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NOTIFICATION

No. F. 14017/2/2005-IPR/pt, the 15th October, 2007. The Mizoram Journalist Welfare Fund Scheme is hereby published for general information.

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THE SCHEME FOR CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MIZORAM JOURNALISTS WELFARE FUND

- Title of the Scheme** 1. The Scheme may be called the Mizoram Journalists Welfare Fund Scheme.
- Period of Operation** 2. It shall come into force with effect from the financial year 2007-2008 and shall be operative in the subsequent years.
- Purpose of the fund** 3. Main purpose of the scheme shall be to provide one time ex-gratia relief to -
- (a) Dependant Member or members of the journalists who suffer loss of life, or
 - (b) Journalists who suffer permanent disability, rendering them incapable of discharging their duties due to unnatural causes and in course of their duty.

- (c) Cases of extreme hardship on account of untimely death of the sole-bread earner who is a journalist may also be considered for assistance from the Fund.

Constitution and Administration of the Administration Fund

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

- (i) Minister, I&PR, Govt. of India - Patron
- (ii) Secretary, I&PR Govt. of Mizoram - Chairperson
- (iii) Director, I&PR Govt. of Mizoram - Member-Secretary
- (iv) Representative of Finance Department, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram. - Member
- (v) A Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly (MLA) Mizoram Nominated by the Minister, I&PR, Govt. of Mizoram. - Member

Corpus of the Fund

5. (1) The Fund will be set up with the receipts of :
- (i) Government of Mizoram will place Rs. 10 lakhs at the initial stage for the purpose.
 - (ii) Need based Grant made by the Government of Mizoram;
 - (iii) Any amount received from donations for the purpose.
- (2) The amounts available in fund shall be kept classified in the manner as may be determined by the Finance Department, Government of Mizoram.

Eligibility for Availing Assistance from the Fund

6. A journalist as defined below shall be eligible for grant from the Fund, provided that -

- (i) He/She is a citizen of India;
- (ii) He/She is an ordinary resident of Mizoram; and
- (iii) He/She shall be accredited to the State Government of Mizoram.

Explanation : A Journalist for the purpose of this Scheme would mean to be a working Journalist as defined in the working Journalist and other News-

paper Employees (Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1995.

Procedure for Sanction from the Fund

7. (1) Proposals for assistance from the Fund will be initiated by Director, Information & Public Relations on receipt of application from individuals recommended by the MJA.
- (2) The recommendations will be considered and decided by the Committee. However, in cases of urgency, the decision may be taken with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee and reported to the next meeting of the Committee for ratification.

Limitations to the Assistance

8. One time ex-gratia relief of an amount not exceeding one lakh rupees may be provided to the eligible journalist or his/her dependant or dependants as the case may be.

Accounts and Audit

9. (1) The Committee shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare annual statement of accounts. The fund shall be non-lapsable in nature as the accounts are closed to balance.
- (2) The Fund shall be subject to internal audit of Director of Accounts and Treasuries, Government of Mizoram, and also to statutory audit of the Accountant - General, Mizoram.

General

10. Grant of financial assistance from the Fund to any Accredited 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 therefor.