

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
RESOLUTION**

New Delhi, the 26th August, 1992

Subject:- National Awards for prevention of pollution.

G.S.R. 736(E).-The Government have decided to institute a scheme of national Awards, to encourage industries and operations to take significant steps for prevention of pollution.

2. Awards will be granted each year to units which make a significant and measurable contribution towards development or use of clean technologies, products or practices that prevent pollution and find innovative solutions to environmental problems. Pollution prevention aims to conserve natural resources, particularly water, and to prevent the generation of pollutants through cost effective means. The activities can include new technologies that save energy or other resources, product reformulation or substitution to use fewer polluting material and modification and new processes which reduce pollution.

3. The awards will be in the form of a trophy and a citation which will be retained permanently by the awardee.

4. Awards numbering upto eighteen (18) will be given each year, one in each of the identified category of highly polluting industries. These industries have been identified as follows:-

- (1) Sugar
- (2) Fertiliser.
- (3) Cement.
- (4) Fermentation and Distillery.
- (5) Aluminium.
- (6) Petro-chemicals.
- (7) Thermal Power.
- (8) Caustic Soda.
- (9) Oil Refinery.
- (10) Sulphuric Acid.
- (11) Tanneries.
- (12) Copper Smelting.
- (13) Zinc Smelting.
- (14) Iron and Steel.
- (15) Pulp and Paper.
- (16) Dye and Dye Intermediates.
- (17) Pesticides.
- (18) Pharmaceuticals.

5. Awards numbering upto five (5) will be given each year to small scale industries in the following categories:-
  1. Tanneries.
  2. Pulp and Paper.
  3. Dye and Dye Intermediates.
  4. Pesticides.
  5. Pharmaceuticals.
6. The awards will be given only if meritorious nominations are available.
7. The units must have introduced an environmental protection system comprising a policy defined for the units as a whole, an environmental programme for the site concerned and a management system defining the organizational measures and working procedures required to implement and supervise the programme. The management system should include an environmental audit programme. After each audit, an environment statement intended for the public has to be prepared, presenting an objective report on the problems brought to light during the environmental review, figures on the units performance, summary of the policy, programmes and objectives pursued at the site and information on the intentions and steps take to achieve these objectives. The information is to be made a part of a Report of the Board of Directors in the Annual Statement of Accounts of the unit.
8. The eligibility for the awards shall be based on the following considerations:-
  - (i) Success in defining environmental pollution needs meeting pollution prevention goals, and overall improvements to the quality of air, water and land,
  - (ii) Soundness of approach, scientific design, and co-effectiveness,
  - (iii) Abatement, including reduction, reuse, recycling or any beneficial use of waste generated,
  - (iv) Substantial and steady reduction in the effluents and emissions in the year,
  - (v) Reduction of risk to the community living in the vicinity of units handling hazardous chemicals,
  - (vi) Any other identifiable specific and significant contribution towards the manufacture of environmentally friendly products and development and use of environmentally sound technologies,
  - (vii) Substantial and continuing steps for environmental improvement and,
  - (viii) Any other identifiable specific and significant contribution towards the manufacture of environmentally friendly products and development and use of environmentally sound technologies and aspects such as voluntary afforestation and even pioneering work in research towards environmental friendly technology and maximum amount of recycling possible in that category of industries. These steps will include substantial and continuing steps for environmental improvement and any other item which would be indicative of the corporate philosophy of the company towards positive environmental management.

9. The significance of the contribution both in qualitative and quantitative terms, as well as measurable impact on the environment will be the major criteria for selection. The quantitative factors are primarily aimed at measuring the reduction in emissions and effluents per unit of output. The qualitative factors will assess the efforts initiated by the management to make abatement of pollution an essential ingredient of the manufacturing process and thereby ensure environment improvement on a continuing basis. An industrial unit which is not meeting the standards prescribed will not be eligible for the award.

10. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations for the awards reordered from the sponsoring authorities, which shall be the Pollution Control Board of the State where the unit is located.

11. The awards will be given for performance during the financial year. The sponsoring authorities shall forward their nominations to the officer incharge Pollution Control in the Ministry of Environment and Forests on a data to be published every year.

12. A Selection Committee consisting of the following persons will make recommendations for the awards to the Government:-

- (i) Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests Chairman.
- (ii) Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board.
- (iii) Director General, Technical Development.
- (iv) Chairman, Standing Conference of Public Enterprises.
- (v) Director General, Indian Standards Institution.
- (vi) Director, National Environmental Engineering Research Institute.
- (vii) President, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
- (viii) President, Associated Chamber of Commerce of Industry.
- (ix) President, Confederation of Indian Industry.
- (x) Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries.
- (xi) Officer in charge of Pollution Control in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

13. Winners of the awards have the privilege of issuing to their employees-lapel pins, ties or other distinctive bandages with the symbol ENV in a circle embossed on such material. The winners of awards shall also have the option to use this symbol in their letter heads or any advertisement issued by them. The year of the awards shall invariably be mentioned in all such cases.

14. The awards will be given at a formal ceremony every year.

15. This Resolution is in suppression of the one published under GSR 774(E) dated 10 September, 1990.

#### **ORDER**

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India and a copy thereof communicated to all concerned.

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