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Government of India  
Ministry of Science and Technology  
Department of Science & Technology  
INSPIRE Award Cell

Technology Bhavan,  
New Mehrauli Road,  
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To

All State Nodal Officers (Incharge of INSPIRE Award Scheme)  
(In name covers)

**Subject: INSPIRE Award Warrants issued till date – request for revalidation – reg.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that this Department has issued more than 4 lakh award warrants since the inception of this scheme in 2008-09. Out of these warrants issued so far, the Department has been receiving back a number of warrants with a request to revalidate them as they have since expired. The position on revalidation of warrants was brought to the notice of the State Bank of India authorities, who issue these warrants. The State Bank of India have since confirmed that there is no need to send such warrants for revalidation to either this Department or to the SBI Main Branch as they can still be presented to the local bank authorities for encashment, as these warrants are automatically revalidated in the system by them once they get expired. It is further mentioned here that all such warrants issued till date and not encashed so far shall automatically stand revalidated upto March, 2012. All such awardees who fail even to get their warrants encashed after March, 2012 need not send them for revalidation as the State Bank of India authorities would continue to extend the validity of all such warrants for a further period till all such warrants get encashed.

**Thus it is, therefore, requested that all such warrants, requiring revalidation, need not be sent either to this Department or to SBI, Main Branch, parliament, New Delhi, for revalidation.** However, in case of any difficulty in encashment of such warrants while presenting them in the respective local branches, the following officers of the State Bank of India Main, Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi, can be contacted for help/assistance in the matter.

1. Shri Rabindra Sharma, AGM : 9650060130
2. Shri T.S.Srivastava, Manager (Dev) : 9958376616
3. Ms Asha Sharma : 011-23374190
4. Shri U.C.Suman : 011-23748016

(These details can also be accessed at DST's website [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in))

Meanwhile, all such warrants received in this Department from a few States/UTs for revalidation are being returned herewith to be distributed back to the concerned awardees with suitable instructions as detailed above.

Yours faithfully,

*Rajiv*  
(Rajiv Malik)

Under Secretary to Govt. of India