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Dr. Inder Jit Singh IAS
Joint Secretary

D.O.No. 12011/61/2013-INSPIRE

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
TECHNOLOGY BHAVAN, NEW MEHRAULI ROAD
NEW DELHI-110 016

1st January 2014

Dear District Magistrate,

Subject: Implementation of INSPIRE Award Scheme – Enrollment of Uncovered Schools in your District

As you may be aware, our Ministry is implementing a scheme named **Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)** to attract talented students in the age group of 10-32 years to study science and pursue career in research. Under the INSPIRE Award component of the scheme, during the five year plan period, two students are selected from each school of the country, which have any of the classes from 6th to 10th standard* for an INSPIRE Award of Rs. 5000/- each for preparing a science project/ model. These awardees then participate in the 3-tier competition; district, state and national level. Till date, more than one million INSPIRE Awards have been sanctioned, over 6 lakh students have participated in the districts level competitions and about 45 thousand have participated in the State competitions. So far three National competitions have been organized (for details of the scheme, visit our website).

2. **As per school data provided by NCERT, there are about 6.4 lakh schools in the country****, which are eligible to participate in the INSPIRE Award Scheme. However, going by the number of INSPIRE Awards sanctioned during the 12th Five Year Plan (i.e. since April 1, 2012) we find that a large number of eligible schools are yet to enroll themselves in this scheme and send their nominations. In particular, the participation of private schools appear to be low.

3. May I request you to review the status of implementation of INSPIRE Award Scheme in your District and issue appropriate instructions to the concerned District Education Authorities to enroll all the uncovered schools immediately and send nominations to DST through their State Nodal Officers in-charge of INSPIRE Award Scheme. May I also request you to monitor the progress at your level regularly and send us your valuable feedback / implementation status .

4. For any further details / clarifications, feel free to contact our officers Shri Virender Prasad, Director (virender.prasad@nic.in) or Shri Rajiv Malik, Under Secretary (us.inspire-dst@nic.in) or Dr. Sandeep Bansal, Scientist 'C' (sandeep.bansal@nic.in).

With Regards and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

(Inder Jit Singh)

To

All the District Magistrates (District Collectors / District Commissioners)

* All the middle/high schools or schools known by any nomenclature, which have any of the classes from 6 to 10, whether Government or private (aided or unaided), run by Central Government or State Government or local bodies like panchayats, municipalities etc., are eligible to participate in the scheme.

**State-wise address list of these schools available at our websites www.inspireaward-dst.gov.in, www.dst.gov.in



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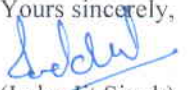
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✓ Copy to : All the District Education Officers with the request to ensure cent percent enrolment of all schools in the district (including private schools) which have any of the classes from 6th to 10th standard

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