

21 May 1965

Yours sincerely,

G. N. Balasubramaniam

Award 1959

Music Carr. Vocal

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Gudalur Narayanaswamy Balasubrahmaniam, a foremost exponent of vocal music of the Karnatic School.

Born on January, 6, 1910, Shri Balasubrahmaniam had opportunities of listening to great musicians who frequented his father. He took his first lessons in music from his father, Shri Narayanaswamy Iyer, a scholar of music and later from Vidwan Madurai Subrahmaniya Iyer. Later, he joined the Diploma Course in Madras University and learnt under Sangeet Kalanidhi Tiger Varadachariar.

An Honours Graduate in English literature, Shri Balasubrahmaniam chose music as his career. His success was phenomenal. He has to his credit a number of successful concerts both in Madras and outside. His music has a distinct quality of its own.

Shri Balasubrahmaniam is a good composer, having composed a number of *Varanas* in rare *Ragas*, *Tillanas*, and about 200 *krithis*. He has been honoured with the title of Sangeetha Kalanidhi by the Madras Music Academy this year.

For his pre-eminence in music and for his devotion and service to its cause, I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant him recognition as Musician of the Year in the field of vocal music of the Karnatic School and to award to him a *Shawl*, a gold *Shrinkhal* and a *Sanad* in token of that recognition.

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