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12 APR 2010

Dear Shri Chandrasekhar,

Kindly refer to your letters dated January 29, 2010 and February 23, 2010 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India regarding Padma Awards.

In terms of extant procedure/guidelines regulating Padma Awards, nominations for the awards are open to all. Besides inviting nominations from institutional sources likes State/UT governments, Central Ministries/Departments, Institutes of Excellence and Bharat Ratna and Padma Vibhushan awardees, nominations are also received from various other sources like Governors, Chief Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, private institutions/bodies and individuals etc. All these nominations are placed before the Padma Awards Committee for its consideration. The Committee closely scrutinizes all nominations/recommendations placed before it and makes its recommendations to the competent authority. No Padma Award is conferred except on the recommendations of the Padma Awards Committee. The Padma Award Committee is a high level committee comprising top-level officials of the Government as also distinguished persons from a cross section of the society.

There is no regulation in the present scheme of the Awards which prohibits conferment of the award on any Member of Parliament.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Mullappally Ramachandran)

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