

**THE
MANIPUR WORKING JOURNALISTS' PENSION RULES
&
PRESCRIBED FORM**

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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
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NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 27th September, 2014

No.4/6/86-Info (pt) :- The Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following Rules to amend the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules, 1996, namely:-

THE MANIPUR WORKING JOURNALISTS PENSION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2014

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement :-

- (1) These Rules may be called the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension (Amendment) Rules, 2014.
- (2) They shall extend to the whole of the State of Manipur.
- (3) They shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Definition:- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :-

- (1) "Principal Rules" means the Manipur Working Journalists Pension Rules, 1996.
- (2) Terms defined in the Principal Rules shall have the same meaning in these Rules as they are defined in the Principal Rules.

3. Amendment of Rule 3:- In Rule 3 of the Principal Rules:

- (1) After clause (a) the following clause shall be inserted:
"(aa) 'DIPR' means the Department of Information and Public Relations of the Government of Manipur."
- (2) Clause (e) shall be substituted by the following :
"(e) 'Scheme'/'Pension Scheme' means the scheme contained in these Rules for giving pension/family pension to retired working journalists or their nominated dependent family members, as the case may be."
- (3) Clause (f) shall be substituted by the following :
"(f) 'Pension/Family Pension' means the pension or family pension given to retired members of the Scheme or their nominated dependent family members, as the case may be, under the provisions of these Rules."

(4) Clause (j) shall be substituted by the following :

"(j) 'Working Journalist' means a person whose principal avocation is that of a journalist and who is employed as such in or in relation to any newspaper or electronic news broadcast establishment, and includes an editor, a leader writer, news-editor, sub-editor, feature-writer, copy tester, reporter, correspondent, cartoonist, news-photographer and proof-reader, and who holds a valid Press Identity Card issued by DIPR, but does not include any such person who:-

(i) Is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity, or

(ii) Being employed in a supervisory capacity, performs, either by the nature of the duties attached to his office or by reason of the power vested in him, functions mainly of a managerial nature."

4. **Insertion of Rule 7A:-** After Rule 7 of the Principal Rules, the following Rule shall be inserted:

"7A. Powers and Functions of the Committee:- The powers and functions of the Committee shall be as entrusted upon it by these Rules."

5. **Substitution of Rule 8:-** Rule 8 of the Principal Rules shall be substituted by the following:

"8. Pension Fund :-

(i) A Pension Fund shall be set up for the purpose of receiving fund and payment of pension for the implementation of the Pension Scheme under the provisions of these Rules.

(ii) The Pension Fund shall draw its resources from grants from the Government, monthly subscriptions from members, contributions from Journalists' organisations and from other institutions/individuals, etc.

(iii) The Pension Fund shall be managed by the Committee and shall be deposited in a Savings Bank Account opened with a reputed Bank Branch in the name of the Committee. Accumulated fund shall be kept, to the extent possible, in National Savings Organization Schemes or fixed deposit schemes of reputed Banks to earn interests.

(iv) The Bank/Deposit Accounts of the Committee shall be operated by the Director."

6. **Substitution of Rule 9 :-** Rule 9 of the Principal Rules shall be substituted by the following :-

"9. Membership :-

(i) Working Journalists who have attained the age of 18 years on the date on which the scheme comes into force shall be eligible to be members of the scheme by subscribing to the Pension Fund within six months of the scheme coming into force.

- (ii) Persons who become working journalists after the scheme comes into force, and who have completed 18 years but have not attained 45 years, are eligible to be members of the Scheme if they apply for membership of the scheme within 6 (six) months of their becoming-eligible.
- (iii) Working journalists who were eligible to be members of the scheme under Sub-Rules (i) and (ii), but are no longer eligible due to lapse of the prescribed time limit, will be allowed to become members of the scheme provided -
- (a) they deposit all the subscriptions from the time they first became eligible to be members of the scheme, with simple interest @ 6% per annum.
- (b) they apply for membership before they attain the age of 45 years.
- (iv) A member may resign from his/her membership of the scheme by submitting a letter of resignation under his/her signature addressed to the Chairman or Member-Secretary of the Committee.
- (v) Any member who is in default of payment of his/her subscriptions for three consecutive months or more shall automatically cease to be a member of the scheme.
- Provided that such member shall be readmitted as a member if he/she clears all arrears of subscription with simple interest @ 6% per annum within 1(one) year of his/her ceasing to be a member.
- (vi) A member shall automatically cease to be a member if and when he/she ceases to be a working journalist before having attained the age of 60 years and before having subscribed to the Fund for at least 30 years.
- (vii) The Committee may, for sufficient reason of misconduct, criminal or otherwise, to be recorded, terminate the membership of a member after giving him/her an opportunity of being heard.
- (viii) Applications for membership of the Scheme shall be in Form I appended to these Rules.

7. Insertion of Rules 9A and 9B :- After Rule 9 of the Principal Rules, the following Rules shall be inserted :-

“9A. Nomination :-

- (i) A member may nominate, at the time of his application for membership or at any time thereafter, members of his/her family who should be paid family pension in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, and may also modify his nomination at any time during his membership of the Scheme.
- (ii) A member may nominate the following members of his family for the purpose mentioned in Sub-Rule (i) above :-
- (a) Dependent spouse.
- (b) Dependent sons who have not attained the age of 30 years.
- (c) Dependent unmarried daughters who have not attained the age of 30 years.
- (iii) Nomination or modification of nomination shall be made in Form II appended to these Rules.

9B. Subscriptions :-

(i) A member of the scheme shall subscribe to the fund by paying a monthly subscription from the month he/she becomes a member at a fixed rate depending upon the age of the member at the time of entry into the Scheme which will be as below:

<u>Age at entry</u>	<u>Rate of monthly subscription</u>
18 years & above but below 25 years	- Rs. 60/- p.m.
25 years & above but below 30 years	- Rs. 75/- p.m.
30 years & above but below 35 years	- Rs. 90/- p.m.
35 years & above but below 40 years	- Rs. 115/- p.m.
40 years & above but below 45 years	- Rs. 150/- p.m.

- (ii) Subscription for a month shall be paid by a member before the end of the month. All delayed subscriptions shall be paid with simple interest @ 6% per annum for the period of delay. In computing the period for which interest is to be paid, fractions of a month shall be treated as a month.
- (iii) Subscription to the fund shall discontinue on a member attaining the age of 60 years, or on his/her retirement from the profession of journalism, or on his/her becoming invalid due to which he/she is unable to continue working as a journalist, whichever is earliest.
- (iv) The subscriptions collected each month shall be deposited into the Pension Fund account on or before the 10th of the subsequent month.

9C. Refund of Subscriptions :

- (i) The accumulated subscriptions of a member shall be refunded without interest when the membership of a member ceases due to any of the reasons given in Sub-rules (iv) to (vi) of Rule 9, provided that the member has been a member and has subscribed to the fund for at least 1 year without any default.
- (ii) In case the membership of a member is terminated by the Committee due to misconduct under Rule 9(vii), the Committee shall decide if the accumulated subscriptions of the member should be refunded."

8. Substitution of Rule 10 :- Rule 10 of the Principal Rules shall be substituted by the following :-

"10. Payment of Pension:-

- (i) Pension : Pension @ Rs 4000/- (Rupees four thousand only) per month shall be paid to a member in the following cases :
 - (a) On the retirement of the member from the profession of journalism or on his attaining the age of 60 years, whichever is later, from the month following the month during which the member retires or attains the age of 60 years, as the case may be, till he/she expires.
 - (b) On a member becoming invalid and unable to continue working as a journalist due to his invalidity, from the month following the month in which the member becomes invalidated till he/she expires.

Provided the member should have been a member and subscribed to the fund for at least 5 years.

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(ii) **Family Pension** : Family Pension of Rs 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) per month shall be paid to the nominee of a member who dies while he is a member of the Scheme or while he is receiving pension as below:

- (a) If the nominee is the dependent widow or widower of a member, up to the date of death or re-marriage of the nominee;
- (b) If the nominee is a dependent son, until he attains the age of 30 (thirty) years, or he gets employment, whichever is earlier;
- (c) If the nominee is an un-married dependent daughter, until she attains the age of 30 (thirty) years or until she gets married, or until she gets employment, whichever is earliest:

Provided that if the son or daughter is suffering from any mental disorder or disability or is physically crippled, he/she shall be entitled to the family pension for his/her life time.

Provided further that if a member has no nominee, or if the nominees have become ineligible to get the Family Pension, the Family Pension shall be paid to one of his/her family members who is eligible to be nominated for the family pension in the following order :

- an eligible family member who is unanimously recommended by all family members to receive the family pension;
- spouse, son or daughter (eldest to youngest), in case there is no unanimous choice of eligible family member.

(v) **Lump Sum Pension** : Journalists who had already retired before the commencement of these Rules, who completed 20 years of service in the profession of journalism and have attained 60 years of age shall be paid a lump sum, one-time pension of Rs 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only).

(vi) A member who is in receipt of any kind of pension from any other source, or is employed by the Government or its agencies, shall not be eligible to receive Pension other than Lump Sum Pension, under the Scheme."

9. **Amendment of Annexure I** : The title of Annexure I appended to the Principal Rules, i.e. "Annexure I", shall be substituted by "Form I".

10. **Amendment of Annexure II** : The title of Annexure II appended to the Principal Rules, i.e. "Annexure II", shall be substituted by "Form II".

This issues with the approval of FD/PIC vide their U.O.No 89/2014-2015/FD(PIC), dated 21/08/2014.

By orders & in the name of the Governor,

LETKHOGIN HAOKIP,
Principal Secretary/IPR,
Government of Manipur.

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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT: INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 21st March, 1996

No. 1/20/86-Info.—The Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following Rules (as in the enclosed Annexure) and published in the official gazette.

"The Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules 1996".

2. This order will come into force with effect from the date of publication in the official gazette.

By order in the name of the Governor,

K.H. MOHENDRO SINGH,
Secretary (Information), Government of Manipur.

THE MANIPUR WORKING JOURNALIST'S PENSION RULES, 1996

1. Short Title.—The rules may be called the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules, 1996.
2. Extent and Commencement.—(i) It shall be extended to the whole of the State of Manipur.
(ii) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
3. Definition.—In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:—
 - (a) "Committee" means the Manipur Government Working Journalists' Pension Committee constituted for the purpose;
 - (b) "Director" means the Director of Information and Public Relations, Government of Manipur;

- (c) "Form" means prescribed form appended to the Rules;
- (d) "Member(s)" means those working journalists who have become member(s) of the scheme for giving pension to journalists;
- (e) "Scheme" means the scheme for giving pension benefit to the working journalists and their nominated family members of the State.
- (f) "Pension benefit" means the financial assistance given to the working journalists or their nominated depended family members as the case may be;

(g) "Pension Fund" means the pension fund raised for the purpose of the scheme under these rules;

(h) "State Government" means the Government of Manipur;

(i) "State" means the State of Manipur;

(j) "Working Journalist" means a person whose principal avocation is that of a journalist and who is employed as such in, or in relation to, any newspaper establishment, and includes an editor, a leader writer, news-editor, sub-editor, feature-writer, copy testor, reporter, correspondent cartoonist, news-photographer and proof-reader, but does not include any such person who :-

- (i) is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity or
 - (ii) being employed in a supervisory capacity, performs, either by the nature of the duties attached to his office or by reason of the power vested in him, functions mainly of a managerial nature.
- and who has got recognition of the Deptt. of Information and Public Relations, Govt. of Manipur.

4. COMMITTEE. —(i) The State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette constitute a Manipur working Journalists' Pension Committee.

- (ii) The head office of the Committee shall be at Imphal.
- (iii) The Committee shall consist of the following.

- (a) The Commissioner/Secretary, Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Manipur. — Chairman ✓
- (b) The Director, Information & Public Relations, Govt. of Manipur — Member ✓
- (c) The Secretary (Law) Govt. of Manipur or his nominee — Member
- (d) The Director, Small Saving, Govt. of Manipur or representative of Finance Deptt., Manipur — Member
- (e) The Deputy Labour Commissioner Govt. of Manipur. — Member

- (f) The Asstt. Information Officer, Press Information Bureau, Govt. of India, Imphal. — Member ✓
- (g) Three representatives at the maximum from Journalist Organisations/Unions to be nominated by the State Govt. — Member ✓

5. **TERM OF OFFICE.**—The term of Office of the nominated members of the Committee shall be two years;

Provided that State Government may, by notification in Official Gazette, for sufficient cause to be stated therein extend the term of office of any or all of the nominated members of the Committee for such period not exceeding one year at a time and two in the aggregate.

6. **MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.**—The Committee shall meet to transact its business from time to time at such place and time as the Chairman may determine.

Provided that the Committee shall normally meet once every three months.

7. **QUORUM.**—The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two-thirds of the members of the Committee.

8. **PENSIONS FUND.**—(i) Pension fund shall draw its resources from State Government grant, monthly subscription from members, contributions from the Journalist organisations and from any institutions/individuals etc.

(ii) The pension fund shall be managed by the Committee by keeping the same in the National Savings Organisation schemes.

(iii) Transaction of the account of the fund shall be operated by the Director.

9. **MEMBERSHIP.**—(i) The working journalists who have attained the age of 18 years and above as on the date on which the scheme comes into force and who are willing to avail of pension facility shall be eligible for becoming members of the scheme by subscribing to the pension fund within 6 months of the scheme coming into force. The rate of subscription for a member is fixed and it shall be determined at the time of admission in accordance with the age of the subscriber as detailed below :—

From 18 to 35 years Rs. 30/- per month

From 36 to 45 years Rs. 40/- per month

From 46 to 60 years Rs. 50/- per month

The subscription to the pension fund shall discontinue on attaining 60 years of age of the member.

(ii) Persons becoming working journalists after the scheme comes into force are also eligible to become members of the scheme provided they have completed 18 years of age but not yet attained 45 years as on the 1st January of the year of application.

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Provided that they shall subscribe to the pension fund within six months of their becoming working journalists at the rates and conditions prescribed in clause (i) above ;

(iii) For membership of the scheme, a working journalist shall apply in the form appended in annexure-I and II;

(iv) The subscription amount shall be remitted before the 10th of every month in the account of the Committee. Necessary entries of remittance shall be made in the Pass book provided and it shall be treated as valid document for computing pension.

All subscription has to be deposited with interest in case the same has not been deposited before due date;

(v) Any member who is in default in payment of his/her subscription for six months consecutively or more shall automatically cease to be a member of the scheme ;

(vi) Any member may resign his/her membership from the scheme by a letter of resignation under his/her signature addressed to the Member Secretary of the Committee ;

(vii) The Committee may, for sufficient reason to be recorded and after giving opportunity to the member for being heard accept the resignation and terminate his/her membership from the scheme and in such case, the member concerned shall be entitled to get back the aggregate amount of subscription paid by him/her without interest within 6 months of accepting his/her resignation;

(viii) The Committee may, for sufficient reason of misconduct, criminal or otherwise to be recorded and after giving opportunity of being heard or for being derecognised as a working journalist by the competent authority, terminate a member from his/her membership of the scheme. In such case, the issue of whether the subscription of the member is to be forfeited or not shall be decided by the Committee.

(ix) A member whose membership has ceased under Sub-rule (v) may be re-admitted as a member of the scheme.

Provided he/she clears all arrear of subscription with interest within one year from the date he/she ceased to be a member of the scheme.

10. PAYMENT OF PENSION.— (A) A pension amount of Rs. 1000/-per month shall be given to a member on attainment of 60 years of age till he/she expires provided he/she retires from service otherwise the pension benefit shall be put on hold till he/she continues in the service.

(ii) A member who has completed 5 years of membership but could not continue service because of becoming invalid shall be entitled the pension benefit of Rs. 1000/- per month till he/she expires.

(iii) On expiry of a member the amount of pension payable to his/her wife/husband or dependent son/daughter or parent who has been nominated in the prescribed form at the time of becoming member shall be paid Rs. 500/- per month for a maximum period of 5 years or till the expiry of the nominee whichever is earlier;

(iv) A member who is enjoying any kind of pension from any source shall not be allowed to enjoy Pension facility under the scheme.

(B) The journalists who have already retired before the commencement of these rules, and are not in a position to register themselves as member of the scheme, after they have attained 60 years of age and completed 20 years of service in the profession of journalism are eligible for pension. A lump sum of Rs. 10,000/- as one time pension payment only to each of such veteran journalists shall be made.

11. SANCTIONING AUTHORITY.—The Committee shall be the final authority for releasing the pension under the scheme.

12. In case of any dispute, the decision of the State Government shall be final.

ANNEXURE-I
APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Scheme)

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1. Full Name (In block letters)
2. Present Address :-
3. Permanent Address :-
4. Father's/Husband's Name :-
5. Family members :-
 - (i) Name of wife/husband
 - (ii) Name of son(s)/daughters
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
 - (e)
6. Date of Birth (certificate to be enclosed) :-
7. Date of Joining in the profession of Journalism :-
8. Newspaper/New Agency & Post held :-
9. Date of Recognition by DIPR :-
10. DIPR Identity Card No :-

I certify that particulars given above are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed by me. I shall abide by the provision of the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules, 1996.

Imphal

Dt. -----

Signature
Designation

I recommend Shri/Km/Smt. _____
_____ who is working as _____
in _____ to be a member of the Manipur Working
Journalists' Pension Scheme.

Signature of the Employer
Name of Paper/News Agency.

ANNEXURE-II
NOMINATION FORM
(Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Scheme)

I -----
hereby nominate the person(s) mentioned below who is/are my wife/husband/
dependent son/daughter/parent to receive the amount of pension payable after
my death.

Name & Full address of the nominee(s).	Relation- ship with the mem- ber.	Age of the nominee(s).	Share payable to each nomi- nee (percen- tage).	Contingencies on the happen- ing of which the nomina- tion will be- come invalid.	Name, address and relation- ship of the person(s) if any to whom the right of nominee shall pass in the death of his/ her predecea- sing the subs- criber.
1	2	3	4	5	6

Dated this ----- day of 19 -- -- at -----

Signature of the member
Name in block letters

Two witnesses to signature
1.
2.

Signature
1.
2.

Space for use by the Member Secretary, The Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Committee.

Nomination by Shri/Smt/Kumari -----
Date of receipt of nomination -----

Signature of Member Secretary
Seal
Date.

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GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, dated the 30th March, 2021

No.4/6/86-INFO (Pt-II): Pursuant to the Cabinet decision taken on 29-01-2021, the Governor of Manipur is pleased to order the relaxation of the provisions contained in Rule 9(ii) & Rule 9(iii)(a)(b) of the 'Manipur Working Journalists' Pension (Amendment) Rules, 2014 as a one-time measure and shall not be cited as a precedent as:

"MEMBERSHIP:

Persons who become working journalists after the Scheme came into force, and who have completed 18 (eighteen) years but have not attained 65 (sixty five) years, are eligible to be Members of the Scheme if they deposit all the subscriptions from the time they first became eligible to be Members of the Scheme, with simple interest @ 6% per annum".

2. Contribution to be calculated by DIPR and backlog payment to be made within 3 (three) months from date of publication in the Gazette Notification.
3. It is also ordered that the concerned Rules and also standing orders/instructions bearing upon the subject and which are in force at present shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly as a one-time relaxation.
4. This one-time relaxation shall be valid for 3 (three) months from the date of Notification.
5. This is issued with the concurrence of FD (PIC), vide U.O.No.332/2020-2021/FD(PIC), dated 05-03-2021.

By Orders & in the name of the Governor,

H. GYAN PRAKASH,
Link Commissioner (IPR),
Government of Manipur.

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**GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT : INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Imphal, the 22nd October, 2020

No. 4/6/86-INFO(Pt-1): The Governor of Manipur is pleased to make the following Rules further to amend the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules, 1996, namely:-

The Manipur Working Journalists' Pension (Third Amendment) Rules, 2020.

1. Short title and Commencement:-

- (a) These Rules may be called the Manipur the Working Journalists' Pension (Third Amendment) Rules, 2020.
- (b) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment of Rule 10:-

In Rule 10 of the Manipur Working Journalists' Pension Rules, 1996, for the words and figures "Rs. 4000/- (Rupees four thousand only)" in clause (i) and "Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only)" in clause (ii), the words and figures "Rs. 8000/- (Rupees eight thousand only)" and Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) shall be substituted respectively.

3. The amendment has been vetted by Law Department.

4. This is issued with the concurrence of FD (PIC), vide their U.O. No. 142/2020-2021/FD(PIC), dated 19-10-2020.

M. JOY SINGH,
Commissioner (IPR), Govt. of Manipur.