



## **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Teen Murti House, New Delhi - 11**

Constitutionally, the Prime Minister who heads the Union Government, holds office based on support of a majority of members of the lower house of parliament, the Lok Sabha. The Prime Minister and her/his Council of Ministers are charged with the governance for the country and the Constitution and evolving practices vests salient responsibilities on the Union Government. The confidence of the lower house is necessary as its support is required not just for the passing of routine legislation, but critically for all money bills.

Unlike the standard Westminster parliamentary model, where the Prime Minister was the 'first amongst equals' (primus inter pares), in India right from the early days of independence, the position was different. The Prime Minister assumed leadership of the Council of Ministers, issuing directions to individual ministers, became not just the coordinator of the government but actually its driving force for the most part. There is an interesting exchange of letters between Nehru and Patel on what the Prime Minister can, and cannot do. In fact, the issue had become contentious and Mahatma Gandhi was asked to intervene. The meeting was fixed for January 31, 1948. In the aftermath of the Mahatma's assassination, the issue somewhat receded, and with Patel's death, the position of the Prime Minister as the nucleus around which the government was organised, got established. This position has only gained strength over the decades though there has been ebbs and flows, reflecting the immediate political realities. It is often said that India has evolved into an almost Presidential-style parliamentary democracy. This is quite different in other countries following the Westminster model.

If one compares the situation with that in Great Britain, only two Prime Ministers in the twentieth century could dominate their governments, though they too had to ultimately make way as their party moved on and desired change. These were Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher. Australia in recent times has seen considerable quick turn-over with Prime Ministers being replaced by challengers within the ruling parliamentary party, becoming Ministers and sometimes bouncing back as PM. Canadian Prime Ministers have also not generally been dominant leaders of their parties, who could lead their parties to victory on their coattails.

The NMML Archive is the biggest collection of private papers of individuals and institutions belonging to the modern Indian history, including those of many Prime Ministers of India. Keeping this in mind, the NMML has started a fellowship scheme called "**Atal Bihari Vajpayee Fellowship on Prime Ministers of India**"



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**Application for the Award of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Fellowship at the NMML**  
*(Please read carefully the terms and conditions at the end)*

<p>Title of the Proposed research work <i>(Please attach write-up of the proposed project in 2000 words along with the application)</i></p>	
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1.	Name of the Applicant	
2.	Candidate Types <i>(Tick the box as applicable)</i>	
(a)	University/ Autonomous Organization <input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Independent Scholar <input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	(d) Others <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Date of Birth	

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6.	Persons with Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>									
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8.	Educational Qualification (Starting with the most recent to matriculation and enclose the self attested relevant certificates and if require please attach a separate sheet of information for each entry)										
Name of the Examination/Degree		Subjects	Division/Grade	University/Institution	Year	Country					
9.	Publications										

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10.	Seminars/Conferences/Symposia Attended	(If require please attach a separate sheet of information for each entry)	
	Name	Seminar/Conference/Symposium	Date

11.	Professional Experience (Starting with the most recent employment)	
Employer's Name & Address	Position held (with scale of pay, if in service)	
12. References	NMML requires two references.	
a)	Name and address	
	Job title/position	
	Phone (Office)	Mobile
b)	Name and address	
	Job title/position	
	Phone (Office)	Mobile

## Declaration

I hereby declare that the entries above are factually correct and no facts have been concealed by me. If any of the above information by me is proved to be incorrect, my application may be cancelled at any stage of the Fellowship. I hereby declare that I agree and undertake the belowmentioned terms and conditions of the Fellowship if selected.

**Place:**

**Date:**

**Signature of the Candidate**

## Terms and Conditions of the Fellowship

1. The duration of the Fellowship will be of two years with no provision for extension. The date of commencement of the Fellowship will be when the Fellow submits a joining report to the competent authority.
  
2. (a) The emoluments, including allowances, will correspond to that of Professor of Central Universities. CPF/GPF facilities will be extended only to scholars having permanent jobs who take up the Fellowship at the NMML after taking leave without pay from their parent institution.  
  
(b) You will also be paid an amount equal to your annual increment in your post in your parent institution according to the dates when it will falls due to you there.  
  
(c) The value of Fellowship amount in the case of those who have superannuated will be fixed as per the last pay drawn, and in line with the revised pay laid down for that category of Fellowship by the competent authority.  
  
(d) The value of Fellowship amount in the case of those who are self-employed/unemployed or working in the private sector will be fixed at the beginning of the revised scale laid down for Fellowship by the competent authority.
  
