

## West Bengal State Excise Department receives National level Award

The e-Abgari project of the Excise Department, Government of West Bengal has bagged the Platinum Award for the outstanding e-Governance initiative across all states in the country conferred by the Skoch Foundation.

This award was conferred by Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Steel & Mines on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. The Award recognizes the best practices and models of governance for excellent and efficient implementation of programmes and services delivery through e-Abgari project under the theme “Minimum Government Maximum Governance”.



Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Steel & Mines and Smt. Maya Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Women and Child Development, Madhyapradesh conferring the award to West Bengal State Excise

Five Thousands of projects were nominated by different ministries/departments of Central Government, State Government, Public Undertakings and private organizations working with Government. Through a nationwide study and survey, 600 projects were selected for giving presentation at New Delhi during 8-10 September 2014. Among them, 150 were conferred Skoch Order of Merit Award. Of the 150 projects, e-Abgari project has been adjudged for Platinum Award.

### **Award of Excellence : Final Awardees List 2014**

Government of Maharashtra (Most Awarded State)

*Ranking wise List of Projects:-*

- Excise Department, Government of West Bengal
- Science & Technology Department, Government of Gujarat
- Land Records Department, Government of Maharashtra
- District Panchayat, Sabarkantha, Government of Gujarat
- Commissionerate of Health, Government of Gujarat
- Public Works Department, Government of Karnataka
- Government of Tripura
- SEWA Rural, Government of Gujarat
- Agartala Municipal Corporation
- Christian Medical College, Vellore
- Directorate of IT, Government of Maharashtra
- Bangalore Traffic Police
- Urban Administration & Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Social Justice & Special Assistance, Government of Maharashtra
- M P Samagra Samajik Surksha Mission, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- District Administration, Dhanbad
- MP State Planning Commission, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Directorate of Women Empowerment, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi



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# SKOCH AWARD

**EXCISE DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

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20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AT NEW DELHI.



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## PLATINUM AWARD

AWARDED TO  
**EXCISE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF  
WEST BENGAL**  
FOR  
**STATE EXISE**

CONFERRED THIS HIGHEST INDEPENDENT HONOUR IN INDIA ON  
TWENTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014 AT NEW DELHI

*Sameer Kochhar*

SAMEER KOCHHAR, CHAIRMAN, SKOCH GROUP



**The Citation of Award is:**

*“In what can qualify as a classic case of how a cash-strapped state can augment revenue without adding to the discomfort of taxpayers, West Bengal Excise Department’s e-Abgari scheme offers a simple online tax filing system that also help the state to track production, distribution and sale of liquor. Duty collection through the e-payment is now 98.2 percent in 2013-14 from nil four years ago. Apart from curbing illicit sale of liquor, e-Abgari has helped the state to almost treble revenue to Rs. 3,000 crore in just four years even though liquor sales were up by 50 percent.”*

**Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal** has congratulated Excise Department for this achievement. She has written:

*“I am very happy to share with you that our Excise Department has been conferred the prestigious and highest Platinum Award by Skoch Foundation at the 37th Conference on “Minimum Government, Maximum Governance”, hosted with support by a number of Central Government Ministries.*

*Adjudged best in the category, “Finance and Taxation”, the award, out of 5000 nominations, is in recognition of our Government’s unique initiative of introducing e-Abgari Scheme for online filing of tax and tracking performance under the Excise Department.”*