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**INSTITUTION OF MAHATMA GANDHI PEACE PRIZE  
AWARD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.**

Hon'ble Members are informed that Hon'ble Speaker has received a communication from Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Culture) New Delhi, the text of which is reproduced below :-

"I am writing this to seek your esteemed advice on persons/institutions who could be considered for the prestigious International Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 1999.

As you are aware, the Prize was instituted by the Government of India on the occasion of the 125th Birth Centenary of Mahatma Gandhi, for Social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods. The Prize is to be awarded for contributions made by a person or an institution who worked selflessly towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian means, for the amelioration of human suffering particularly of the less privileged sections of the society contributing towards social justice and harmony, irrespective of whether he holds a high public office or not. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex. Recent work achieved within 10 years immediately preceding the nomination shall be considered. Older work may be considered if its significance has become apparent only recently. A written work, in order to be eligible for consideration should have been published.

The Award carries an amount of Rs. 10 million (convertible in foreign currency) a Citation and a Plaque. The Awardee is chosen by a Jury under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister of India.

Since its institution, the Award has been conferred on Dr. Julius K. Nyerere, Former President of Tanzania in 1995, Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, President, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, Sri Lanka in 1996, Dr. Gerhard Fischer, a former German diplomat in 1997. The Ramakrishna Mission has been chosen for the Award in 1998.

I would be grateful for your recommendation. It would be helpful if the recommendation covers the following points :-

1. Age
2. Nationality
3. Positions held

4. **Distinctions**
5. **Details such as Citation-like note spelling out the achievements which justifies the Award.**

The last date for receipt of nominations is April 30,1999.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

( R.V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar )"

Hon'ble Members are requested to send their recommendation and suggestions if any, to the Secretary, Delhi Vidhan Sabha for consideration by Hon'ble Speaker. The recommendation may reach by 15th February, 1999.

P.N. GUPTA  
SECRETARY