

**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR R&D EFFORTS IN INDUSTRY 2008

In order to encourage and provide recognition to the efforts of the industry towards innovative research and technological development, the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) had instituted National Awards for outstanding R&D achievements of Indian Industry in the year 1988. These awards, in the form of shields, are presented along with citations at the Inaugural Session of the 'Annual **National Conference on** in-house R&D Efforts in Industry'. During the past 20 years, 171 such R&D awards have been presented by DSIR.

2. The National Award for R&D efforts in the industry being given by DSIR, is the highest and unique kind of award, in recognition of R&D efforts of industry. All units of Indian industries, registered as corporate companies, which may be public or private limited companies, partnership or proprietary concerns registered in India are eligible to apply for these awards under Group I to IV and under Group V subject to eligibility conditions. Branches of foreign companies which are not registered as 'company' in India, are not eligible to apply for these awards. Public Funded Research Institutions, IITs, IISc., NITs, Universities/ Scientific & Industrial Research Organizations registered/recognised by DSIR may apply for awards under Group V and VI subject to eligibility conditions.

NATIONAL AWARDS – 2008

Applications are invited from **industries and Institutes engaged** in the following six Groups :-

Group-I: Physical & Biological sciences comprising of -

Chemical & allied Industries; Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industries; Biotech Industries, Agro & Food Processing Industries; New Materials

Group-II: Electronics & ICT based industries comprising of -

Computer Software; Hardware; Telecommunications

Group-III: Engineering Industries comprising of -

Mechanical Engineering Industries; Processing Industries; Electronics & Electrical Industries; Infrastructure Development

Group-IV: Clean Energy & Climate change comprising of -

Sustainable Development; Reducing Greenhouse Gasses; Carbon Credits; Pollution Control & Environment Protection; Energy Conservation;
Renewable Energy Systems

Group-V: Award for successful commercialisation of technology(ies) -

Developed/upscaled under public funding model

Group-VI: Best Invention Award comprising of -

Technology in any sphere/sector/ area, but should be innovative, preferably supported by an international patent.

ELIGIBILITY

All units of Indian industry, which are registered in India as corporate companies, public or private limited companies, partnership or proprietary concerns engaged in R&D activities (irrespective of their recognitions status with DSIR), are eligible to apply:

- Independently for the awards under Group I to IV and
- Jointly with institutes for awards under Group V.

Public Funded Research Institutions, IITs, IISc., NITs, Universities registered with DSIR and Scientific & Industrial Research Organizations recognised by DSIR are eligible to apply:

- Jointly with industry for awards under Group V
- Independently for the awards under Group VI

Branches of foreign companies which are not registered as 'company' in India, are not eligible to apply for these awards.

HOW TO APPLY

The application proforma along with guidelines are available at the DSIR website <http://www.dsir.gov.in>. Industries and institutes desirous of applying for these awards may submit 15 sets of their application in the prescribed proforma along with one page summary of all aspects covered in the application and a softcopy in MS-WORD/PDF format in CD for consideration. The applications, duly filled-in, may be sent to the Scientist 'G' & Head (RDI), Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110016.

LAST DATE

The last date for receipt of application in DSIR is **25th July, 2008**.

SELECTION OF AWARDEES

All applications received by 25th July, 2008 will be carefully evaluated by High Level Screening cum Technical Evaluation Committee drawn from National Laboratories, R&D Institutions, Universities/IITs, Ministries/Departments of Central Government and Industrial Associations. A Selection Committee-cum-Jury will finally select the winners for the awards. Names of the companies/institutes selected for the awards will be announced in October, 2008. These awards will be presented at the 22nd Annual National Conference on In-house R&D in Industry to be held sometime in November 2008. Decision of the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research for selection of these awards shall be final.