

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

GANDHI PEACE PRIZE

† 2155. **DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of people awarded the Gandhi Peach Prize by the Government since 2014 till date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to change the criteria fixed for the Gandhi Peach Prize; and
- (c) the procedure adopted by the Government to award Gandhi Peach Prize to the people in rural areas for their outstanding work for the country and the society?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) Six organizations have been awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize from 2014 till date. Details are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name	Year
1.	Indian Space Research Organization, Bangalore, Karnataka	2014
2.	Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari , Tamil Nadu	2015
3.	The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Bangalore, Karnataka	2016
	Sulabh International, Sulabh Gram, New Delhi	2016
4.	Ekal Abhiyan Trust, New Delhi	2017
5.	Mr. Yōhei Sasakawa, Tokyo, Japan	2018

- (b) There is no proposal to change the criteria fixed for the Gandhi Peace Prize.
- (c) Following is the procedure as per Code of Procedure for Gandhi Peace Prize:
 - i) The Ministry requests nominations for the Gandhi Peace Prize every year.
 - ii) The Jury shall consider such nominations and the final selection for the Award shall be made by a Jury appointed by the Government.
 - iii) The Jury shall comprise five members, the Prime Minister of India, who would chair the Jury; the Chief Justice of India; the Leader of Opposition recognized as such in the Lok Sabha or where there is no such Leader of Opposition then, the Leader of the single largest opposition party in that House; and two other eminent persons.
 - iv) Award is given for social, economic and political transformation through Non-violence and other Gandhian methods.
 - v) The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex.