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Government of India
Department of Youth Affairs
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

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Dear *Chief Secretary*,

As you are aware, National Service Scheme (NSS) is one of the flagship programmes of the Government, which aims at personality and character development of the students through *voluntary* community service. The students of senior secondary schools, colleges and universities participate in NSS activities. Currently, there are about 3.66 million NSS volunteers in the Country.

2. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) had instituted Indira Gandhi NSS Awards during 1992-93 for giving recognition to the outstanding work done under NSS. The Awards are conferred every year. Since 2012, the Awards have been conferred by the Hon'ble President of India, every year, on 19th November, being the birth anniversary of Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi. However, it **has been decided that henceforth, the Awards, being NSS awards, will be conferred on the NSS Foundation Day (24th September) every year.** The Awards are given in the following categories:

- a) University/ +2 Council (2 Awards)
- b) NSS Units and their Programme Officers (10 Awards)
- c) NSS Volunteers (30 Awards)

3. The Guidelines for NSS Awards, indicating the nature of the award, the eligibility conditions, the procedure for selection, the prescribed proforma (along with checklists) for recommending names for the award etc., are enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.

4. I would request you to kindly advise your officers dealing with NSS to arrange to send the nominations in respect of your State/ UT **by 15th June, 2017 positively**, in order to enable us to take further steps in this regard.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A. K. Dubey)

The Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs.