

The Bharat Scouts And Guides, National Headquarters,
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SUB:- GUIDELINES FOR RASHTRAPATI AWARD TESTING CAMP.

The President of the Indian Union has been graciously pleased to authorize the issue of a special certificate to a Scout/ Guide/ Rover/ Ranger who earns the Rashtrapati Badge.

The President of India on the advice of the Chief National Commissioner presents the Rashtrapati Award Certificates at a formal Ceremony.

METHODOLOGY:-

The States have been given the privilege and responsibility in the advancement of Scouts and Guides up to Rajya Puraskar level and up to Nipun Level for Rovers and Rangers. Beyond the stage as per unanimous recommendation of the Sandhan and the decision of the National Executive Committee. The National Headquarters should arrange for testing camps of prospective Rashtrapati Scout/ Guide/ Rover/ Ranger.

The Testing Camps will be held separately for Scout/ Guide wings of the Movement. The Chief National Commissioner who is the final authority to grant Rashtrapati Award shall issue time to time suitable directives in respect of badges, tests etc. and ensure the standard.

National Headquarters conduct the tests of Rashtrapati Award at Regional level through Regional Headquarters on behalf of Chief National Commissioner as an on going process. All Testing Camps will be at Regional Level only.

The Dy. Director (Boy / Girl Programme) are responsible for their respective wings. Testing Camps to be conducted by the Regional Organizing Commissioners with the help of a panel of Examiners under the guidelines of the Jt. Directors of the respective wings.

ELIGIBILITY:-

A Rajya Puraskar Scout/ Guide is eligible for Testing Camp on completion of 14 years and have completed 12 months service as Rajya Puraskar Scout /Guide.

A Rajya Puraskar Scout/ Guide is eligible to become a Rashtrapati Scout / Guide up to the age of 17 years provided he/she subscribes to the Scout/Guide Promise and Law and becomes a member of a Scout Troop/Guide Company. If a Scout / Guide continues to be in the school, he / she will be allowed to appear in the Rashtrapati Award Testing Camp until he/ she is 18 years of age. Age will be counted on the date of receipt of application at concerned Regional Headquarters.

A Nipun Rover/Ranger is eligible to qualify for the Rashtrapati Award on completion of 19 years of age and after serving at least one year as Nipun Rover/Ranger, Nipun Testing Camp will be conducted by the State Headquarters of the respective States.

A Rover/Ranger who has completed 25 years of age will not be eligible for Rashtrapati Rover/ Ranger Award. The State Chief Commissioner can extend the age limit for 3 years (Ref: APRO Part-II, Chapter-III, Rule 1 (a) and APRO-III, Chapter-III. Rule 1).

Note: - Even If a Rover/Ranger has under gone any Adult Leader Training, he/she will be eligible to apply for Rashtrapati Award.

REGISTRATION:-

The Scout Master/Guide Captain/Rover Scout Leader/Ranger Leader at least **advanced trained** as the case may be, shall inform to the concerned Regional Headquarters through proper channel on a prescribed registration form available from the State Headquarters/BSG Website that the Rajya Puraskar Scout/Guide or Nipun Rover/Ranger, as the case may be, has completed the requirement of Rashtrapati Award. **A Unit Leader can register only 50% of members of his/her Unit.**

The Scout/ Guide/ Rover/ Ranger, shall record his/ her attainments for Rashtrapati Award in the said form and along with information sheet and submit the same to the concerned Regional Headquarters through proper channel. This may be prepared in quadruplicate and the first two copies be sent to the Assistant Director of concerned Regional Headquarters retaining the 3rd copy at the State Headquarters. This should be an ongoing process for all Scout/Guide/Rover/Rangers. **Last date for receiving the applications at Regional Headquarters for Rashtrapati Award will be 31st July for that year. No extension on Last Date will be allowed. All testing camps should be over by 30th November 2015. Assistant Directors will follow-up with Regional States to send the registration forms to Regional Headquarters at earliest.**

The Assistant Director concerned will register the name, forward the second copy to the Director along with the list of the participants who are not eligible for his/ her record and follow up. Only eligible candidates will be invited for the Testing Camp organized by the concerned Assistant Director. The Assistant Directors will send the name list of eligible candidates with details to attend each testing camp as recommended by concerned Deputy Directors. They should also send the list of not eligible candidates with reasons to the States after the approval of NHQ.

Schedule of Testing Camp from each Region should reach to National Headquarters by 10th September 2015 for approval of the Director and also for the intimation to the Ministry from time to time well in advance.

RASHTRAPATI TESTING CAMP:-

The choice of Dates and Venue are left to the Regional Headquarters in consultation with the respective host State who has to provide the Training Centre for Testing Camp to be conducted. The list of Regional Testing Camp centers will be announced by NHQ from time to time. In no case the number of participants shall exceed 200. The ideal size for Testing Camps would be 150. States should confirm their participation 30 days prior to the start of the Testing Camp to the Regional Headquarters and National Headquarters.

Judging at Regional Level - A panel of examiners will be formed by National Headquarters in consultation with the Regional Headquarters, comprising Leader Trainers, Assistant Leader Trainers, Senior HWB Holders of the concerned section only. State Organizing Commissioners of the States may visit the Testing Camps. The SOC's of Host State may coordinate the arrangements of the camp. The Regional Organizing Commissioner/ Assistant Director will be the Leader and accountable for conducting, organizing and finalizing the result of the Testing Camp.

