

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015**

RETURNING OF AWARDS

**171. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the government is aware that many renowned literary writers are returning awards given to them for their exemplary work in the field of literature;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the names of those writers who returned their awards;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

ANSWER

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) A statement showing the details of the writers and artists is given at Annexure. The return of the awards is stated to be in protest against the recent mishappenings against the writers, etc.
- (c)&(d) Sahitya Akademi had convened a special Executive Board meeting in which a Resolution was passed condemning the attack on and murder of any writer or artist and requesting the writers, who had returned the awards, to reconsider their decision.

The following award winner returned the Awards to the Akademi:

SAHITYA AKADEMI
NEW DELHI

S.No.	Name	Year of Award
HINDI		
1	Uday Prakash	2010
2	Ashok Vajpeyi	1994
3	Krishna Sobti	1980
4	Mangalesh Dabral	2000
5	Kashinath Singh	2011
6	Rajesh Joshi	2002
ENGLISH		
7	G.N. Devy	1993
8	Nayantara Sahgal	1986
9	Keki Daruwalla	1984
GUJARATI		
10	Anil Joshi	1990
PUNJABI		
11	Waryam Singh Sandhu	2000
12	Surjit Patar	1993
13	Jaswinder	2014
14	Gurbachan Bhullar	2005
15	Atamjit	2009
16	Baldev Singh	2011
17	Darshan Butter	2012
18	Ajmer Singh Aulakh	2006
19	Mohan Bhandari	1998
RAJASTHANI		
20	Nand Bhardwaj	2004
21	Ambikadutt	2013
KANNADA		
22	Kum Veerbhadrappa	2007
23	Rahamat Tarikere	2010
24	Devanuru Mahadeva	1990
KASHMIRI		
25	Ghulam Nabi Khayal	1976
26	Margoob Banihali	1979
URDU		
27	Munawwar Rana	2014
28	Khaleel Mamoon	2011
MALAYALAM		
29	Sara Joseph	2003
ASSAMESE		
30	Homen Borgohain	1978
31	Nirupama Borgohain	1996

TELUGU		
32	Katyayani Vidmahe	2013

TRANSLATION PRIZE		
HINDI		
33	Chaman Lal	2001
KANNADA		
34	G.N. Ranganatha Rao	2014
MARATHI		
35	Ibrahim Afghan	2002
YUVA PURASKAR		
ENGLISH		
36	Aman Sethi	2012
PUNJABI		
37	Pargat Singh Satauj	2012
BAL SAHITYA PURASKAR		
TELUGU		
38	M. Bhoopal Reddy	2011
GOLDEN JUBILEE AWARD		
39	Mandakranta Sen	2004

LALIT KALA AKADEMI
NEW DELHI

1	Vipul Kumar (for the work titled "HOROSCOPE")	2008
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