Ministry of Science and Technology  
Department of Biotechnology

Call for Biotechnology Social Development Awards 2015

Biotechnology as an emerging area has immense potential to improve the lives of people specially the socially and economically disadvantaged sections of the society. The need of the hour is to trap these potential and make them available for the larger population of India residing in villages and remote areas. There are many dedicated organizations and individuals who are already contributing their best by delivering essential needs to our community such as healthcare and hygiene, generating more avenues for livelihoods, empowering people and developing local/social entrepreneurs, producing skilled workers & advocacy.

In an attempt to recognize these organizations/individuals and thereby popularizing the role of biotechnology in social development, the Department of Biotechnology invites applications for ‘Biotechnology Social Development Awards’ from Government/non-government organizations/individuals for the year 2015. The applicants can be an individual/extension scientist/teacher/NGO/Organization. There are two awards annually: one for an individual and another for an NGO/organization. An individual award would consist of an amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs for the first award and Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for the organization/NGO for second award in cash and a citation.

Application forms and other detail information including eligibility criteria are available on the DBT website (http://www.dbtindia.nic.in). Complete application in the prescribed format (5 Sets) with required documents should reach to Dr. Shahaj Uddin Ahmed, Scientist “D” Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110004 within a month of publication of this advertisement. A soft copy should be emailed to shahaj.ahmed@nic.in with a cc to ksoni.dbt@gmail.com
Application for Biotechnology Social Development Award - 2015
(To be submitted in five sets)

1. Name of the Individual/Organization:
   a. Age:       Sex:       Marital Status
     b. (in case of individuals)

2. Address (Postal address, Phone numbers and e-mail):

3. Detail Background of the organization/CV of the individual: (enclose separate sheet)

4. Detail Description of Achievements made in the last 5 years:

5. Brief Technical Description of the Work

6. Originality/Novelty:

7. Impact / Contribution to Society: (for eg. number of local entrepreneurs/micro- enterprises established, reduced incidence of disease/improved overall health status and awareness, increase in medical support etc)

8. Problems & Constraints faced and solutions achieved:

9. Details of viable economic/social model developed having multiplier impact:
10. Details of other Awards
   (a) Whether the applicant has received any other social award?
      (if yes, give details )

11. Publications based on the project work (Research/Extension methodology/Dissemination of knowledge etc.):

12. Any other information relevant to the Award, which applicant may like to give:

13. APPLICANT(S) DECLARATION: (Strike off whichever is not applicable)

   I/we certify that all particulars furnished above are correct and complete to best of my/our knowledge and I/we agree to abide by all terms and conditions stipulated under Award Guidelines as defined by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India.

   Name: ____________________________
   Signature: _________________________
   Place: ____________________________
   Date: ____________________________

14. NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATATION FROM EMPLOYER (In case of individual)

   (This should be given on the official letter-head of the parent institution/organization in the following format):

   This is to certify that this institution has no objection to the consideration of application for the Biotechnology Societal Awards from Mr./Ms./Dr. ____________________________employee in the ____________________________(name of the department/institute/organization) for last________________years.

   Place: ____________________________
   Signature of the Head of the Organization
   Seal
   Date: ____________________________
INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please read Award Guidelines carefully before filling the application form.

2. The application should be submitted in the prescribed format only.

3. Application should not be more than 20 pages including CVs/background of the organization.

4. Separate sheets may be enclosed wherever necessary.

5. NGOs are required to submit the following documents along with the application.
   a) Last 5 years Audited Expenditure Statement.
   b) Last 5 years Annual Report.
   c) Copy of Society Registration / Registration renewal.

6. Applicants are required to submit one soft copy of the application along with the supporting documents as a single MS Word document and email to shahaj.ahmed@nic.in and CC to ksoni.dbt@gmail.com.

7. Incomplete applications & submission of the application after the last date are liable to be rejected & no communication will be entertained in such cases.
Guidelines for Biotechnology Social Development Award

Objective of the Award:
This is an attempt to honor and thereby popularizing the role of biotechnology in bringing about the change in the lives of people by delivering essential needs to our community such as healthcare and hygiene, generating more avenues for livelihoods, empowering people and developing local/social entrepreneurs, producing skilled workers & advocacy.

Nature of the Award:
The award is exceptionally meant to honor the effort of the individual/NGO who have brought a positive change in the lives of the community in the areas of livelihood generation, healthcare & hygiene improvement, education & advocacy, skill development & growth of regional entrepreneurs. The awardees can be an individual/ extension scientist/teacher/NGO/Organization. The Department would announce two awards annually: one for an individual and another for an NGO/organization. An individual award would consist of an amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs for the first award and Rs. 2.00 Lakhs for the second award in cash and a citation.

Frequency: Annual

Eligibility:
The awardees can be male or female including women entrepreneurs/ scientists/ women social workers/ social organizations that have done out-standing work in the field of societal outreach. Scientists/teachers engaged in DBT funded projects are also eligible to apply. The terminal stages of the extension/ social work submitted for the award, including its impact assessment must have been completed during the five years preceding the year of the award.

Administration of the Award:
There will be a Judging Committee consisting of 3-5 members, including the chairperson, and appointed by the DBT. The Committee will evaluate the nominations and make recommendations to the DBT. No award shall be given if none of the entries received are judged to be outstanding.

Evaluation Criteria
√ The significance and relevance of the issue addressed by the NGO or an individual for consideration of the award should be of relevance to the region and has not been already addressed in the region.

√ The quantifiable impact in terms of number of beneficiaries and/or economic gain should be evident. For healthcare and education related interventions, the reach or impact should be larger.

√ Some economically viable model should have been developed that can be replicated in other regions as well and that should be socially and environmentally acceptable.

√ The methodology should have involved some grass-root innovation.

√ Visit of the Expert Committee will be made to the five short listed applicants before finalization of the award.