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The 15 awards are reserved for Sanskrit Teachers of Sanskrit rathshalas and Tolls and 5 awards for Arabic/Persian Teachers of Madrasas which cannot be allocated State-wise due to their limited number. Selection of teachers for these awards will, therefore, be made out of all the names that would be recommended by various States/Union Territories. At least two names may be recommended for these categories of teachers. From past experience, it is noticed that recommendations for these awards are not adequate. You are, therefore, requested to make special efforts to locate suitable SANSKRIT AND ARABIC/PERSIAN TEACHERS OF INSTITUTIONS RUN ON TRADITIONAL LINES SO THAT THE AWARDS DO NOT LAPSE. There are a large number of traditional Pathshalas/Tolls/Madrasas functioning in different parts of the country. However, since they may be functioning in an informal way or do not come to the notice of the Education authorities, special efforts need to be made to identify them and recommend their teachers for the National Awards, if they fulfill the necessary conditions.

- 4. It has been noticed that Sanskrit/Arabic/Persian teachers working in regular schools are generally not considered for National Award by the States due to a misunderstanding that such teachers would be eligible for awards from out of the 15 and 5 awards set apart for Sanskrit and Arabic/Persian Teachers of traditional Pathshalas and Madrasas. It is requested that Sanskrit and Arabic/Persian teachers working in regular Primary/Secondary schools should also be considered for National Award under the categories of Primary and Secondary school teachers.
- 5. You are also requested to give suitable representation to lady teachers while making your recommendations as it has been noticed that sufficient number of lady teachers are not recommended by the States. It may be noted that for class room teachers only 15 years of regular teaching experience is required, while for Principals/Headmasters 20 years of regular teaching service is required. However, for the Special award category, in case of teachers, 10 years of regular teaching experience and for Principals/Headmasters, 15 years of regular teaching experience is required.
- 6. While recommending the teachers, the State Committee/Central Award Committee are to compulsorily and categorically state the SPECIAL OR UNIQUE attribute of each teacher on the basis of which their names have been recommended. Lack of such information may render the teacher(s) ineligible for the award.
- 7. A brief citation is required to be attached for teachers being recommended under the categories for special awards. If no suitable candidate is recommended, the allocated special awards shall not be transferred to general category. The other eligibility conditions as also the selection procedure will remain unchanged. Deserving teachers should, therefore, be encouraged in the interest of education by recommending sufficient number of such teachers who may themselves have disabilities and also those who have done commendable work for education of children with disabilities.

copy of the minutes of the meeting of the State/UTs/Organisation election Committee finalising the recommendations may also invariably be sent, in original duly signed by all committees members. This is important and may please be noted for compliance.

It may be reiterated that complete information as per the proforma is to be sent. There must be no deviation from the prescribed proforma. In case incomplete information is received, the recommendations will

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and ensure that your not be processed. commendations must reach this Ministry as early as possible and in any ise not later then 31st December, 2012 positively. It has been observed the past that some States/UTs/Organisations send recommendations much ter the last date for receipt causing unnecessary delay in the finalization of wards. It is, therefore, reiterated that nominations in the prescribed roforma only must be sent in time so as to ensure that the awards are inalized and necessary action is taken for their distribution on September, 2013.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl:-As stated above.