

Ministry of Environment & Forests
Government of India
(Medini Puraskar Yojana)

With a view to promote writing books originally in Hindi on Environment and its related subjects; e.g. Forests, Wild Life, Pollution and Water Resources etc, this Ministry under its "Medini Puraskar Yojana", invites books from Indian authors every year and gives cash awards to the books adjudged as "the best" by the Evaluation Committee of this Ministry, constituted for this purpose. Accordingly, entries for the award year 2008 are invited from the Indian authors. The cash awards to be given under this scheme are as follows:-

First prize,	Rs. 31,000/-	(one)
Second prize	Rs. 25,000/-	(one)
Third prize	Rs. 20,000/-	(one)
Consolation prize	Rs. 15,000/-	(one)

Under the said scheme, books published between 1st January, 2006 to 31 December, 2008 and containing at least 100 printed pages of dimai size, would be accepted for consideration for awards. Any book which has received any award, subsidy or any financial assistance under any similar scheme, being operated by Government of India, any State Government or any organisation would not be eligible for consideration for the said awards. Authors, whose books have already been awarded by the Ministry, would not be eligible for participating under the scheme for the next three years.

Under this scheme, any Indian author may send his entries, duly filled in the prescribed proforma alongwith seven copies of his/her book latest by 30th June, 2009 at the following address: -

Director (OL)
M/O Environment & Forests,
Paryavaran Bhawan, Room no.625,
C.G.O Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110003.

Entries received after 30th June, 2009 would not be considered. Details and proforma can be had from the website [http:// www.enfor.nic.in](http://www.enfor.nic.in)

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Director (O.L.)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

RULES FOR AWARDING PRIZE FOR ORIGINAL WORK
IN HINDI ON SUBJECT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENT ETC.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests have introduced a scheme for awards to Indian authors of original works in Hindi on subjects relating to Environment, Forestry, Wildlife & Ganga Project. The main features of the scheme are as follow:-

1. TITLE OF THE SCHEME

The scheme shall be known as Medini Puraskar Yojana of the Ministry of Environment & Forests award for original books in Hindi in the field of Environment, Forestry, Wildlife and Ganga Projects.

2. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

1. The objective of the scheme is to promote original authorship on books concerning Environment in Hindi by conferring recognition to the Indian authors who bring out original Hindi books.
2. Subjects relating to Environment, identified for the purpose are given below:
 1. Pollution control.
 2. Environmental Impact Assessment.
 3. Ecological regeneration and Development.
 4. Forest Resources and Development.
 5. Wildlife
 6. Research promotion
 7. Environmental Education.
 8. Conservation of Nature and Biosphere Reserve.

Indian authors who publish book on any of the above mentioned subjects are eligible to offer entries for consideration in the award. The publisher or any other person or institution can also on behalf of the authors, offer entries of original books for these awards.

3. AMOUNT OF AWARD

- 3.1 Every calander year awards will be given as under ;

First Prize-----	Rs. 31,000/-
Second Prize-----	Rs. 25,000/-
Third Prize-----	Rs. 20,000/-
Consolation Prize-----	Rs. 15,000/-

The winner of an award as above will not be entitled to claim any other advantage or assistance from the Ministry.

3.2 If, in any year, it is found that there are no entries of appropriate standards, the decision of the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this behalf will be final.

4. SALIENT FEATURE & OF THE SCHEME

- 4.1 The scheme will be administered by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- 4.2 The scheme will be made operational for each calander year. Eligible original published works in Hindi during the previous three year ; will be considered, provided it contains atleast 100 printed pages.
- 4.3 The book submitted during the calander year will be assessed by Evaluation Committee set up by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The final decision will rest with the Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- 4.4 Any book which has receive any award, subsidy or any other special assistance under any scheme operated by the Govt. of India, any State Government or Private body would not be eligible for consideration of an award under the scheme.

(a) No author will be awarded more than one prize for one calander year.

(b) The book selected will be recommended for bulk purchase in Ministry of Environment & Forests and its offices on a need basis.

(c) The author, whose books have been awarded during the previous three years are not eligible to participate.

5. The books received under the scheme will not be returned.

Procedure for selection of recipients

- 5.1 The Ministry of Environment and Forests will invite application for award of prizes from authors through a notice published in leading newspapers in English and Hindi.

6. EVALUATION COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The evaluation committee shall be constituted by the Ministry of Environment and forests and shall consists of four members including its chairman. The committee, if it so desires, can co-opt experts up to two members for assisting the committee.
- 6.2 If any member of the Evaluation Committee himself is to be considered for the award of the prize in a particular year, he /she shall cease to be a member of the Evaluation Committee for the particular year.
- 6.3 Honorarium, as may be fixed, shall be paid to each member including the Chairman of the Evaluation Committee for the Evaluation made by him of the books submitted by the candidates.
- 6.4 After acceptance of the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee by the Ministry, the prizes shall be announced.
- 6.5 The names of the members of the committee and the proceeding of the Evaluation Committee will be confidential.

7. **GENERAL**

- 7.1 Employees of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and its subordinate offices will also be allowed to participate in the above scheme but the books written in Hindi by the employees of the Ministry of Environment and Forests etc. shall be judged with reference to the special facilities available to them.
- 7.2 Other Government Servants who wish to participate in the said scheme will have to obtain necessary permission of the competent authority concerned for receipt of award before submission of the entries for consideration.
- 7.3 The Scheme will be a regular annual feature. However, depending on the response, the continuity of the scheme will be reviewed by the Ministry.
