

Award 1959
Mus. Carnatic Instr. for
- Violin

K. Rajamanickam Pillai

b 1898

d. 5 Nov 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you Shri Kumbakonam Rajamanickam Pillay, a foremost exponent of instrumental music of the Karnatic School.

Born in 1898, he is the disciple of Shri Tirukodikaval Ramaswamy Iyer. An outstanding violinist, he is a talented soloist and a coveted accompanist. His performances are noted for the richness of *Gamaaka* and purity of *Raga Bhava*. He has been an Ashhan Vidwan of Travancore and was awarded the title of *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* by the Madras Music Academy in 1948. He has trained a number of well-known violinists.

For his pre-eminence in music and for his life-long 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 instrumental music of the Karnatic School and to award to him a *Shawl*, a Gold *Shrinkhal* and a *Sanad* in token of that recognition.