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Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

Dear Chief Secretary / Administrator

National Service Scheme (NSS) is one of the flagship programmes of the Government. It aims at personality and character development of the student youth through voluntary community service. The students of senior secondary schools, colleges and universities participate in NSS activities. At present, there are over 39 Lakh NSS volunteers in the country.

2. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MoYAS) had instituted the NSS Awards during 1992-93 for giving recognition to the outstanding work done by the volunteers under NSS. The NSS Awards are conferred by this Ministry every year in the following categories:

- a. Universities/ + 2 Council (2 Awards)
- b. NSS units and their Programme Officers (10 NSS Units +10 Programme Officers)
- c. NSS volunteers (30 Awards)

3. The NSS Awards for 2021-22 were conferred on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 by the Hon'ble President of India at Darbar Hall, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The Guidelines for NSS Awards along with the proforma for the year 2022-23, indicating the nature of the award, the eligibility conditions, the procedure for selection, the prescribed programme (along with proforma) for recommending names for the award etc. is enclosed as Annexure.

4. I shall be grateful if you could kindly advise your officers dealing with NSS to send the nominations for NSS Awards for the year 2022-23 in respect of your State/UT to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports latest by 31.07.2024 positively, in order to enable us to take further action in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Meeta Rajivlochan)

The Chief Secretaries / Administrators of all States/UTs