Dear Chief Secretary/Administrator,

Government of India has instituted ‘Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration’ to acknowledge, recognize and reward the extraordinary and innovative work done by officers of the Central and State Governments. The Awards are presented by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on the occasion of the Civil Services Day. **A copy of the scheme is enclosed.**

2. The PM’s Awards for 2019 shall be given for excellence in work in three distinct categories - Priority Programmes, Innovations and Officers of Government of India.

3. The following Priority Programmes have been identified this year for the awards likely to be presented on Civil Services Day, 2019:-
   (i) E-National Agricultural Market (E-NAM)
   (ii) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)
   (iii) SAUBHAGYA (Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana), and
   (iv) Mission Indradhanush
For awards under this category, each district is expected to choose at least one priority programme for competing under this Scheme. However, districts may be sensitized to choose maximum number of priority programmes to ensure wider participation.

4. Under the scheme for Prime Minister’s Awards, there is a category for ‘Innovations.’ It would have two awards, one in environmental conservation, disaster management, water conservation, energy, education, health, women and child-centric initiatives, etc. and the other for Aspirational districts for innovations falling under the Aspirational Districts Program (ADP). For these awards, in the first sub category Central/State Government organizations including districts are eligible to apply. For the Aspirational districts category, only aspirational districts should apply. The period for consideration of the award is April, 2017 to December, 2018.

5. The applications for the awards shall be received online on the portal from a notified date in the format to be communicated in due course. Applicants may submit their application forms detailing their achievement, specifically highlighting path-breaking innovations done by any functionary/organizations. The award to the selected organization is likely to be presented on next Civil Services Day i.e 21st April, 2019.

6. I would request you to sensitize the District Collectors of your State/UT to compete for the Awards. We expect that the scheme would generate great enthusiasm and wide participation.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

(K. V. Eapen)