

## **M. S. SWAMINATHAN NATIONAL AWARD: RULES**

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

M. S. Swaminathan National Award for Outstanding Research in Hill Agriculture.

### **2. Sponsor**

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

### **3. Objectives of the Award**

- (i) To recognize outstanding research / development on hill agriculture and allied sectors
- (ii) To provide incentives for excellence in hill agricultural research

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

This award is primarily meant for agricultural scientists for outstanding contribution in specified areas. However, it is not restricted to agricultural scientists only. The award consists of Rs. 1, 00,000 (one lakh) in cash and a citation.

### **5. Frequency**

Annual

### **6. Eligibility Criteria**

All Indian scientists engaged in agricultural research in the subject areas mentioned above are eligible for the award. The research work must be original and must have been conducted under an integrated, well-focused, research programme/project in India. The award is meant for individual scientist (not restricted to NARS) for their extraordinary, original, creative contributions in advancement of hill agriculture and includes basic sciences concepts, development of new technology and enhancement of productivity, profitability and sustainability of hill agriculture.

### **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**

- Conceptual clarity and originality of the research / development work
- Scientific, technological and socio-economic relevance
- Significant Advancement in Science/Technology generated/varieties developed/ Patents obtained, etc.
- Quality of research publication, Research papers published in journals with NAAS Rating of  $\geq 6$
- Citation as seen in ISI Citation Index best research publications
- Impact of Research work done

- Potential of research findings for increasing agricultural production, productivity, profitability and sustainability in the hill agricultural system.

**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 the 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.**