



## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY & EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## NOTIFICATION

### Guidelines of State Award for Senior Citizens.

#### 1. Background :

The ageing of the population has become a dominant demographic characteristic of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. While birth rates are being controlled, the changing life style coupled with medical technology are increasing longevity.

Odisha presently has a Senior Citizen population of around 10% of the total population (2011 Census) and around 86% of them reside in rural areas and a large population of 45.54% of them are poor.

In 1992, United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to promote the theme "a society for all ages" and to observe the International Day of Older Persons on 1st October every year. This day provides an opportunity to acknowledge contribution, wisdom, dignity and needs of Senior Citizens and to rededicate efforts to ensure their well-being.

#### 2. Introduction :

As per Clause 9.1 of Strategic Interventions of Odisha Senior Citizens Policy, 2016 – "the State will observe 1<sup>st</sup> October as assigned by United Nations as International Day for older persons". To commemorate this day the State will organise various activities like seminars, workshops, community level activities like sports and cultural shows for the Senior Citizens. The State will recognise the outstanding contribution made by Senior Citizens in various fields and initiatives taken by conscientious citizens/organisations who have contributed substantially to the cause of Senior Citizens.

To recognise efforts made by eminent Senior Citizens and institutions / individuals regarding distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Odisha, will provide State Awards for Senior Citizens.

### 3. Scope :

The State Government plans to confer “BAYOJYESTHA SAMMAN” for outstanding and exemplary achievements of Senior Citizens and for exceptional contribution to the cause of the elderly. The Awards will be conferred on 1<sup>st</sup> October every year in different categories and will recognise excellence and encourage others to strive for the same.

### 4. Categories :

Awards will be presented to Senior Citizens and to persons and institutions for their contribution to the field of welfare of the Senior Citizens and giving them care, protection by social recognition.

BAYOJYESTHA SAMMAN shall be conferred every year in 11 categories.

The Award will carry a citation / plaque / Memento time to time).

The categories and nature of Awards shall be given as under : -

Sl. No.	Categories	Description	No. of Awards
1.	Lifetime Achievement in art/literature etc.	To Senior Citizens who have contributed to the field of literature/ arts / culture /music/dance/cinema/ sculpture / photography etc.	1
2.	Lifetime Achievement on care and protection.	To Senior Citizens who have contributed to the field of aging through care / protection / health care/social work / community development /medicine etc.	1
3.	Lifetime Achievement (Sports & Adventure)	To Senior Citizens who have won International / National acclaim and continue to do so by being active.	1
4.	Iconic Lady	For women who in spite of odds have contributed to community life for aged / bringing up children/to the field of education /presenting herself as an icon to look at / being a motivational person.	1
5.	Award for courage & bravery	To Senior Citizens who have shown exceptional bravery and courage against all odds/in danger/ overcoming obstacles such as disability, poverty, isolation and ill health etc.	1
6.	Best Institution for providing services to Senior Citizens and Awareness Generation.	For institutes with a long standing track record of providing sincere service to elderly in the field of health care / safety and security / running old age homes/contributing outstandingly to the cause of the elderly.	1

7.	Best District providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens.	To the District which has done outstanding work for Senior Citizens in rehabilitation / health care/ providing safety and security/ mainstreaming Senior Citizens.	1
8.	Best Urban Local Body in providing services and facility to Senior Citizens	To Municipal Body which has done outstanding work for Senior Citizens in rehabilitation / health care/ providing safety and security/ mainstreaming Senior Citizens.	1
9.	Best Police Station ensuring safety / security of Senior Citizens.	Best police station providing security to Senior Citizens/giving them care and protection/helping them through help desk/responding promptly to their needs.	1
10.	Best organisation in promoting wellbeing of Senior Citizens.	PSUs/Corporate Sector undertaking services to senior citizens through CSR activities/providing employment /creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care / utilising skills of Senior Citizens / running old age homes etc.	1
11.	Best individual effort in services to the aged.	To an individual who relentlessly and selflessly works for welfare of Senior Citizens through individuals / community efforts / bringing in innovative ideas/working for wellbeing of Senior Citizens with replicable endeavours.	1

