

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 276**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025/ MAGHA 15, 1946 (SAKA)**

**SELECTION PROCEDURE OF PADMA AWARDEES**

**276. DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of selection procedure for conferring Padma Awards in the country;**
- (b) whether there is any policy for selection of unsung heroes for Padma Awards and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, whether any unsung heroes have been selected for Padma Awards during the last three years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Any person without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex is eligible for the Padma Awards. However, serving Government servants, including those working with Public Sector Undertakings, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for the Padma Awards. All nominations / recommendations, including self nominations, are placed before the Padma Awards Committee for its consideration. The Padma**

**Awards Committee scrutinizes all nominations and submits its recommendations for approval of the President of India. While no rigid criteria or formula for selection is applied by the Padma Awards Committee, it looks for life time achievement of an individual as well as an element of public service in the achievements, while making a selection. List of Padma Awardees (and their profiles), selected in the last three years is available on the Padma Awards Portal <https://www.padmaawards.gov.in/> . This list also includes names of persons who silently serve the society at the grassroots, not expecting anything in return, nor any award, reward or recognition.**

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