ANNEXURE IV

NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

Government accords a high priority to the programmes of consumer protection and is keen to promote a strong and broad based consumer movement in the country particularly at grass root level. Concern for the consumer is also included in the Twenty Point Programme, 1986 of the Government. Cognizant of the manifold problems of the consumers, the government has enacted a comprehensive consumer protection legislation namely, The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 which aims at providing simple, speedy and inexpensive redressal to the consumer grievances. However, to promote a strong consumer movement in the country, each section of the society particularly the youths and the woman have to contribute to this cause. To recognise the efforts made by the youths and the woman in this field and to provide them incentive, the Government has instituted a scheme of National Youth Awards for consumer Protection in 1987. This award will be given every year.

Under the scheme, 3 awards will be given in the shape of prize money of Rs. 20,000/-, 15,000/- and 10,000/-. The recipients of the award will also be given Certificate of Merit.

ELIGIBILITY OF THE AWARD

All the youths including women in the age group of 15-35 years who have done outstanding work for consumer protection are eligible for this award.
The performance of the youths who will apply for this award will be judged from their work in one or more of the following fields:

(i) Taking up important consumer cause;

(ii) putting in special efforts for redressal of consumer grievances;

(iii) bringing out new ideas for consumer protection and safety from health hazards;

(iv) promoting consumer movement, particularly in smaller towns and rural areas through exhibitions, seminars, demonstrations, etc.

(v) Undertaking consumer research or investigation into specific consumer problems;

(vi) taking up any other activity which directly or indirectly contributes towards consumer protection and spreading the message of voluntary consumer movement.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE AWARD

(i) The award will relate to each calendar year.

(ii) The aspirant youth will submit two copies of the report of his/her activity to the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The report will indicate the activities of the youth under clear heads and will also include brief bio-data of the aspirant youth.

(iii) The report should be written in legible handwriting preferably typed in double space.

(iv) The aspirant youth will give an undertaking that he/she will abide by the rules and regulations of the scheme.

(v) He/she will clearly indicate that he/she will not have any copy right claim over the report submitted by him/her for the purpose of this award and the Government will have right to publish the material forwarded by the awardee youth.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:

(i) The concerned State Government/UT Administration will verify the activities of aspirant youths. Incase the State Government finds the work commandable, it will forward the one copy of the report submitted by the youth to the Central Government along with its recommendations and comments.

(ii) While assessing the performance of the aspirant youth, the State Government will particularly see the impact of the performance on welfare of the consumers.

(iii) The recommendations and comments of the State Government alongwith report of the activities should reach the Central Government latest by 15 April, 1993.

(iv) The selection will be made by a committee comprising of Secretary (CS, CA & PD), Joint Secretary in-charge of consumer protection and an eminent person who has done outstanding work in the field of consumer protection to be nominated by the Department of Civil supplies. The recommendations of the committee will be approved by Minister of Civil Supplies, consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

(v) Central Government reserves the right not to give any award in the year when no youth is found eligible for this purpose.
PROFORMA FOR STATE/UT EXAMINING NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

(Name of State/UT: ___________)

1. Year to which award relates

2. Name and Address of the youth nominated

3. Date of birth and age as on 31-12-2992

4. Whether youth involved in any voluntary consumer organisation as office bearer, if so, details thereof

5. Whether he/she has received any appreciation certificate from the State/UT for the same purpose.

6. Whether the youth has given both the undertakings as specified in the scheme of award (see (V) & (VI) under the heading "How to apply for the award".

7. Area of operation

8. Activities of the youth

9. Whether activities of the nominated youth in 1992 have been verified by the state Government

10. Impact of the activities of the nominated youth on Consumer Movement as observed by the state Administration

11. Whether one copy of the activity report is enclosed for perusal of the Central Government

12. Recommendation of the State Government

SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY
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