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Dear *Sir/Madam*,

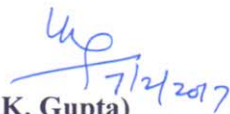
This is with reference to DO letter of even number dated 27.01.2017 of Secretary, Youth Affairs, addressed to Chief Secretaries of States/ UTs (copy enclosed) regarding nominations for the **Indira Gandhi NSS Awards for the year 2016-17 (to be conferred during 2017-18)**. As you are aware, the Indira 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). Since 2012, the Awards have been conferred by the Hon'ble President of India, every year, on 19th November. **However, it has been decided that henceforth, the Awards will be conferred on the NSS Foundation Day (24th September) every year.**

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 Guidelines this year is the addition of Clause-4.1.1(f) which provides that the States/ UTs from which a University/ +2 Council has received Award in a particular year, shall not be considered for Award for next 2 years in 'University/ +2 Council' category. This has been done to ensure more broad-based representation of States/ UTs.

3. I would request you to kindly 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 the matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(L. K. Gupta) 7/2/2017

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 (SNOs) of NSS of all States/ UTs – for n/a.