

D.O. No. 2/25/2012-IAD

Dated the 1st January 2013

Subject: INSPIRE Award Scheme – Meeting of National, Regional and State Awardees of National Level Exhibition & Project Competitions (NLEPCs) with His Excellency, the President of India.

As you are aware, since the inception of the INSPIRE Award Scheme, we have successfully conducted two National Level Exhibition & Project Competitions (NLEPCs) of the awardees selected from the State Level Exhibition and Project Competitions (SLEPCs) conducted by the respective States/UTs. Thus, so far, 1752 awardees have participated in these NLEPCs and, out of them, 128 awardees have won National/Regional/State Awards. I am happy to inform you that His Excellency, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India, has kindly accepted our request to meet these recipients of INSPIRE awards in various categories i.e. **National/Regional/State Award in a function to be held from 1200 hrs to 1230 hrs on 11th March 2013 in the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhawan.**

2. The awardees of different categories may be accompanied by some teachers/State officials from their respective States. **For security/logistic reasons, it will be possible to allow only ONE Teacher/State Official (Team Leader) for States/UTs for a group of awardees upto four and two teachers/State officials (One Team Leader and one Assistant Team Leader) for States/UTs for awardees five and above.** The entire cost towards this would be borne by DST and the requisite amount as per norms (copy enclosed) would be credited to the accounts of the State Nodal Officers through one of the electronic modes of transfer. In case parents and/or additional teachers/State officials wish to accompany the awardees, they will have to do so at their own cost and make their own boarding/lodging and travel arrangements. Hence, such parents/teachers/State officials may be suitably advised. **However, please note that due to security/logistic reasons, it will not possible for any parent or additional teacher/State official (other than the authorised Team Leader/Asstt. Team Leader as stated above) to accompany the awardees to the Rashtrapati Bhawan.**

3. 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 arrangements for the awardees and duly authorised accompanying teachers/State officials. Advance action to book train tickets etc, if required, may also be taken.** The State contingent along with Team Leader/Assistant Team Leader would be required to reach Delhi on 10.03.2013 positively and **their registration would take place at Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi – 110016, from 0730hrs to 0930 hrs on 11.03.2013** where the awardees/Team Leaders/Assistant Team Leaders would be issued photo identity cards for facilitating their entry to the Rashtrapati Bhawan, after which the entire group, accompanied by authorised officials of DST would proceed to President's House for the function. After the

function, the awardees and Team Leaders/Team Leaders would be dropped back at Technology Bhawan.

4. There are no. of winners of National/Regional/State awards at the two National Level Exhibition & Project Competitions (NLEPCs) from your State/UT as detailed below:

Sl No.	Name of the Student	Name of the School	Particulars of prize (NLEPC-I/II) (National/Regional/State Award)
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5. **You are requested to confirm participation of the above awardees in the said function and also to forward further details such as residential address, contact no. etc., of the awardees and that of the Team Leaders/Assistant Team Leaders accompanying them, in the proformas enclosed (Annexure-I&II) so as to reach us latest by 25th January, 2013. The details may also be forwarded through e-mail (Shri Virender Prasad, Director : virender.prasad@nic.in, Shri Rajiv Malik, Under Secretary : us-inspire-dst@nic.in, Dr. Sandeep Bansal, Scientist 'C' : sandeep.bansal@nic.in) (alongwith soft copies of photographs). Please note that even if a particular awardee has left/changed the school in which he/she was studying at the time of nomination/selection/participation in NLEPC, he/she is still welcome to attend the function on 11.03.2013.**

Yours sincerely,

(Inder Jit Singh)

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Secretary (Edu)
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Copy to:

The State Nodal Officer (Incharge of INSPIRE), (State/UT) for taking timely action/
making requisite arrangements

(Rajiv Malik)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India