

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF CBOs FOR MANIMEGALAI AWARD

- The Honourable Minister for Rural Development has made an announcement for the presentation of Manimegalai Award to the best SHGs, PLFs, BLFs, VPRCs in Rural areas and SHGs, ALFs and CLFs in respect of Urban areas at the State and District level for which the State has made an allocation of Rs.2.10 crore as per G.O.(Ms) No.133 dated 15.11.2021
- This G.O specifically mentions about the constitution and composition of district and state level committee for selection of Manimegalai Award. This G.O.(Ms) No.133 has specifically mentioned in the Annexure about the Qualifying criteria and Evaluation criteria and awarding of marks for selection of best SHGs, PLFs, BLFs, VPRCs in rural areas and SHGs, ALFs and CLFs in respect of urban areas.
- The G.O.(Ms) No.172 dated 24.11.2006 gave detailed guidelines for the selection process of SHGs, PLFs at district and state level. Hence, the same guidelines may be adopted for the selection process during the year 2021 -22.

Selection Process:

- Applications shall be invited by all District Collectors concerned for Manimegalai Award for SHGs, PLFs, BLFs, VPRCs in rural areas and SHGs, ALFs and CLFs in respect of urban areas through a press release. Hence, wide publicity need to be given for the calling of proposals from eligible CBOs. The contents of the press release should be discussed at the Block level and the Panchayat level by the CBOs concerned.
- The BMMU has to take it down the level for motivating the SHGs, PLFs, BLFs and VPRCs to apply, with details of information regarding the qualifying and evaluation criteria.
- The District Collectors shall convene a meeting of all the BMMUs along with all the APOs, APO NULM and PD TNSRLM and inform about the Manimegalai Awards for each CBO i.e.. SHG, PLF, VPRC, BLF.

- 01.04.2022 will be taken as the date of reckoning of all performance parameters.
- Only those SHGs/PLFs/VPRCs/BLFs which fulfil the conditions for qualifying will alone be considered for detailed evaluation as the qualifying conditions have been clearly mentioned in the G.O.(Ms) No.133 dated 15.11.2021
- Detailed Evaluation will be done only on the applicant SHGs/PLFs/VPRCs/BLFs which satisfy all the qualifying conditions.
- Evaluation will be done block-wise in respect of rural areas.
- Evaluation will be done for the Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations separately for SHGs, ALF, CLF in respect of Urban areas.
- The SHGs, PLFs, BLFs, VPRCs in rural areas and SHGs, ALFs and CLFs in respect of Urban areas which qualify as per AAP – 2022 -23, will alone be informed to submit a detailed application as per the Evaluation criteria and marks will be awarded on 6 parameters, as follows.

1. Regularity in conduct of meetings

2. Effective utilisation of savings

3. Availing bank loan

4. Economic development of the group members

5. Capacity building and livelihood training to the members

6. Participation in social welfare activities

- One/two best SHGs which score highest mark in a block will be shortlisted. Likewise, 1 SHG will be shortlisted in Urban areas as regards the Panchayat Level Federations.
- The entire district will be considered as a unit and one best PLF can be shortlisted from 1 PLF per Block. Finally, 3 PLFs will be shortlisted for a district. Likewise, 3 BLFs can be shortlisted at the District level.

For Urban areas 2 best SHGs 1 ALF AND 1CLF with the highest score shall be shortlisted.

- To select the best SHGs, PLFs, BLFs, VPRCs, ALFs, CLFs at the state level, the District Collector shall forward the names of 1 SHG, 1 PLF, 1 VPRC, 1 BLF in rural areas and 1 SHG, 1 ALF, 1 CLF will be forwarded in respect of the Urban Areas which have received the highest scores/marks in the District level.
- Based on the proposal received from the District Collectors, the State Office will prioritise all the CBOs in an Ascending order of marks/scores received.
- The State office shall conduct field-level verification to evaluate all the CBOs performance based on the district report, evaluate the CBOs and conform their eligibility and achievement reported in the award proposal
- The Evaluation at the District and the State levels shall be done by the respective committees. After, the State level selection is completed respective districts should select one best PLF, 1 VPRC, 3 best SHGs in rural areas and 1 ALF and 3 SHGs in urban areas.

Schedule for processing of Manimegalai Award 2021-22 :

25.03.2022	Press Release to be published by the District Collector
26.03.2022 to 31.03.2022	Applications to be received by BMMU (30 days)
01.04.2022 to 08.04.2022	Scrutiny by BMMU (12 days)and recommendation to DMMU
09.04.2022 to 16.04.2022	Scrutiny of Proposals by DMMU Verification by District Team (APOs Team - 11 days)
18.04.2022 to 19.04.2022	Approval by the District Level Committee chaired by the Collector (10 days)
20.04.2022	Proposals to be sent to State Head Office
22.04.2022 to 05.05.2022	Verification process by State Head Office (15 Days)
06.05.2022 to 10.05.2022	Finalisation of the Awardees' List by State Level Committee (6 days)
11.05.2022 to 15.05.2022	Report to be sent to Government (5 days)