

Guidelines for Biotechnology Social Development Award

Objective of the Award:

This is an attempt to honor and thereby popularizing the role of biotechnology in bringing about the change in the lives of people by delivering essential needs to our community such as healthcare and hygiene, generating more avenues for livelihoods, empowering people and developing local/social entrepreneurs, producing skilled workers & advocacy.

Nature of the Award:

The award is exceptionally meant to honor the effort of the individual/NGO who have brought a positive change in the lives of the community in the areas of livelihood generation, healthcare & hygiene improvement, education & advocacy, skill development & growth of regional entrepreneurs. The awardees can be an individual/ extension scientist/teacher/NGO/Organization. The Department would announce three awards annually: two for Individuals and one for Organization. All the three Awards would be of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs each in cash and citation.

Frequency: Annual

Eligibility:

The awardees can be male or female including women entrepreneurs/ scientists/ women social workers/ social organizations that have done out-standing work in the field of societal outreach. Scientists/teachers engaged in DBT funded projects are also eligible to apply. The terminal stages of the extension/ social work submitted for the award, including its impact assessment must have been completed during the five years proceeding the year of the award.

Administration of the Award:

There will be a Judging Committee consisting of 3-5 members, including the chairperson, and appointed by the DBT. The Committee will evaluate the nominations and make recommendations to the DBT. No award shall be given if none of the entries received are judged to be outstanding.

Evaluation Criteria

- √ The significance and relevance of the issue addressed by the NGO or an individual for consideration of the award should be of relevance to the region and has not been already addressed in the region.
- √ The quantifiable impact in terms of number of beneficiaries and/or economic gain should be evident. For healthcare and education related interventions, the reach or impact should be larger.
- √ Some economically viable model should have been developed that can be replicated in other regions as well and that should be socially and environmentally acceptable.
- √ The methodology should have involved some grass-root innovation.