

Minutes of the Selection Committee for  
Minority Rights Awards

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A meeting of the Selection Committee was held in NCM at 4.00 PM on 8.2.2013 the following were present:-

1. Prof. Ashish Nandi
2. Shri Ashgar Ali Engineer
3. Dr.(Ms) Meenakshi Gopinath
4. Sh. KBS Chopra
5. Dr. John Dayal

The Committee besides considering the names of individuals and organizations received so far by the Commission, also considered a few other names of other eminent persons/organizations.

1. After detailed deliberations the Committee unanimously recommended the names of Fr. Ajay Singh of Kandhamal, (Odisha) and Ms. Teesta Setalvad of Mumbai to be honoured jointly for the Minorities Rights Day Award, 2012 and the award money to be shared equally by both. The Committee recommended their names on the basis of the work done by these individuals in the field of Minorities' Rights and their courage in safeguarding the rights of the minorities.

2. The Committee also recommended that in future the award amount be increased to Rs. 5 lakhs for individuals and Rs.10 lakhs for organization for future award.

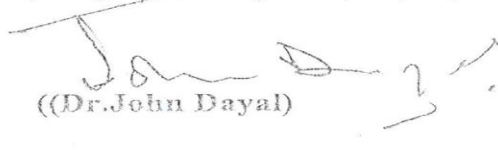
3. The Committee also recommended that in future there should be two awards each year one for an individual (for their courage and work for the welfare of the minorities and their rights) and the second for institutions working for the welfare of the minorities and the protection of their rights.



(Prof. Ashish Nandi) (Ashgar Ali Engineer) (Dr.(Ms)Meenakshi Gopinath)



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