Jeevan Raksha Padak awards

Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards, an offshoot of the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards, were instituted in the year 1961.

- 2. As the name of the award suggests, the award is given to a person for saving someone's life. The award is given for a meritorious act of humane nature in saving the life of a person in cases like, drowning in water, accidents, fire incidents, electrocution, natural calamities, rescue operation in mines etc. It is given in the following three categories: -
- i) **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for conspicuous courage in saving life under circumstances of very great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- ii) **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- iii) **Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of grave bodily injury to the rescuer.
- 3. Persons of either sex in all walks of life are eligible for these awards. The award can also be conferred posthumously.
- 4. It is the normal practice to invite nominations for these awards every year from all State/UT Governments and Ministries/Departments of the Government of India. The recommendations are considered by the JRP Awards Committee.
- 5. The recommendations of the award are considered by the Awards Committee within a period of two calendar years from the date of performance of the act.
- 6. The Awards Committee makes its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the President.
- 7. The award is presented in the form of a medallion and a certificate signed by the Union Home Minister. The decoration is presented by the State/UT Government or the concerned Ministry/Department, to which the award winner belongs. A small-size replica of the main medal is also given to the awardees. No miniature medal is given if the award is given posthumously.

8. The recipients are given a lump-sum monetary allowance at the following rates:-

a) Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak Rs. 75,000/-

b) **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak** Rs. 45,000/-

c) **Jeevan Raksha Padak** Rs. 30,000/-

- 9. Other than the one-time monetary allowance, no other facility/benefit in terms of any concession in Railways, Airfare etc. is provided by the Government.
- 10. As per extant practice, procedure and guidelines regulating the award, cases once considered by the Awards Committee and not found suitable are <u>not</u> placed before it for reconsideration.
