

## **D. N. Borthakur Award : Rules**

### **1. Name of the Award**

D. N. Borthakur Award for Outstanding Research in Farming Systems.

### **2. Sponsor**

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam - 793103, Meghalaya.

### **3. Objective of the Award**

To provide recognition to outstanding research done aimed at improving the farming systems with a view to bringing improved livelihood and nutritional security to the farmers of North East India.

### **4. Nature of the Award**

The award is primarily meant for any person or team (with a maximum of five associates, if any) engaged in research and its applications in North East India aimed at improving the biological resources and livelihoods. Original work directly applicable to farming system of NE India. One award of the value of 75,000 (Seventy five thousand only) in cash and citation will be conferred. In case of team, each member would receive the citation and the award amount would be divided equally among the team members.

### **5. Frequency**

Annual

### **6. Eligibility Criteria**

Any person or a team working in the North Eastern region of the country and engaged in research/development aimed at improving the farming system of NE India are eligible. The work must have been carried out in the North East India for a minimum period of three years.

### **7. Administration of the Award**

There shall be a National Evaluation Committee of 3-5 members, including the Chairperson to evaluate the applications / nominations and make recommendations to the Institute. The National Evaluation Committee will be decided by the Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region.

### **8. Evaluation Criteria**

- Scientific validity; and technological and socio-economic relevance;
- Value of research outcome/system evolved in improving the production, productivity, profitability and sustainability of specific farming systems.
- Acceptability and adoption by the farmers, and others concerned of the recommendation made.
- Actual impact of the recommendations on enhancing the socio-economic efficiency of farming system of NE India.
- Quality of publications arising out of the research work.

## **9. Procedure**

Nominations/Application for the award will be invited during July/August of the year of the award. Nominations/Application are to be made in the prescribed form obtainable from the website of the Institute/KIRAN/ICAR. The Judging Committee will screen the nominations, identify outstanding entries, and make recommendations to the Institute along with the draft citations. If no outstanding entries have been identified, no award will be awarded. **All applications are to be submitted through proper channel.**

## **10. Presentation**

The presentation of award will be made on the Foundation Day of the Institute i.e. 9th January of the next year of the award invitation. The awardee would give a presentation on achievements of his work to an audience consisting of eminent agricultural & non agricultural scientists, preferably on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**11. Application through proper channel should be sent to The Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umroi Road, Umiam-793103, Meghalaya.**

**12. Last date for receipt of application at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam is 22.11.2014.**