

Frequently Asked Questions NCSRA – 2018

1. Why was the award instituted?

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has instituted the National CSR Awards with logistics and technical support of IICA to recognize the outstanding CSR projects carried out by the companies with accordance to the Companies Act, 2013.

2. What is the objective of National CSR Awards?

The National CSR Awards seek to:

- increase competition in various categories of companies to infuse excellence in their CSR activities
- encourage companies to spend the entire amount i.e. eligible CSR spend
- recognize the impact, innovation, usage of technology, gender and environment issues, sustainability, scalability and replicability of CSR activities
- channelize CSR activities of corporate so that the benefits of their activities reach the marginalized sections of society and in remote areas of the country.

3. What are the various categories of Awards?

NCSRA seeks to recognise outstanding projects in following three categories:

- Four awards for Excellence in CSR, based on CSR spend
- Five awards for CSR projects in aspirational districts
- Eleven awards for CSR projects in National Priority Areas

Three separate awards are for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

4. What is the period of consideration of CSR work done for NCSRA?

CSR programmes/ projects completed before 31.03.2018 are eligible for NCSRA – 2018.

5. What is the maximum number of nominations, a designated nominating organization can make?

Up to 10 nominations across all award categories.

6. What are various phases of National CSR Awards?

NCSRA has the following phases: nominations to be made by designated nominating organizations, shortlisting of nominations, call for detailed submissions for shorted entries, field verification.

7. What is the maximum number of awards that shall be given?

Up to 20 awards (including 3 awards for MSMEs)

8. What is the time limit for accepting nominations?

30th September, 2018

9. What is the procedure for getting nominated for the awards?

Only online nominations through designated nominating organisations as given in the scheme of NCSRA – 2018 will be accepted. Designated nominating organizations are:

- Ministries/ Departments of Govt of India
- Governments of States and Union Territories
- Professional institutions: ICSI, ICAI, ICMAI
- National Level Trade and Industry Bodies (CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, PHDCCI, SIDBI, FISME and Ladhu Udyog Bharti)

10. Can a Society/ Foundation/ Trust be nominated for National CSR Awards?

No, only the companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 are eligible for NCSRA.

11. Who can be contacted for the further information related to NCSRA?

Nodal Officer, National CSR Awards through email or telephone: E; national.csrawards@mca.gov.in T: 0124-2640016/33

12. What are the guidelines for nomination?

Please refer to the guidelines (titled: Guidance Note for Nominating Organisations) for nomination which are available at official web portal (www.csr.gov.in).

13. Is there any fee for nominations of awards?

No

14. Is there any lifetime achievement / individual achievement award?

No

15. Is it compulsory to disclose the net profit made and eligible spend?

Yes. Mandatory information, as required in the forms, is to be provided as per annual filing made by the company to Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

16. Minutes of CSR committee are confidential; can an affidavit be given in place of it?

Yes. It is compulsory to submit the minutes of CSR committee. Confidential part may be blocked/deleted/erased.

17. Withdrawal of nominations/editing details is possible?

Yes, it is possible on or before the last date of submissions.