Subject: INSPIRE Award Scheme – Organisation of 3rd National Level Exhibition and Project Competitions (NLEPC).

I am glad to inform you that the 3rd NLEPC of the awardees selected from State Level Exhibition and Project Competitions (SLEPCs) conducted by respective States/UTs is scheduled to be held during 8-10 October 2013 at ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. We are expecting more than 1000 entries from all the 35 States/UTs. This includes about .... entries expected to participate from your State/UT. As per the tentative schedule, the exhibition is likely to be inaugurated by Hon’ble Union Minister of Science and Technology on 8th October 2013 and a request is being made to Hon’ble Prime Minister of India to give away the National and Regional Awards in a ceremony scheduled on 10th October 2013.

2. This requires time bound action on the part of States/UTs, particularly in sending the list of participating awardees along with a brief write-up in the prescribed format, making arrangements for travel of awardees and accompanying teachers/State officials and transportation of their projects from their respective places of stay to Delhi and back, arrangements for boarding and lodging and local travel at Delhi through your respective Resident Commissioners and so on. The entire cost towards this would be borne by DST and the requisite amount as per norms would be credited to the account of State Nodal officer through one of the electronic modes of transfer. You may also like to take up the matter with your Resident Commissioner in Delhi in advance for making requisite boarding, lodging and local travel arrangement for the State Contingent either in your State Bhavan or at any other place(s) arranged by your Resident Commissioner. Advance action to book train tickets etc, may also be taken.

3. In case your State/UT has not completed that DLEPCs/SLEPCs in respect of all the ..... awardees of your state sanctioned till date, please ensure that the same is completed latest by 15th August 2013 so that we receive the list of about .... selected awardees of your State/UT for participation in the 3rd NLEPC latest by 30th August 2013 positively. Important details/instructions in connection with the participation of the State Contingent are enclosed (Annexure I).
4. I would also request you to visit the exhibition any time during 8-9 October, 2013 and attend the Award Ceremony on 10th October 2013 along with other senior functionaries of the State Government. We would also welcome the visit of your Minister-in-charge to the exhibition for which we would like to have a detailed itinerary so that necessary protocol arrangements are put in place for the visit.

5. I would also request you to ensure that fresh proposals for the current year (2013-14) in respect of all the schools in your State/UT, having classes 6 to 10, are sent in accordance with the guidelines and time schedule already issued vide our letter No.12011/60/2013-IAD dated 3rd March, 2013 (copy available at DST’s website), along with Summary Report & Utilisation Certificates in respect of DLEPCs/SLEPCs held so far, in the prescribed formats, without any further delay.

Yours sincerely,

(Inder Jit Singh)

To

Education Secretaries incharge of INSPIRE Award Scheme of all States/UTs

Copy to:

(i) State Nodal Officers (Incharge of INSPIRE) of all States/UTs for taking timely action/making requisite arrangements (State Nodal Officers/Team Leaders may also bring in a filled up list of participating awardees and accompanying teachers/State officials in the enclosed formats (List I & List II), with columns relating to names, mobile no.s etc. prefilled. Rest can be filled on arrival at the reception counter. If possible, a soft copy of both lists be emailed before arrival at virender.prasad@nic.in, or us.inspire-dst@nic.in or sandeep.bansal@nic.in.)

(ii) Principal Resident Commissioners/Resident Commissioners, of all States/UTs for taking timely action on various issues, in particular arranging accommodation and local transport for the participating awardees and accompanying teachers/State officials in consultation with your State Nodal officer and designating one of your senior official as Liaison Officer for this purpose.