

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

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National Teachers' Awards

2115 # **Shri Neeraj Dangi:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of conferring the National Teachers' Award on teachers;
- (b) the criteria adopted for the selection of teachers for the National Teachers' Awards conferred on 5th September each year;
- (c) the number of teachers honoured with the National Teachers' Award in the current year and the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal to grant out-of-turn promotion to award-winning teachers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the facilities or incentives that are being provided to the award-winning teachers?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) & (b): The National Teachers' Awards, organized under the aegis of the Department of School Education on 5th September (Teachers Day) every year, aim to recognise and honour teachers who, through their commitment and excellence, have improved the quality of education and enriched the lives of their students. The selection is carried out through a transparent, merit-based process based on objective criteria such as innovation in pedagogy, improvement in learning outcomes, use of technology in teaching, promotion of inclusive education, community engagement and overall contribution to school development. Only regular teachers with minimum ten years of continuous service are eligible to submit self-nominations through an online portal which are evaluated at the District and State/UT levels, and the final selection is made by an independent National Jury constituted by the Ministry.

From the year 2023 onwards, the award has been extended to include eminent teachers from Higher Education Institutions/Polytechnics and Skill trainers. The guidelines of the National Teachers' Awards for school, for Higher Education & Polytechnics and for Excellence in Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship Development have been placed in public domain at <https://nationalawardstoteachers.education.gov.in/Guidelines.aspx>, https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/9972224_Letter-National-Award-to-Teachers-2025.pdf and https://iie.gov.in/files/userfiles/2025/07/12/files/Guidelines-for-NTA_120725.pdf respectively.

(c): The details of awardees of the National Teachers' Awards, 2025 are as below: -

Year	No. of awardees		
	School Teachers	Higher Education/Polytechnics	Skill trainers
2025	45	21	15

The details of funds allocated and utilized by the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L) for organizing the award ceremony, are as below: -

Year	Budget approved (in Cr.)	Expenditure Incurred (in Cr.)
2022	4.71	4.43
2023	5.16	4.59
2024	5.10	4.72
2025	5.76	5.14*

(* - provisional)

(d) & (e): Education is a subject under the Concurrent List of the Constitution and promotions (including out of turn promotions) and other service conditions of teachers fall under the functional domain of the respective State Governments/Union Territory administrations. At present, no proposal to grant out-of-turn promotion to award-winning teachers is under consideration of this Ministry.

As per extant guidelines, the awardees of all the three Departments receive Rs. 50,000 cash prize, a certificate signed by the Secretary of the concerned Department and a silver medal weighing approx. 40 grams.
