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MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
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Dated : 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

No.12011/64/2014/INSPIRE

To

All State Nodal Officers incharge of INSPIRE Award Scheme

Sub : **INSPIRE Award Scheme – revalidation of warrants – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

As you know, the Department of Science & Technology has been dispatching nearly 2 lakh warrants every year to various State Governments/Union Territories in favour of the selected INSPIRE Awardees from the States/UTs. Please note that as per RBI instructions, Award warrants can be issued with a validity period of 3 months only. Hence in normal situations, these should be got encashed within the validity period itself. Hence, all out efforts should be made by SNOs/DNOs/Schools to deliver the Award warrants to the selected Awardees without any delay and with an advice to get these encashed within the validity period. From our side, we will also ensure that these warrants are sent to reach the SNOs within two weeks of its issue by the bank.

2. Notwithstanding the above position, past experience has shown that, in many cases, due to various unavoidable reasons, including delays in dispatch of warrants to the selected awardees, the validity of these warrants expires, due to which the awardees are not able to encash these warrants. In many cases, these warrants are sent back to DST for reissue/revalidation. With a view to simplify the procedure, avoiding the need of returning these warrants to DST/Bank for reissue/revalidation, every year our bank (SBI), on our request issues instructions for automatic revalidation of such expired warrants. **Again, for the current year, it has been confirmed by the State Bank of India that all such warrants are being revalidated regularly after expiry period of three months and as such, the Inspire Awardees may please be advised to present the warrants for payment at their nearest branch of State Bank of India, even if its validity period is over. There is, thus, no need to send these warrants to DST or to the SBI Main Branch in New Delhi for revalidation.**

3. All SNOs are, therefore, requested to make a note of these instructions for themselves and also bring these to the notice of all DNOs/Schools/selected Awardees and

other concerned, so that the selected awardees do not face any difficulties in encashing these warrants even if the validity period of 3 months is over. The relevant letter No. NDMB/C&I/INST/2014-15/1861 dated 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 of State Bank of India on the subject is enclosed. A copy of this letter is also available both on DST's website (dst.gov.in) and at the INSPIRE Award website (www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in).

Yours faithfully,

*Rajiv*

(Rajiv Malik)

Under Secretary to Govt. of India

Copy to :

✓ Assistant General Manager, State Bank of India, Commercial & Institutional Division,  
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With a request to make all branches of State bank of India aware of these instructions.





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18<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
NDMB/C&I/INST/2014-15/1561

Shri Rajiv Malik,  
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Dear sir,

INSPIRE PROGRAM  
REVALIDATION OF INSPIRE AWARD WARRANTS

In the continuation of our letter No. NDMB/C&I/INS/2013-14/313 dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, we confirm that all such warrant are being re validated regularly after expiry period of three months and as such, the beneficiaries may please be advised to present the warrants for payment at the nearest branch of state Bank of India. There is no need to send the warrant to us for re validation.

As you are aware, the warrant are being issued for validity periods of three months only as RBI and it would be desirable that the payment of the warrants is obtained by the beneficiaries within three months only to avoid difficulties to the beneficiaries and also to enable effective reconciliation. We therefore request you to please instruct the State Govt authorities to ensure expeditious delivery of warrants to the beneficiaries for smooth implementation of the program.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER