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To

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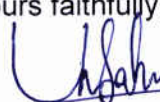
Sub: Nomination for Indira Gandhi NSS Awards for the year 2015-16.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of the D.O. letter dated 25.04.2016 of Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports along with its enclosures for Nomination of Indira Gandhi NSS Awards for the year 2015-16 and to request you to submit necessary nominations as per guidelines to this Department positively by 30.06.2016 for selection of the above Award.

This may be treated as Most Urgent.

Yours faithfully,


10/05/16
State Liaison Officer-cum-
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 11029 /HE., Dated 10-5-16.

Copy forwarded to Regional Director, NSS, Regional Directorate, Kalinga Stadium,
Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


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State Liaison Officer-cum-
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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D.O No.M-12011/1/2016-NSS
25th April, 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam,

This is with reference to DO letter of even number dated 7th April, 2016 of Secretary, Youth Affairs, addressed to Chief Secretaries of States/ UTs (copy enclosed) regarding nominations for the **Indira Gandhi NSS Awards for the year 2015-16 (to be conferred during 2016-17)**. As you are aware, the Indira Gandhi NSS Awards are conferred every year in recognition of outstanding work done under NSS, in 3 categories, namely, (i) University/ +2 Council (2 Awards), (ii) NSS Units and their Programme Officers (10 Awards) and NSS Volunteers (30 Awards).

2. The Revised Guidelines for NSS Awards, indicating the nature of the award, the eligibility conditions, the procedure for selection, the prescribed proforma for recommending names for the award (alongwith Checklists), etc., are enclosed herewith as Annexure-I. As indicated in Para-5.2 of guidelines, each State/ UT can recommend one University/ +2 Councils, 2 NSS Units (along with names of Programme Officers of such NSS units) and 4 NSS volunteers (2 boys and 2 girls). In addition to submission of the Proposal in prescribed proforma (with supporting documents), a Checklist is required to be furnished in respect of each recommended name, in the enclosed prescribed proforma. The only change in the Revised Guidelines vis-à-vis the Guidelines sent earlier alongwith the DO letter of Secretary, Youth Affairs referred above, is that a ceiling has been prescribed on maximum number of Awards from a single State/ UT with a view to ensure broad-based representation. In this connection, Para-5.2(f) of the Revised Guidelines may be seen.

3. I would request you to kindly to arrange to send the nominations in respect of your State/ UT by 31st July, 2016 positively, in order to enable us to take further steps in the matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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25/4/16
(L. K. Gupta)

The Secretaries in-charge of NSS of all States/ UTs.

Copy to:

1. The Director, NSS – with request to follow-up the matter through RDs.
2. The State NSS Officers (SLOs) of NSS of all States/ UTs – for n/a.

Guidelines for Indira Gandhi NSS Awards
(Awards for 2015-16 to be conferred during 2016-17)

1. Introduction:

1.1 **National Service Scheme (NSS)** was launched in the year 1969 (Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Centenary year), with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is "*NOT ME, BUT YOU*".

1.2 **Programme Structure:** NSS is being implemented in Senior Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities. The design of the NSS envisages that each educational institution covered under the Scheme has at least one NSS unit comprising of normally 100 student volunteers, led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer (PO). Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. An NSS volunteer is required to undertake the following work/ activities:

- **Regular NSS Activity:** Each NSS volunteer is required to put in minimum 120 hours of community service per year for two years, i.e., total 240 hours. This work is undertaken in villages/ slums adopted by NSS unit or school/ college campuses, usually after study hours or during weekends.
- **Special Camping Programme:** Each NSS unit organises a Special Camp of 7 days' duration in adopted villages or urban slums during vacations with some specific projects by involving the local communities. Each volunteer is required to participate in a Special Camp once during the 2-year period.

1.3 **Nature of Activities under NSS:** Briefly, the NSS volunteers work on issues of social relevance, which keep evolving in response to the needs of the community, through regular and special camping activities. Such issues include (i) literacy and education, (ii) health, family welfare and nutrition, (iii) environment conservation, (iv) social service programmes, (v) programmes for empowerment of women, (vi) programmes connected with economic development activities, (vii) rescue and relief during calamities, etc.

2. Objective of Indira Gandhi NSS (IG NSS) Awards:

The objective of IG NSS Awards is to recognise and reward outstanding contributions towards voluntary community service made by the Universities/ Senior Secondary (+2) Councils, NSS Units/ Programme Officers and NSS Volunteers, with a view to further promote NSS.

3. Nature of Awards:

The following Awards are conferred every year:

S. No	Category	No. of Awards	Value of Award
1.	University/ +2 Council	02	First Award: Rs.3,00,000/- (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council. A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator. Second Award: Rs.2,00,000 lakh (for NSS Programme Development) with a Trophy to the University/ +2 Council. A Certificate and a Silver Medal to the Programme Coordinator.
2.	NSS Units and their Programme Officers	10 + 10	Rs.1,00,000/- to each NSS Unit (For NSS Programme Development), with a Trophy. Rs. 70,000/- to each Programme Officer with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.
3.	NSS Volunteers	30	Rs. 50,000/- to each Volunteer, with a Certificate and a Silver Medal.

In addition to the above, **Certificates of Appreciation** may be given to a very limited number of nominees.

4. Criteria for Eligibility and Performance Evaluation:

4.1 University/ +2 Council:

4.1.1 **Eligibility Conditions:** The following conditions should be fulfilled in order to be eligible for consideration for the Award:

- The University (which should be duly recognised by UGC/ Central/ State Government)/ +Council should be implementing NSS programmes continuously for at least last 5 years (including the year *for which* the Awards are being conferred).
- The University/ +Council should have a minimum strength of 5,000 NSS volunteers (as on the last date of the year *for which* the Awards are being conferred).
- The University/ +Council should have achieved at least 75% of the NSS enrolment and Special Camping targets for last 3 years (including the year *for which* the Award is being conferred).
- The NSS functionaries under the University/ +Council should not have been convicted by a court of law and there should not be any case/ investigation pending against any of them.

- e) The University/ +Council that has already been conferred with the IG NSS Award, shall not be eligible for the Award again for a period of ten years after the year *for which* the Award was conferred.

4.1.2 Criteria for Performance Evaluation: The Performance of the Universities/ +Councils shall be evaluated based of objective criteria, including their achievements in plantation of saplings, blood donation, organisation of health/ eye/ immunisation camps, organisation of awareness programmes/ rallies/ campaigns on various issues, creation of durable assets through shramadaan, organisation of national-level/ regional-level programmes and other outstanding achievements. The achievements during last 3 years (including the year *for which* the Award is being conferred) shall be taken into account for this purpose.

4.2 NSS Units and their Programme Officers:

4.2.1 Eligibility Conditions: The following conditions should be fulfilled in order to be eligible for consideration for the Award:

- a) The NSS Unit to be considered for the Award shall be a single NSS Unit. Thus, in case a Programme Officer is in-charge of more than one NSS Units for any reason, one of such Units should be identified and all the data should be furnished for that particular unit only.
- b) The NSS Unit should have been in existence continuously for at least 5 years (including the year *for which* the Awards are being conferred).
- c) The volunteer strength of the NSS Unit should be as per guidelines during last 3 years (including the year *for which* the Awards are being conferred).
- d) The NSS Unit should have adopted a village/ slum as per guidelines and achieved Special Camping targets during last 3 years (including the year for which the Award is being conferred).
- e) The Programme Officer should have completed at least 2 years (as on the last date of the year for which the Award is being conferred) as the Programme Officer of the particular NSS Unit which is being considered for the Award.
- f) The Programme Officer should have been trained at an ETI.
- g) The Programme Officer should not have been convicted by a court of law and there should not be any case/ investigation pending against him/ her.

4.2.2 Criteria for Performance Evaluation: The Performance of the NSS Unit shall be evaluated based of objective criteria, including their achievements in plantation of saplings, blood donation, organisation of health/ eye/ immunisation camps, organisation of awareness programmes/ rallies/ campaigns on various issues, creation of durable assets through shramadaan and other outstanding achievements. The achievements during last 3 years (including the year *for which* the Award is being conferred) shall be taken into account for this purpose.