GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1557

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12^{TH} DECEMBER, 2023/ AGRAHAYANA 21, 1945 (SAKA)

POLICE MEDALS

†1557. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to bring changes in the entire system of awarding police medals and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the place/platform where information related to police medals is available; and

(c) the place/platform where information regarding persons awarded with Police Medal is available?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) : Yes Sir, the Government has taken many steps in recent years to

rationalize and transform the entire eco system for awarding Police

Medals. Sixteen Gallantry and Service Medals have been rationalized and

merged into following four categories:

- (i) **President's Medal for Gallantry (PMG)**
- (ii) Medal for Gallantry (GM)
- (iii) President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM)
- (iv) Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM)

The Government has launched a dedicated unified portal namely "Rashtriya Puraskar Portal": (URL : <u>https://awards.gov.in</u>) to facilitate citizens to make nomination for various awards online on single platform. This has been done to bring transparency and objectivity in the nomination and selection process. These four categories of medals have also been on boarded on "*Rashtriya Puraskar Portal*" and nominations for these medals are invited on this online portal from the current year. The list of Police Medal awardees is available on this portal. The portal also provides information on eligibility, decoration, who can nominate, selection process etc. in respect of medals/awards being conferred on the personnel of Police, Fire Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence and Correctional Service.

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(b) & (c): Information related to Police Medals and name of awardees are available at MHA Website. URL: https://www.mha.gov.in \Rightarrow Division of MHA \Rightarrow Awards & Medal in addition to the "*Rashtriya Puraskar Portal*".

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