

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
**NAGALAND: KOHIMA**

**NOTIFICATION**

Dated Kohima the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2016

NO.IPT/PUB-7/1 /89:: In the interest of public service, (lie Governor of Nagaland is pleased to notify the Guidelines for Nagaland Journalists' Welfare Scheme. The Scheme has provisions for one-time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to journalists and their families.

**I. Constitution And Administration of the Scheme:**

The Scheme will be constituted under the Department of Information & Public Relations and will be administered by a Committee comprising:-

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| 1. Minister/Parliamentary Secretary<br>Information & Public Relations Deptt | - Patron           |
| 2. Secretary/Commissioner & Secretary (IPR)                                 | - Chairperson      |
| 3. Director H&FW  | - Member           |
| 4. President, Nagaland Press Association                                    | - Member           |
| 5. 2(two) Journalists nominated by Secretary (IPR)                          | - Members          |
| 6. Director IPR   | - Member Secretary |

**II. Eligibility:**

1. He/ she should be a citizen of India.
2. He/ she should ordinarily be a resident of Nagaland.
3. He /she should be accredited to the Govt, of Nagaland.
4. He/she should have a savings bank account with any scheduled commercial bank linked with his/her Aaddhar number.
5. Journalist' who are not presently accredited to the Government are also eligible for relief from the Scheme if they have been journalist as defined under the Working Journalist' Act 1955 for a minimum period of three years.
6. Each applicant shall be required to furnish along with the application all necessary approvals or consent forms for subscribing to the "Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and "Pradhan Mantri Bima Suraksha Yojana (PMBSY)" Schemes as prescribed.

**III. Procedure:**

1. The applicant for the grant of financial assistance under the scheme shall be submitted to the Director IPR in the form prescribed in Schedule - 1. This application format maybe amended as and when required.
2. The proposal received for assistance from the Scheme will be processed by the Director IPR and will be sent to the Committee with specific recommendation and supporting documents.
3. The recommendation will be considered and decided by the committee and assistance will be released with the approval of Minister/Parliamentary Secretary of IPR. However, in case of urgency, the Chairman may initiate a case for approval of Minister/Parliamentary Secretary of IPR. Such approval will be reported in the next meeting of the Committee.

**IV. Assistance available under the Scheme:**

1. Up to Rs. 2 lakhs (Rupees two lakhs) only may be provided to the family under extreme hardship on account of death of the journalist.
2. Up to Rs- 2.00 lakh (Rupees Two lakhs) only may be provided to the journalist in the case of permanent disability rendering (he journalist incapable of earning a livelihood.

3. Up to Rs, 1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh) only may be provided towards the cost of the treatment of major ailments such as cancer, renal failure, heart ailments requiring by-pass open heart surgery, angioplasty, brain hemorrhage and paralytic attack etc. This would be subject to the medical expenditure not being covered under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), or any other insurance/ department health schemes, etc.
4. Up to Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) only 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 oilier 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 (Rupees fifty thousand) only.
5. The Committee if it feels necessary in very special / exceptional cases may recommend higher level assistance or suggest any other deviation of the guidelines for approval of Hon'ble Minister/Parliamentary Secretary of Information & Public Relations.

#### **V. Welfare Fund:**

1. There shall be constituted a Fund called the Nagaland Journalists Welfare Fund which shall consist of contributions made by the Government of Nagaland from time to time towards the corpus of the Fund.
2. Financial assistance under these guidelines shall be paid out of the interest accruing to the corpus of the Nagaland Accredited Journalists Welfare Fund and no part of the corpus of the Fund shall lie utilized for payment of any assistance under these guidelines. Interest accruing to the corpus shall be deposited in a Savings Bank Account in a Nationalized Bank. The Committee constituted shall be competent to decide whether any part of the interest remaining unutilized shall be transferred to the corpus of the Fund.
3. Grant of financial assistance from me 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 reason thereof.

Sd/-Pankaj Kumar, I.A.S  
Chief Secretary to the Govt, of Nagaland  
Dated Kohima 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2016

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Copy to:-

1. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Governor of Nagaland, Kohima.
2. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Nagaland, Kohima.
3. The P.S. to the Speaker/ Dy. Speaker, Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Nagaland.
4. The Sr. P.S to Ministers / parliamentary Secretaries, Nagaland, Kohima.
5. The Sr. P.S to Parliamentary Secretary IPR, Kohima Nagaland for information.
6. The OSD to Chief Secretary, Nagaland Kohima, for information.
7. The Commissioner, Nagaland,, Kohima.
8. The Director, IPR, Kohima
9. All members concerned.
10. All AHODs/MODs.
11. The Publisher, Nagaland Gazette, Kohima for publication in the next issue.
12. The Cabinet Cell, Nagaland, Kohima.
13. Office Copy.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL, ASSISTANCE TO JOURNALIST**  
**UNDER THE JOURNALISTS WELFARE SCHEME**

To,  
The Director,  
Information & Public Relations  
Nagaland, Kohima

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.	Age and date of birth of the Journalist	
4.	Full address of Journalist ( Proof of residence be attached )	
5.	Organization for which the Journalist was / is working.	
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 organization	
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: (eg. PM relief fund, CM relief fund, Journalist Associations 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 applicable in nationalized banks.

Signature of the Applicant

Place:

Date:

Document attached: