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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 12th June, 2018

No. 2/3/2016-IPR: The Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following rules to amend the Manipur State Journalists Welfare Scheme 2017, namely:-

**THE MANIPUR STATE JOURNALIST WELFARE SCHEME AMENDMENT RULES/
GUIDELINES, 2018.**

1. **Short Title and commencement:** (1) The rules may be called the "Manipur State Journalist Welfare Scheme (1st Amendment Rules, 2018)".

(2) They shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

2. **Amendment to Rule 4 :**

(1) For Rule 4 of the Principal Rules, the following clause 4(i) shall be substituted, namely:

"4(i) The Scheme will be constituted under the Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur and will be administered by a Committee comprising of the following:

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| (a) Minister, IPR, Manipur | - Patron |
| (b) Commissioner/Secretary (IPR) Govt. of Manipur | - Chairperson |
| (c) Director, IPR, Manipur | - Member Secretary |
| (d) Director, Health & Family Welfare, Manipur or his representative not below the rank of Deputy Director | - Member |
| (e) One representative of All Manipur Working Journalists Union (AMWJU) | - Member |
| (f) One representative of Manipur Hill Journalists Union (MHJU) | - Member |
| (g) One representative of the Editor's Guild | - " |
| (h) Two journalists to be nominated by Govt. of Manipur | - Member". |

(11) **Insertion of new rules 4(ii), 4(iii) and 4(iv):** In Rule 4 of the Principal Rule, the following new rules shall be inserted, namely:

✓ 4(ii) The term of the Committee shall be two years which shall be re-constituted for every term.

4(iii) The Committee shall meet to transact its business from time to time as the Chairman may determine.

4(iv) The Quorum of a meeting of the Committee shall be two-thirds of the Committee member”

3 **Amendment to Rule 10:** After Rule 10 of the Principal Rules, the following paragraph may be inserted namely:

“The Bank/Deposit Accounts of the Committee shall be jointly operated by the Chairperson and Member Secretary”.

By orders & in the name of Governor,

ATHEM MUIVAH,
Secretary (IPR),
Government of Manipur.

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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 23rd June, 2017

No. 2/3/2016-IPR Pursuant to the Cabinet decision taken on 14th June, 2017, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to notify the Manipur State Journalists Welfare Scheme Rules as attached.

The Scheme will come into effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

K. RADHAKUMAR SINGH,
Commissioner (Information & Public Relations),
Government of Manipur.

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No. 2/3/2016- IPR
GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION
Imphal , the 23rd June 2017

MANIPUR STATE JOURNALISTS WELFARE SCHEME RULES/GUIDELINES

1. **TITLE OF THE SCHEME** : The Scheme may be called "The Manipur State Journalists Welfare Scheme".
2. **PERIOD OF OPERATION** : It shall come into force with effect from the date of publication in the official gazette .
3. **PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME.** : To provide one time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to Journalists and their families.

A journalist for the purpose of this scheme would mean,

(i) A working journalist as defined under the Working Journalists and other Newspaper employees (Condition of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, or

(ii) "Media Personnel" whose principal avocation is that of reporting/editing for news channels of radio, TV or Web-based services and who is employed as such, either whole-time or part-time, in or in relation to, one or more such establishments and includes news editor, reporter, photographer, cameraman, photo journalist, freelance journalists, but does not include any such person who -

- a) is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity, or
b) is being employed in a supervisory capacity, performs, either by the nature of the duties attached to his office or by reason of the powers vested in him, function mainly of a managerial nature.

Family for the purpose of this Scheme will mean the journalist, spouse, dependent parents and dependent children.

4. CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME.

The Scheme will be constituted under the Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur and will be administered by a Committee comprising of the following:

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| Minister / Parliamentary Secretary, IPR, Manipur. | - Patron |
| Commissioner / Secretary (IPR), GOM. | - Chairperson |
| Director, IPR, Manipur. | - Member Secretary |
| Director, Health and Family Welfare or his representative | |
| not below the rank of Deputy Director. | - Member |
| President, All Manipur Working Journalist Union (AMWJU) | - Member |
| One representative of the Editor's Guild | - Member |
| Two (2) Journalists nominated by Govt. of Manipur | - Members |

ELIGIBILITY FOR AVAILING ASSISTANCE FROM THE SCHEME

A journalist shall be eligible for relief from the Scheme, provided that

- 1) He/she is a citizen of India,
- 2) He/she is ordinarily resident of Manipur,
- 3) He/she should be accredited to the Govt. of Manipur
- 4) Journalists who are not presently accredited to the Government shall also be eligible for relief from the Scheme if they have been journalists as defined under these guidelines for a minimum period of ten continuous years.

6. PROCEDURE FOR SANCTION FROM THE SCHEME

Proposals received for assistance from the Scheme will be processed by the Director (IPR) and will be placed before the Committee with specific recommendation and supporting documents. The recommendation will be considered and decided by the Committee and the assistance will be released with the approval of Minister-in-charge of (IPR). However, in cases of urgency, the Chairman may initiate a case for approval of Minister in-charge (IPR). Such approval will be reported in the next meeting of the Committee.

7. APPLICATION FORM

The application for the grant of financial assistance under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director IPR in the form prescribed in schedule-I. Any other additional information may be asked by the Committee. The Committee may amend the application format as and when required. The Committee may also suo-moto take up cases for grant of financial assistance even if an application has not been received from the journalist/beneficiaries.

8. ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME

- (i) Rs.2.00 lakh may be provided to the family under extreme hardship on account of death of the journalist.
- (ii) Rs.2.00 lakh may be provided to the journalist in case of permanent disability rendering the journalist incapable of earning a livelihood.
- (iii) Rs.1.00 lakh may be provided towards the cost of treatment of major ailments such as cancer, renal failure, heart ailments requiring by-pass/ open heart surgery, angioplasty, brain haemorrhage and paralytic attack etc. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under CGHS, or any other insurance/ departmental health schemes, etc. However, relief under this provision is available to the journalist only up to the age of 60 years.
- (iv) Rs.50, 000/- may be provided in case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating hospitalization. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under CGHS, or any other insurance/departmental health schemes, etc.

However, in case of non-accredited journalists, the quantum of assistance available for cases (ii), (iii) and (IV) above will be limited to Rs 50,000/-.

EXCEPTION

Notwithstanding anything contained in these guidelines, the Committee if it feels necessary in every special/ exceptional cases may recommend higher level of assistance or suggest any other deviation of the guidelines for approval of Hon'ble Minister, Information & Public Relations.

10. WELFARE FUND

There shall be constituted a Fund called the Manipur Journalists Welfare Fund which shall consist of contributions made by the Government of Manipur from time to time towards the corpus of the Fund. The Committee constituted under Rule 4 shall be competent to accept contribution from other sources for the corpus of the fund subject to the condition that such contributors accept the scheme envisaged under these Rules. The corpus of the Fund shall be invested in a fixed deposit in any nationalised Bank in such a manner as to be most beneficial to the Fund in the circumstances.

Financial assistance under these rules shall be paid out of the interest accruing to the corpus of the Manipur accredited Journalists Welfare Fund and no part of the corpus of the Fund shall be utilized for payment of any assistance except under these Rules. Interest accruing to the corpus shall be deposited in a Savings Bank account in a Nationalised Bank. The Committee constituted under Rule 4 shall be competent to decide whether any part of the interest remaining unutilised shall be transferred to the corpus of the Fund.

11. GENERAL

Grant of financial assistance from the Scheme to any working journalist is not a matter of right. Assistance would be extended depending on the Committee's satisfaction regarding the eligibility/merits of the cases and the financial resources available for the purpose. The Committee reserves the right to reject or accept any application without assigning any reasons thereof.

By orders & in the name of the Governor,

K. RADHAKUMAR SINGH,
Commissioner (Information & Public Relations),
Government of Manipur.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO JOURNALISTS UNDER THE
MANIPUR STATE JOURNALISTS WELFARE SCHEME (MSJWS)**

To

The Director,
Information and Public Relations,
Government of Manipur.

1	Name of the journalist seeking financial assistance (or for whom financial assistance is being sought)	
2	In case of demise of the Journalist: Name of the applicant in full, along with address and relation with the deceased	
3	(i) Date of Birth of the Journalists (attach Proof):	
	(ii) Age as on date of incident for which compensation/assistance is being asked for:	
4	Contact details:	
	(i) Full address of Journalist (Proof of residence be attached):	
	(ii) Mobile / Phone No.:	
5	Organisation for which the Journalist was/is working (indicate freelance if applicable):	
6	Nature of Employment (full time/part-time, regular/contractual employee, stringer, retired, contract for job work):	
7	Details of work experience of Journalist, along with the duration of service in the above organisation:	
8	Reason and purpose for financial assistance (attach documentary proof as applicable):	
9	Amount of financial assistance sought:	
10	Details of financial assistance received/ applied for from the other sources: (e.g. PM relief fund, CM relief fund, Journalist Association etc.)	
11	Whether accredited to the State Govt. (give details)	

I hereby certify that all the above particulars furnished by me are true to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed which is relevant to this request for financial assistance.

I undertake to refund the assistance if it is found at any stage that it was obtained on basis of information known to be false or misrepresentation of true facts along with the interest at the prevailing interest rates application in nationalized banks.

Place:

Date:

Document (s) attached:

Signature of the Applicant