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1. Purpose.

- This Award is being instituted to promote communal harmony by recognizing acts of physical/moral courage and humanity exhibited by members of one community in saving lives and properties of, or standing up for, the members of another community, in the face of still opposition from members of own community, and, through such intervention, preventing the particular incident from precipitating into a communal riot. Such courage and promptitude shall also involve a danger to the life/body/property of the rescuer himself or herself and to his or her family members. Two sets of criteria have been prescribed to decide the category of Award, depending upon the circumstances in context of which such act was performed.

2. Eligibility.

- The Puraskar shall be awarded to an individual for his conspicuous acts of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer in saving life and property' of member (s) of another community during a communal incident or tension or by any such act through which, by standing up for a member of another community against stiff opposition from one's own community, helping to defuse the tension and thereby averting the situation from precipitating into a communal riot. All Indian citizens of either sex in all walks of life (other than members of the Armed Forces, Police Forces and members of recognized fire services, Government servants, if the act performed by them falls in the sphere of their duty) shall be eligible for this award.

3. Nature of Award.

- The cash award is non-recurring. There shall be no bar on a person receiving such award for a second time on a subsequent occasion. Person in receipt of any other award or citation or of the Kabir Puraskar, Instituted by Government of India, for the same act so exhibited would not be eligible ordinarily for the Puraskar.

4. Criteria.

- The criteria for the two grades of award is as under.-(i)Vishisht Sadbhavana Puraskar:For most conspicuous act of physical/moral courage displayed under circumstances of very great danger to the life of rescuer, or an act resulting in death or the permanent incapacitation of the rescuer/his or her family member (s) in saving life and property of member (s) of another community and through such act helping to defuse the tension in regard to a communal incident and thereby preventing the situation from precipitating into communal riot.A "communal incident" for the purposes of this sub-clause is an incident involving a clash between two groups out of communal frenzy, resulting in death of one or more persons or injuries on both sides and destruction of property.(ii)Sadbhavana Puraskar:For conspicuous act of physical moral/courage or promptitude under circumstances of danger to the life of the rescuer in standing up for the member(s) of another community, against the mob crowd of his own community and thus defusing the tension in regard to any communal incident or tension which but for his courageous intervention, would have had the potential of precipitating into a communal riot.

5. Number of Awards.

- Only one Vishisht Sadbhavana and as Sadbhavana Awards would be given in a year, to the most deserving persons.

6. Method of Selection.

- All recommendations for the Award shall be made through the District Collector and such proposals shall be placed before the Screening Committee consisting of Home Secretary, Director General of Police and Social Welfare Secretary. The recommendations of this Committee shall be placed before the Home Minister and the Chief Minister for approval.

7. Timing of Announcement of Award.

- The Award shall be announced on 2nd October, each year.

8. Presentation.

- The Award may be given by the State Government and presented to the recipients by the Chief Minister at a function organized for the purpose at Jaipur.

9. Notification of the Award.

- The names of those persons upon whom such awards are conferred shall be published in the Official Gazette.

10. [Enforcement of Scheme].

- The Scheme of this award will come into force from the date it is notified in the Official Gazette.