GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 134

ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

AWARDS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRY

*134. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details on foreign recognitions/awards received by Prime Ministers of the country, specially highest civilian awards in different nations;
- (b) the total number of international civilian awards and honours received by the Prime Minister to date;
- (c) the significance of such recognitions in enhancing India's global diplomatic presence; and
- (d) whether similar awards have been conferred upon any other Indian Prime Minister in the past?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 134 FOR REPLY ON 31.07.2025 REGARDING AWARDS RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTERS OF THE COUNTRY ASKED BY SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU

(a) to (d): Prime Ministers of India have received awards of 31 countries, the highest environmental award of the UN and the Olympic Order of International Olympic Committee (IOC). Details of notable international awards conferred on the Prime Minister and the former Prime Ministers are placed at Annexure-I and Annexure -II respectively.

Conferring the awards on the Prime Ministers of India is a clear recognition of their statesmanship and leadership at bilateral, regional and global levels. It also reflects a recognition of India under PM's leadership, including in giving voice to the Global South on the world stage, and approaching issues confronted by humanity through dialogue and diplomacy.

Annexure- I

Awards received by Sh. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Sl. No.	Country	Award Name	Date of Conferment
1	Namibia	Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis	09.07.2025
2	Brazil	Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross	08.07.2025
3	Trinidad and Tobago	The Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	04.07.2025
4	Ghana	Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana	02.07.2025
5	Cyprus	Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III	16.06.2025
6	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana	05.04.2025
7	Mauritius	Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean	12.03.2025
8	Barbados	Honorary Order of Freedom	05.03.2025
9	Kuwait	Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer	22.12.2024
10	Commonwealth of Dominica	Dominica Award of Honour	21.11.2024
11	Guyana	Order of Excellence	20.11.2024
12	Nigeria	Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger	17.11.2024
13	Russia	Order of St. Andrew the Apostle	09.07.2024 (announced in 2019)
14	Greece	Grand Cross of the Order of Honour	25.08.2023
15	France	Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour	13.07.2023
16	Egypt	Order of the Nile	25.06.2023
17	Fiji	Order of Fiji	22.05.2023
18	Papua New Guinea	Order of Logohu	22.05.2023
19	Bhutan	Order of the Dragon King	17.12.2021
20	USA	Legion of Merit	21.12.2020
21	Bahrain	King Hamad Order of the Renaissance	24.08.2019
22	Maldives	Order of the Distinguished Rule of Izzuddeen	08.06.2019
23	UAE	Order of Zayed	04.04.2019
24	United Nations	UN Champion of the Earth Award	03.10.2018
25	Palestine	Grand Collar of the State of Palestine	10.02.2018
26	Afghanistan	State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan	04.06.2016
27	Saudi Arabia	Order of King Abdulaziz	03.04.2016

Annexure- II

Awards received by the former Prime Ministers of India

Awards received by the former Prime Winisters of India						
Sl. No.	Country	Award Name	Year of Conferment	Recipient		
1	Bangladesh	Liberation War Honour	2015	Shri Atal Bihari		
				Vajpayee		
2	Bangladesh	Liberation War Honour	2013	Shri Gulzarilal Nanda		
3	Bangladesh	Liberation War Honour	2012	Shri I. K. Gujral		
4	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Swadhinata Samman	2011	Smt. Indira Gandhi (Posthumous)		
5	Saudi Arabia	Order of King Abdulaziz	2010	Dr. Manmohan Singh (While in office)		
6	Morocco	Grand Cordon of Alaouite Wissam	1999	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee (While in office)		
7	Pakistan	Nishan-e- Pakistan	1990	Shri Morarji Desai		
8	Bhutan	Druk Wangyal medal	1985	Smt. Indira Gandhi (Posthumous)		
9	International Olympic Committee	Gold Medal of the Olympic Order	1983	Mrs. Indira Gandhi (While in office)		
10	Namibia	Order of Grand Companion of Freedom	1976	Mrs. Indira Gandhi (While in office)		
11	Trinidad & Tobago	Freedom of the City	1968	Mrs. Indira Gandhi (While in office)		
12	Yugoslavia	Freedom of the City of Belgrade	1965	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri (While in office)		
13	Yugoslavia	Freedom of the City of Belgrade	1955	Shri Jawaharlal Nehru (While in office)		
14	United Kingdom	Freedom of the City of London	1956	Shri Jawaharlal Nehru (While in office)		