3. Fellows will be reimbursed contingent expenses up to the ceiling limit of Rs.30,000/- per annum, which they may incur on travel, purchase of stationery, books (not available in our Library), typing, photocopying, etc. The claims may be submitted by the Fellows in the prescribed performa along with supporting cash memos, receipts/details of expenditure every month to the office for reimbursement.
  
4. On accepting the Fellowship, Fellows who are in employment are required to produce **Leave/No Objection Certificate** from their parent institution for the entire term of Fellowship, so that they will be able to devote their full time to the project for which they have been awarded the Fellowship. Selected Fellows have to join **within one month** after the date of declaration of result. This can be further extended for a maximum period of another 30 days with the approval of competent authority only.

5. Every Fellow, besides working for his/her project, is required to participate in discussions, seminars, symposia, workshops, etc., organized by the NMML, from time to time and contribute to the overall academic life of the institute. This includes regular participation of Fellows in seminars organized by the institution, in which Fellows will make presentations on project related topics, discuss new books or any other subject that may be desired by the competent authority.

6. Without prejudice to what is contained in the above clauses, all or any of these conditions can be relaxed on the merits of a case and at the discretion of the competent authority for reasons to be recorded and without being treated as a precedent.

### **Resignation**

If the Fellow wishes to leave the Fellowship before the end of the tenure, the information regarding relinquishment may be informed to the NMML. If the reason for resignation is not found satisfactory, he/she should refund the Fellowship money to NMML.

### **Progress Report**

8. (a) All Fellows will be required to submit periodic progress reports to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) of their project for consideration and approval. This would be done once in every six months. These reports will be referred to an Expert Review Committee, consisting of subject and other suitable experts, for their opinion and recommendation.

(b) Continuation of the Fellowship after the First Year will be contingent on the Fellow submitting to the Director, at the end of the first ten months of Fellowship, a substantive body of written research work, preferably two chapters, (20,000 words in total, with annotation), which will be placed before the Expert Review Committee for evaluation. The Expert Review Committee may also seek clarifications in person from the Fellow on the written research work.

(c) The Fellow would also have to make a presentation of his/her findings at the NMML at this stage.

(d) In case the Expert Review Committee does not find the progress of work satisfactory, it will be placed before the Director, NMML for consideration and necessary action.



(e)The Fellows should confine themselves to the topic of research undertaken and work done in the relation to that only would be taken account in the review.

### **Final Report**

9. The Fellows have to submit the Final Report and complete Manuscript of the work done during the period of their Fellowship within a period of six months after the completion of their tenure of two years. In case of failure to submit the Final Report and Manuscript within the stipulated period the Fellows have to refund the entire Fellowship amount received from the NMML during the period of Fellowship including the contingency amount.LPC will be issued only after the acceptance of the final report to the NMML by the Fellow.

### **Participation in NMML Academic Programmes**

10. (a) Fellows are required to take part in NMML Academic programmes.

(b) Each Fellow is required to make one formal presentation in a year.

### **Headquarters**

11. (a) During the period of the Fellowship, the Headquarter of the Fellow will ordinarily be Delhi, except in the case of those who have been specially exempted from this requirement.

(b) Those Fellows who have been exempted from the requirement of having their Headquarter in Delhi will be required to spend at least one month per year of the Fellowship at the NMML in New Delhi. This could be co-terminus with their submission of their six monthly progress reports or at any time the competent authority so desires.

(c) The NMML will have no objection to a Fellow going abroad for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of the Fellowship, if it does not involve any financial burden on the institution. The Fellow will be required to give prior intimation to the Director of the institution he/she is going to, the terms and conditions under which the

Fellow will be going abroad and whether he/she will be drawing a salary from the institution to which the Fellow is going to be affiliated.

### **Field Work**

11. During the tenure of Fellowship, a Fellow would ordinarily be expected not to spend more than four months on field work, either in India or abroad. Whenever, a Fellow goes for the field work they must submit report of the work done during the period: documents consulted in the archives or oral interviews held, etc.

### **Leave of Absence**

12. (a) All Fellows are entitled to one month's leave with pay per year of the Fellowship.

(b) The Fellows may be given Leave of Absence without pay for a period not exceeding three months during the entire period of the Fellowship with the approval of the Director, NMML.

(c) Any Fellow, travelling out of Delhi for academic, including field work must seek prior approval of the Director, by submitting a written proposal of the nature of the proposed academic/field work. Any Fellow, travelling out of Delhi for personal work, must also seek prior approval of the Director.

(d) However, all kinds of leave put together should not exceed four months during the entire tenure of Fellowship. No permission will be granted to a Fellow to add the period of leave (paid or unpaid) that has been availed of to the tenure of Fellowship with a view to extending the Fellowship.