Eligibility

[ क ] Scheme for Early Attraction of Talents for Science

1. INSPiRE award

In order to seed and experience the joy of innovation, every year, 2 lakh school children in the age group of 10 to 15 years i.e. 6th to 10th standard shall be identified for the INSPiRE Award. Each INSPiRE Award will provide an investment of Rs. 5000/- per child. The scheme plans to reach at least two students per secondary school during the next five years.

2. INSPiRE internship

The selection of the students for INSPiRE Internship will be on the basis of top 1% performance in 10th Class Examinations of all school boards in the science stream and response to open advertisements and statement of purposes.

[ख] Scholarship for Higher Education

1. INSPiRE scholarship

This scheme offers total of 10,000 scholarships every year @ Rs. 80,000/- per year for undertaking Bachelor and Masters level education in natural sciences possessing any one of the following criteria:

a. Students who have consistent performance as evidenced by total marks in the top 1% level at both 10th and 12th Standards at their respective State and Central Board Examinations and pursuing courses in Natural Sciences at the B.Sc. or Integrated M.Sc. level. Courses are not included other than Natural Sciences in the current scheme, in view of the focus on research in basic sciences. The average aggregate cut-off percentage of marks at the Board Examinations would be derived on the basis of top 1% criterion of each State Board.

b. Students who have secured ranks in the Joint Entrance Examination of IIT (within 10,000 ranks), AIEEE (top 20,000 ranks) and those clearing CBSE-Medical and opt to study natural sciences would be eligible for the scholarship.

c. Students admitted to Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER), National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Department of Atomic Energy-Centre for Basic Sciences (DAE-
CBS) at University of Mumbai or are KVPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojna), National Talent Search Examination (NTSE), Olympiad Medallists and Jagadish Bose National Science Talent Search (JBNSTS) scholars, opting to undertake courses in natural sciences leading to B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees would be eligible for "SHE" scholarship.

[ ग ] Assured Opportunity for Research Careers

1. INSPIRE fellowship

The selection of INSPIRE Fellows shall be based on the screening of applications by an Expert Panel followed by final selection by the Peers from among the eligible candidates to be drawn from.

a. 25% of total fellowships from National Level tests such as NET, GATE etc., and
b. 75% of total fellowships from 1st Rank Holders of M.Sc. in Science stream & M. Tech. in Applied stream at the universities and academic institutions.