from the Prime Minister's Office for providing information sought in points 1(a) to (d) of your application. The information sought by you is as follows:

Sl. No.	Response
1 (a)	"Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award of the country, is awarded in recognition of exceptional service/performance of the highest order in any field of human endeavor. Padma Vibhushan is awarded for 'exceptional and distinguished service', Padma Bhushan for 'distinguished service of a high order', and Padma Shri for 'distinguished service' in any field of activity.
1(b)	No
1(c)	Does not arise
1(d)	In case of Bharat Ratna award, in terms of extant practice, the Prime Minister makes the recommendations for Bharat Ratna award to the President and the names for the Bharat Ratna award are announced by the President's Secretariat after obtaining the approval of President. So far as Padma awards are concerned after the announcement of Padma awards, the names of recommended persons along with the recommending authorities and the names of the Members of the Padma Awards Committee are uploaded on the website of the Ministry.

2. Appeal may be made under Section 19(1) of the Right To Information Act to the Appellate Authority within 30 days. Details of the First Appellate Authority in the matter is, Shri Satpal Chouhan, Joint Secretary (Admn.) & Appellate Authority, Room No. 194, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.


(Shyamala Mohan)
Director & CPIO

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : PMOIN R/2014 90003 Date of Receipt 25/06/2014

Type of Receipt : Electronically Transferred from Other Public Authority [Pres. Secretary] Request : Language of English

Name : Pavan Reddy Gender : Male

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State : Andhra Pradesh Country : Not Provided

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Status(Rural/Urban) : Not Provided Education Not Provided Status :

Letter No. : Not Provided Letter Date : Not Provided

Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? : Yes Citizenship Indian Status

Amount Paid : 0 Mode of Payment Gateway Payment

Mode(s) of information Supply : Hard Copy Request Yet to be assign to Pertains to : CPIO

1) Bharat Ratna Award

(a) the criteria laid down for awarding various civil awards i.e. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards in the country

(b) whether there are reports of favouritism in selection of names of the awardees for the said awards

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto

Information Sought : (d) the mechanism put in place by the Government to make the selection process transparent

(e) the names of the Honble Prime Ministers of the country who have been awarded Bharat Ratna so far and

(f) whether the Government has received any proposal to award Bharat Ratna to any other ex-prime ministers, politicians and sports persons of the country and if so, the response of the Government thereto

(g) whether the Government has modified the eligibility criteria for the Bharat Ratna to include sportspersons in its ambit

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(h) if so, the details thereof and

(i) the details of individuals who have been awarded the Bharat Ratna since its institution

2) Bharat Ratna to Sachin Tendulkar

(a) whether the Government had recommended the name of Sachin Tendulkar for Bharat Ratna

(b) whether the name of Sachin Tendulkar had approval of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the reasons for deciding on Bharat Ratna to Sachin Tendulkar without approval

(e) any other recommendations for the award by the Government

3) Bharat Ratna to Major Dhyan Chand

(a) whether the Government is considering to recommend the name of legendary Hockey Player Major Dhyan Chands for Bharat Ratna

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor

4) Benefits

(a) What are the benefits that are given to recipients of Bharat Ratna award

(b) What prize money and perks do recipients of civilian awards (Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna etc) get.

5) Order of precedence

(a) Whether the recipients of Bharat Ratna list in the order of precedence. If yes, give details

6) Bharat Ratna Medal

(a) What material is used for making this medal.

(b) Where is it made

(c) Cost involved in making this medal.

7) Nominations for Bharat Ratna

(a) Give the list of all the names who were recommended for Bharat Ratna award by the Govt. of India since 1954

8) Usage of Bharat Ratna on letter heads

(a) Whether the recipients of Bharat Ratna use their title Bharat Ratna on the letter heads or for their day to day formal and informal communication.

9) Whether any of the below names were considered for Bharat Ratna

- (a) Homi J. Bhaba
- (b) E sreedharan
- (c) Vishwanathan Anand
- (d) Yellapragada Subbarao
- (e) Norman Borlaug
- (f) Major Dhyan Chand
- (g) Dr Kurien Varghese
- (i) Baba Amte
- (j) Srinivasa Ramanujan