DUTIES OF THE LEADER:-

- To invite Staff Sufficient in number as per expected number of participants.
- Organizing and conducting the Testing Camp smoothly.
- Arranging all the materials needed with the help of Host State.
- Ensuring registration of Candidates.
- To ensure Testing Camp will be as per base system, Guidelines and questionnaires must be followed as a model. If the Leader thinks necessary other questions may be added.
- To ensure standard and impartiality in the Testing.
- To arrange effective and standardized workshop to help the candidates to reappear in the base only for skill subjects.
- The Leader should ensure that he/she works as examiner in at least one base.
- To ensure that the score sheet and result sheet are prepared as per the guidelines. All the Base score sheets will be signed by the base in charge and leader of Testing camp.
- The Final Score Sheet should be prepared in the presence of all the examiners and their signatures are obtained on the final score sheet with their undertaking "The above results were prepared in our presence on _____ (date) at _____ (Venue) as per the guidelines issued by the National Headquarters. He/She will be fully responsible for organizing, conducting and submitting result to the NHQ.

TO ENSURE THAT THE CANDIDATES HAVE BROUGHT:-

- a) Proficiency Badge Certificates from authorized Examiners appointed by Local Association/District Association.
- b) Age Proof- Certificate issued by the Head of Institution where the applicant is studying, in case the candidate has appeared for Board examination, photocopy of the Board certificate duly attested should be submitted.
- c). Individual Logbook and Progress Card indicating progress in badges and other subjects.
- d). Materials related to the proficiency Badges/ Skills in which Testing will be done at the Testing Camp.
- e). **One latest Passport Size Photo in correct and complete Uniform.**

CHIEF EXAMINER:-

There will be a Chief Examiner selected among the senior and experienced examiners. Chief Examiner will assist the Leader for conducting impartial testing as per Guidelines and Questionnaire.

WORKSHOP:-

A Workshop will be organized with the help of Staff/ Unit Leaders by making them perfect in all respect to help the candidates to reappear in the base. Before sending the candidates to workshop, examiner will put signature in the workshop column in the Test Card and Workshop In charge will also countersign in the same column after the candidates attend the workshop. Every candidate is eligible to attend workshop in maximum **any three skill based subjects only.**

RESULT:-

The minimum – qualifying standard for recommendation of Rashtrapati Award in Testing will be 70% in each subject in Pravesh and 60% in each subject other than Pravesh for Scout & Guide section. For Rover and Ranger Section the qualifying marks will be 60% in Pravesh and all other subjects.

- Each subject is given marks out of 10 only.
- The National Headquarters will announce the results of the Testing camps after verifying records and Documents of the Testing Camp and the recommendations from the respective Regional Headquarters immediately one week after the Testing Camp. If any not qualified candidate desires to attend the camp, they may represent to National Headquarters directly.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

- All the candidates are expected to be in correct and complete uniform as per APRO Part- II / III from the time of registration in the camp.
- It is obligatory for all registered candidates to bring with them Individual Progress Card, Log book preferably in English/ Hindi or regional language. There is no bar in preparing Log Books in regional Language, Certificates, Reports and Materials related to testing of Proficiency Badges/ Skills while coming to Testing Camp.
- Testing Camp will be for full 05 days and residential in nature. Candidates will not be allowed to leave during the camp for any reason.
- For the purpose of Testing, generally, the base method will be followed. The test will include written, Oral and practical tests. The Chief Examiner will depute examiners in consultation with the Leader.
- The Leader of the camp will announce the Daily Routine.
- The Base Score Sheet shall be signed by the Examiners and Countersigned by the leader and the decision of the examiners will be final.
- The consolidate result sheet will be prepared by the Leader with the signature of all the examiners on the last day of the testing camp.
- Development fee @ RS. 100/- per head will be collected from Scouts/ Guides/ Rovers/ Rangers and @ Rs.200/- per head from Unit Leaders.
- Special Fee @ Rs. 80/- per head will be collected from Scouts/ Guides/ Rovers/ Rangers and Unit Leaders.
- Camp fee Rs. 500/- per head should be paid by the candidate who appears for the second time.

No. T.E. will be paid to participants. NHQ will provide free hospitality during the camp. The Regional Level Testing Camp will be conducted only in well equipped Training Centre and not in Schools or Permanent Buildings.

- The Host States should ensure all the physical arrangements such as Testing Equipments, place for various Test bases, proper seating arrangements, sanitation, electricity and water facility. They should also provide proper kitchen with all necessary equipments. Food will not be given on contract basis.
- The National Headquarters will pay 50% Development fee to the host State to meet the expenses for physical facilities such as accommodation arrangements, water, electricity, cooking utensils and sanitations etc and providing testing camp materials. The State will issue receipt for accommodation, water, electricity and other Physical arrangements for the amount received by the State. Escorts will be admitted in the Camp in the ratio 1:10 only.

- No candidate will be allowed to attend the Testing Camp for second time in the same year without the prior approval from National Headquarters.
- The Medium of Test will be in Hindi or English. However, the candidates who prefer to take oral test in Regional Language will be allowed if so desired. The States may help to provide translators for the same.

CONCLUSION:

Scouting and Guiding is for children and not for Adult Leaders. Hence we should see that Scouting and Guiding is to be made enjoyable. We are not conducting any administrative examinations or recruitment test or University interviews. We have to assess our children whether they are involved in Troop/Company activities and whether they have completed the period for the Rashtrapati Award. For this we need patience and confidence and belief on our children. Hence all Adult Leaders including our officials are requested to see that whether participants are qualified or not qualified, they must enjoy the Testing, they must regard the staff and enjoy the Camp.

With Best Wishes.

Yours in Scouting,


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DIRECTOR

Copy submitted to: Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner for his kind information please.