## INSPIRE programme is aimed to attract, motivate, nurture and train talented and meritorious students to study science subjects and opt for careers in Research and Development (R&D) to build a pipeline of quality human resource and widening the R&D human resource base of the country: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

“Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)” programme is aimed to attract, motivate, nurture and train talented and meritorious students to study science subjects and opt for careers in Research and Development (R&D) to build a pipeline of quality human resource, thereby widening the R&D human resource base of the country. During the last three years, close to 1,23,024 young students of class 6 - 10 from recognized schools across the country, received the INSPIRE Award MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge), about 69,800 students attended the INSPIRE Internship Camps to experience the joys of creative pursuit of science, 34,801 students in top 1% of Class 12"' Board examinations received Scholarships for Higher Education (SHE) to pursue B.Sc. and M.Sc. courses in Basic and Natural Sciences, 2520 students are availing INSPIRE Fellowships for pursuing Ph.D. degree and 397 young researchers are availing INSPIRE Faculty Fellowships to establish themselves as independent post-doctoralresearchers

1. The number of applications received from young Indian students/researchers/faculties during the last three years are asfollows:

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| Financial Year | INSPIRE  Award MANAK | INSPIRE  Internship | INSPIRE  Scholarship (SHE) | INSPIRE  Fellowship | INSPIRE  Faculty Fellowship |
| 2017-18 | 258902 | 25230 | 21157 | 2156 | 2200 |
| 2018-19 | 288936 | 24570 | 19063 | 2479 | 2526 |
| 2019-20 | 392486 | 20000 | 16317 | 2017 | 2000 |

1. The details of number of young Indian students/researchers/faculties enrolled in the programme, during the last three years are asfollow:

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| Financial Year | INSPIRE | INSPIRE | INSPIRE | INSPIRE | INSPIRE |
|  | Award | Internship | Scholarship | Fellowship | Faculty |
|  | MANAK |  | (SHE) |  | Fellowship |
| 2017-18 | 30602 | 25230 | 13184 | 848 | 181 |
| 2018-19 | 50279 | 24570 | 10694 | 785 | 137 |
| 2019-20 | 42143 | 20000 | “   10923 | 887 | 79 |

This information was given by the Minister of Science & Technology; Earth Science and Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan in the Rajya Sabha today.

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