#### 5. Eligibility :

- (i) No Award should be given posthumously unless the Jury committee thinks the same will be inspirational and motivational for others and it has to be given as an exception.
- (ii) The Awardees must be normally domiciles of Odisha and / or working/operating within the jurisdiction of State of Odisha.
- (iii) No individual awardee (except from award no. 6 to 11) shall be of less than 60 years of age.
- (iv) The Awardees must not have been awarded earlier in any other category of the “BAYOJYESTHA SAMMAN” or in any other year.
- (v) Applicants who canvass, lobby or try to influence the committee in any way shall be ineligible.

#### 6. Procedure of Application :

Nominations shall be invited from institutions/individuals/organisations through advertisement in an open and transparent manner. Last date for receipt of applications shall be notified during the time of advertisement/circulation. No application shall be accepted after last date of receipt.

- (i) Applications have to be submitted before the Collectors/District Social Security Officers in the prescribed format.
- (ii) The Districts Senior Citizens Committee will scrutinize and recommend the selected entries/applications to SSEPD Department for consideration. The committee may consult any expert for selection of the awardees.
- (iii) For Award no. 6 to 10, applications may also be sent directly to SSEPD Department which may conduct verification of the application. District Administrations/Collectors may also recommend entries for these Awards.

#### 7. State Selection Committee :

There shall be a State Selection Committee which will consider all entries/recommendations and nominate the Awardees after due consideration of their merits/achievements/claims/works/services in respective fields. The Selection Committee shall consist of :-

1.	Principal Secretary / Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, SSEPD Department, Government of Odisha	Chairperson
2.	Director, SSEPD Department, Government of Odisha	Member
3.	Deputy Secretary / Any other Officer in charge of Senior Citizen Affairs, SSEPD Department	Member Convenor
4.	Two functionaries of NGOs / Institutions / Organisations working in the field of Senior Citizens as nominated by Principal Secretary / Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SSEPD Department	Members
5.	Two prominent Senior Citizens as nominated by Principal Secretary / Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SSEPD Department	Members

The Selection Committee shall make the selection and submit the selection list for approval and declaration of names of Awardees by SSEPD Department.

Any change in Selection Committee (both District & State Level) shall be notified by SSEPD Department as and when necessary.

## 8. Criteria for Selection :

State Selection Committee will outline criteria for selection of Awardees. Decision of SSEPD Department on recommendation of Selection Committee in this regard shall be final. The Selection Committee or SSEPD Department may decide not to give Award in any category.

## 9. General Principles :

SSEPD Department reserves the right and authority to :

- (a) Issue directions, make modifications in the guideline for selection of Award, as and when necessary.
- (b) Annul or cancel any award with or without citing reasons.
- (c) Withhold or suspend any award/awards in case of fraud on the part of selected applicant/applicants.
- (d) Decide the amount of prize money.
- (e) May award two or more persons / institutions in one category if merit desires.

## 10. Calendar of Activities :

Sl. No.	Activities	Time Plan
1.	Advertisement for State Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> May
2.	Last date of receipt of applications by DSSOs	31 <sup>st</sup> July
3.	Meeting of District Senior Citizens Committees	First week of August
4.	Recommendation to Director, SSEPD Department	15 <sup>th</sup> August
5.	Constitution of State Selection Committee	15 <sup>th</sup> August
6.	Selection of Awardees by State Selection Committee	31 <sup>st</sup> August
7.	Approval of Awardees and Declaration	15 <sup>th</sup> September
8.	Information/ Confirmation to Awardees	Before 1 <sup>st</sup> October
9.	Presentation of State Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> October

## 11. Publicity & Information :

SSEPD Department shall make publicity about the Awards and inform the public through media, advertisement (both print and electronic), social media, Department Website and ensure wide circulation to invite applications for the "BAYOJYESTHA SAMMAN".

**12. Residuary Clause :**

All decisions of SSEPD Department shall be final and binding in this regard.

**By order of the Governor**

*N. Chandra*

**Principal Secretary to Government**

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**Deputy Secretary to Government**

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