

**Sir,**

I have the honour to present to you Shri Ram Chandra Dwivedi, popularly known as 'Pradeep', who is the recipient of the Akademi Award for the year as a lyric composer for films.

Born at Baranagar, Madhya Pradesh, on 6th February, 1915, Shri Pradeep had an inner urge to write poems from his school days.

Having obtained his degree from the University of Lucknow he came to Bombay in 1939 and started his career as a lyric composer in Bombay Talkies. Soon he rose to prominence and became the topmost lyric writer of films in the country. His songs are sung everywhere by the young and the old alike.

Shri Pradeep has brought a renaissance in the entire trend of film lyrics, and will be ever remembered for his national songs.

For his pre-eminence in composing lyrics for films and for his devotion and service to its cause, I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant him recognition as a Composer of Film-Lyrics of the Year, and award to him a brocade *Angavastram*, a lotus-embossed leaf in gold and a *Sanad* in token of that recognition.