

**UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI**

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**Most Urgent**

**CIRCULAR :-**

The Directors / Principals of Minority Colleges imparting Arts, Commerce, Science, Education, Law, Engineering, Architecture, Pharmacy, M C.A. & Management studies courses are hereby informed to submit Nomination for the Minority Rights Day Award – 2012 proposal (as per the following guideline) to the Deputy Registrar, Special Cell, University of Mumbai, Room No. 133, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Mumbai – 400 032 for onward transmission to the National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi.

Date :- 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  
Place :- Mumbai – 400 032.

(Kumar Khaire)  
Registrar

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F. No. 81/34/12-NCM  
Government of India  
National Commission for Minorities  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan,  
Khan Market, New Delhi – 110 003.

Date :- 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

To,

The Ministries / Departments  
Central / State Governments / UT Administration  
State Minorities Commissions / NGOs, etc.

**Sub :- Minority Rights Day Award 2012**

Sir / Madam,

In January, 1978, the Government of India vide an executive order, set up a “Minorities Commission” to safeguard the interests of the minorities. With the enactment of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, the Minorities Commission became a statutory body and was renamed as a the “National Commission for Minorities” (NCM). The first statutory Commission was constituted on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 1993. The Government of India vide Notification dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1993 notified five religious communities viz; Muslims, Christians, Sikh, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the NCM Act, 1992. The main objectives of NCM is to analyze issues relating to safeguarding the rights of minorities and to evaluate the progress of socio-economics development of minorities under the Union and States.

2. The National Commission for Minorities has now instituted the Minorities Rights Award to celebrate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad which falls on 11<sup>th</sup> November every year as Minority Rights Day on which occasion an individual / organization will be recognized for their outstanding contribution to protect the rights of minorities and / to promote their development with conferment of Minority Rights Award.

3. The Award carries a citation and a certificate besides cash award of Rs. 2 lakhs to be given to an individual and Rs. 5 lakhs to be given to an organization. Out of the two awards, only one award will be given in a year.

**The Eligibility criteria for the Award are as below :**

The award will be given to an individual or an organization on the basis of their activities and performance over a sufficiently long period of time rather than on the basis of a single or sporadic act in any situation.

The individual / organization should have an impeccable record of integrity and should not have a questionable background namely : should not have at any point of time come under dubious cloud, or politically / legally controversial or disqualified / indicted by court of law.

**(a) An individual is eligible for consideration of the award if he / she :-**

- (i) has been working in the area of protection of rights of minorities for a minimum period of ten years.
- (ii) does not hold any elective office in Parliament, State Legislature or local body constituted under an act of Parliament or the State Legislature;
- (iii) is not a member of a political party recognized by the Election Commission of India; and
- (iv) is above 35 years of age and is alive on the date of nomination.

**(b) In the case of an organization, it is essential that the organization :-**

- (i) is registered under an appropriate act of Parliament or State Legislature.
- (ii) has been working at the all-India level or at least state level. In case activities of the organization are at the State level, these should be spartially well dispersed and extend to cover a substantial area of the state; and
- (iii) should have been functioning for a minimum of five years in the field of promotion of rights of minorities.

No educational institution or a body created under an act of Parliament or the State Legislature is eligible for the award.

- 4) Nomination for the Minority Rights Day Award – 2012 completed in all respect, may be sent by the Central / State Government / UT administrations, State Minorities Commission, Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Organization of repute dedicated to the welfare and upliftment of minorities so as to reach the office of the National Commission for Minorities latest by the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. Incomplete or self nominations and those not proposed by the prescribed authorities will not be considered.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(A. K. Nigam)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India