

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT)

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**Dr.(Smt.) Loveleen Kacker**  
Joint Secretary

In pursuance of Government Policy to support and encourage voluntary action, this Department has instituted an Award to give nation recognition voluntary action in the field of Child Welfare. An annual award known as “Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award for Service to Children” has been instituted for which an individual will be selected by the National Selection Committee on the basis of the recommendations received from the State Government/UT Administrations and Exports. The main objective of this Awards is to honour an individual, who makes outstanding contribution towards the service to children including the care of children with disabilities. The Award carries a cash prize of Rs.1, 00,000/- (Rupees one lakh Only) and a citation. The name of the selected individual will be announced on the birthday of the late Shri. Rajiv Gandhi that is 20<sup>th</sup> August every year and will later be presented by the Hon’ble Human Resource Development Minister at New Delhi.

2. The State Government’s recommendation with the details about the individual and his contribution in the field of child development may kindly be sent to this Department at the earliest, in the prescribed proforma. A copy of the scheme/guidelines for sending the recommendations is enclosed herewith.
3. It will be appreciated if the recommendations of the State Government are forwarded not later than 20<sup>th</sup> July 2004 as the process of the selection of the awardees is a time bound one. The Department may therefore, not be in a position to consider recommendations received after the above date.

**Joint Secretary**

**NOTE:** It is advised to submit the application through Director of Social welfare, Vikas Bhavan, TVM

## **RAJIV GANDHI MANAV SEVA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO CHILDREN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In pursuance of its policy to support and encourage voluntary action, the Government of India has decided to institute an Award to honour an individual who makes outstanding contribution towards service for children.

2. Voluntary efforts have a special place in the total effort of the country impormoting the well-being of the children. A number of voluntary organizations are already engaged in this work. The dimension of voluntary action and its importance in the country are expected to grow with time.
3. As a system of state recognition of voluntary efforts for the cause of children, the Government of India initiated in 1979, the Scheme of State recognition of voluntary effort in the cause of children in the country.
4. For past few years, there has been some thinking of instituting an Award for an individual who makes outstanding contribution towards service for children. This Award will be known as **“Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award for Service to Children”**. Under this Scheme, every year an individual will be selected by the National Selection Committee. This Award will be presented to the individual selected for the purpose on Rajiv Gandhi’s birthday every year.

### **Scope**

5. The Award will be presented to an individual who makes outstanding contribution towards service for children including service for children with various kinds of disabilities. One individual Award is to be given annually.

### **NATURE OF AWARD**

6. The Award for an individual shall consist of :-
  - i. A cash prize of Rs.One lakh; and
  - ii. A Citation
7. Selection will be made by a National Committee out of the cases recommended by State Government/UT Administrations and Experts. The National Committee will consist of the following persons:-

### **Chairman**

1. Minister for Human Resource Development

### **Vice-Chairman**

2. Minister of State for Women & Child Development

### **Members**

3. Secretary, Development of Women & Child Development
4. A representative of the Department of Education.
5. A representative of the Department of Health.
6. A representative of the M/o. of Social Justice & Empowerment
7. President, Indian Council for Child Welfare.
8. Deen, Department of Social Work, Delhi University.

### **Member-Secretary**

9. Joint Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development.

8. Each State Government/Union Territory Administration will forward its recommendations to Department of Women & Child Development by 20<sup>th</sup> July every year. Particulars of the recommended individual should be furnished in the proforma given at Annexure. Recommendations received after 20<sup>th</sup> July may not be considered.

9. The National Committee may, at its discretion, also consider individuals other than those recommended by a State Government/Union Territory Administration, for the Award.

### **Criteria for Selection for Individual**

10. The individual to be selected for the Award should have worked for the cause of children for over 10 years. Paid officers of the institutions will not be eligible for selection. The sole basis of selection will be quality of work performed by the individual for the cause of children and its significance for the cause.

### **Date of Award**

11. The Award will be announced on the birthday of Late Shri.Rajiv Gandhi on 20<sup>th</sup> August every year and will be given away in New Delhi on a date and time convenient to the Minister for Human Resource Development.

12. The Award may be received personally by the selected individual. The awardee will be paid by the Department of Women & Child Development the traveling and daily allowance/actual expenditure incurred by him/her.

**PARTICULARS OF THE INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED FOR RAJIV  
GANDHI MANAV SEVA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO CHILDREN**

1.
  - i. Name
  - ii. Date of Birth
  - iii. Place of Birth
  - iv. Educational Qualification
  - v. Address
  - vi. Telephone No.  
(Office/Residence)
2. Institution with which the individual is connected and the capacity in which working  
  
Whether Salaried or Honorary
3. Field of activities
4. Details of performance of the individual including the location and field of performance and the number of children covered
5. How is the performance of the individual adjudged as outstanding.
6. Funds raised by the institution with which associated.
  - i. Central Government
  - ii. State Government
  - iii. Other Sources
7. Funds raised by the individual from the community, year-wise
8. Awards received so far
9. A brief life-sketch of the individual
10. Sponsored by (Government, other

agencies, etc. with details)

11. Since when engaged in child welfare activities
12. Remarks of the State Government.