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No. 18 /3/2018-Public
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
(Public Section, Room No. 13)

North Block, New Delhi.

Dated 23rd February, 2018.

To

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1. The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments.
2. Administrators of all UTs.
3. Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. DGPs of all State Governments/UT Administrations.
5. DGs of CAPFs / RPF
6. Secretaries of all Ministries/Depts. of the Govt. of India.

Subject: **Recommendations for Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards to be announced on Independence Day, 2018.**

Sir/Madam,

The Government of India has instituted several awards to honour individual acts of merit and gallantry. The idea behind instituting a system of awards and decorations is that the awards and decorations, which are tangible tokens of recognition of the service rendered by an individual, could act as a powerful incentive for greater efforts by that person and also serve as an example for others to emulate.

2. The Ashoka Chakra series of gallantry awards are amongst the highest gallantry awards of the country. These awards are given in three categories viz. *Ashoka Chakra* (awarded for most conspicuous bravery or some act of daring or pre-eminent valour of self sacrifice), *Kirti Chakra* (awarded for conspicuous gallantry) and *Shaurya Chakra* (awarded for gallantry). The awards are announced by the Government of India on the occasions of Republic Day and Independence Day every year. Besides the Defence personnel, civilian citizens of either sex in all walks of life, and members of Police Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and Railway Protection Force are also eligible for these awards.

3. It is the practice to invite nominations/recommendations for the gallantry awards twice every year from all State/UT Governments and Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. It has, however, been our experience that very few recommendations are received. This is despite the fact that various incidents of gallant acts performed by individuals are regularly reported in the print and electronic media. Such acts of bravery/gallantry go unrecognized in the absence of appropriate recommendation in their favour by the State Governments or other organizations to which the individual involved in the gallantry act belongs. This matter therefore deserves due attention.

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4. You are, therefore, requested to send appropriate nominations/ recommendations for gallantry awards to be announced on **Independence Day-2018**. The recommendations are to be sent in the **enclosed proforma latest by 30th April, 2018**.

5. While finalizing the recommendations, the following points may be kept in view:-

- (i) It may be ensured that the person recommended for the award is bonafide and suitable candidate for the award.
- (ii) Complete details of the gallantry act, including sequence-wise details of the steps taken by the person connected with the act, nature of risk involved, etc should be clearly mentioned in the recommendation. This should be properly corroborated by documents like FIR or other report from police authority.
- (iii) A certificate about the verification of the Character and antecedents of the person recommended is forwarded in the enclosed format along with the recommendation, in the absence of which the recommendation will not be considered.
- (iv) The gallant act for considering recommendations for Ashoka Chakra series of awards should have been performed not more than **two calendar years** ago from the date of occasion i.e. Independence Day in this case. Therefore, recommendations for gallantry acts performed in the **calendar year 2017 and the calendar year 2018** may only be forwarded to this Ministry for consideration.
- (v) The last date for receipt of the recommendations i.e. **30.04.2018** may be strictly adhered to.
- (vi) Photograph and brief Life Sketch of the recommended person should also be sent.

Yours faithfully,


(V.K. Rajan)

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Encl: As above.