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INFORMATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
AGARTALA, WEST TRIPURA.

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Dated, Agartala, the 23rd July, 2021.

NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Tripura is pleased to notify the **“Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021”** in supersession of all earlier notification; Scheme, amendments, orders etc. related with journalist pension. These shall come into effect from the date of publication in the Tripura Gazette.

1. Title: “Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021”

2. Introduction: To secure the retired session of life of Journalists from Tripura, the State Government aims to introduce **“Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021”**. By this Scheme a journalist shall be given pension till he is alive. This scheme also has provision for pension to the Spouse/Dependent of the expired Journalist who have completed at least 7(years) years of service in media profession.

This scheme is basically comprises of two Sub-scheme like-

- Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme.
- Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme.

3. Definition:

- **‘Government’** means Government of Tripura.
- **‘Secretary’** means “Principal Secretary/Secretary/Special Secretary of Information & Cultural Affairs Department,”
- **‘Member Secretary’** means ex-officio Member Secretary (Director, Information & Cultural Affairs) or an Officer authorized on this behalf by the Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Govt. Of Tripura.
- **‘Scheme’** means the **“Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021”**
- **‘Pension’** means a regular payment made by the State Government to the Journalist of or above the Official retirement age and to their dependent’s family members.
- **“Working journalist”** means a person whose principal avocation is that of a journalist and who is employed as such, either whole- time or part- time, in, or in relation to, one or more newspaper establishments or electronic/web media etc. and includes an editor, a leader- writer, news editor, sub- editor, feature-writer, copy- tester, 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 powers vested in him, functions mainly of a managerial nature;

- **'Committee'** means the "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme recommendation Committee" constituted under these schemes.
- **'Editor'** of a Newspaper Magazine, Television Channel, Radio Organization, and News Portal means the person who is in-charge of news selection and editorial policy of the media organization and includes Chief Editor, Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Executive Editor, Resident Editor, Content Head.
- **Spouse:** Unemployed wife of the deceased Journalist.
- **'Dependent'** means Spouse or Parents or Child (minor in age) of the deceased Journalist who were completely depended upon the income of journalist when he was alive.

4. Background of the Schemes:

A. Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme: This Scheme may be called Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme and will replace the existing "Scheme for Pension benefits to the Journalists/ Photojournalists". The scheme will cover all the accredited media persons (Journalist/ Photographer / Editor / News Editor/Deputy Editor etc. who has worked in any daily / weekly/fortnightly/monthly Newspaper /Magazine /News Agency/Electronics Media / News Portal/News Channel etc.) which is operational and licensed by appropriate authority under the Government of Tripura.

B. Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme: The scheme basically aims to provide pension to the Spouse/Dependent family member of the accredited journalists who got expired in the mid of career.

5. Eligibilities for availing pension from the "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme -2021"

A. Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme: The eligibilities for entitlement of Pension under the scheme are-

- a) The journalist must attain 60 years of age and get retired from his professional service of Journalism.
- b) The Journalist must be accredited from Information and Cultural Affairs Department for last 10(ten) years.

- c) The Journalist must not receive any pension (except EPF) from any other Scheme of State Government or Central Government or PSU or any other organisation.
- d) The Journalist should not be convicted of any criminal cases or should not have any charges of Offence by any Law.

B. Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme: The essential criteria to get benefit under the scheme are-

- a) The deceased journalist must be a resident of the State.
- b) The deceased journalist must have been an ordinary resident of the State for last ten (10) years continuously.
- c) The deceased journalist must had been worked in a minimum period of 7(Seven) continuous years as an accredited Journalist in media house of the State or a freelancer.
- d) The applicant for benefit under the Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme' must submit working certificate of last seven (7) years from his employer (Head of the Media House) except freelancer. But the entire accredited Journalist must submit their last accreditation card issued by the ICA Department before his death.
- e) The pension will be admissible to the Spouse of the deceased Journalist. In case the deceased Journalist do not have any living spouse, the pension will be admissible to anyone of the other dependents. In case of more than one dependent (see Clause 3, definition) of the deceased journalist, only one family member will be provided pension. But applicant must submit the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from all other dependent of the family. If the claiming dependent is a child (minor in age), then pension will be given up to 18th year of his/her age.

For getting pension under any of these above sub schemes, the income of the family should be below Rs.3.0 lakh per annum.

6. Constitution and Administration of the Schemes:

The "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021" will be constituted under the Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Government of Tripura and will be administered by a Committee namely "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme recommendation Committee".

The **“Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme recommendation Committee”** will comprise of:-

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| a) The Secretary, Information and Cultural Affairs | -Chairman |
| b) The Secretary, Agartala Press Club | - Vice-Chairman |
| c) One representative of Law Department, Govt. of Tripura | -Member |
| d) The Joint Secretary, Finance Department | -Member |
| e) One Chief in Editor/Editor from Electronics Media | -Member |
| f) One Chief Editor/Editor from Print Media | -Member |
| g) One Sr. Journalist from Web-Media | -Member |
| h) The Director Information and Cultural Affairs | -Member Secretary |

7. Function of the Committee:

- a) The Chairman-cum Secretary of Information & Cultural Affairs Department in the interest of work can call a meeting of the committee as and when required.
- b) As per recommendation of the Chairman of “Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme recommendation Committee”, the State Government will nominate the members as mentioned in Clause 6e), f) &g).
- c) The Committee may also ‘suo moto’ take up cases for grant of Pension even if an application has not been received from the journalist/beneficiaries.
- d) The Committee can recommend the State government for inclusion and exclusion (with specific reason) of the name of a beneficiary/pensioner under the scheme.
- e) As per direction of the State Government as and when required the committee will be reconstituted.
- f) In the interest of the Government, the Committee shall have the right to enhance the functions of the committee after taking due approval of the Government.

8. Procedure for Sanction of Pension from the scheme:

A. Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme:

- a) Applicant shall apply to the Director, Information and Cultural Affairs with all supporting documents.
- b) The Director, Information and Cultural Affairs will verify all the supporting documents as mentioned in Clause 5 A a), 5 A b), 5 A c) & 5 A d)
- c) The Concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate will physically enquire the financial condition of the applicant and issue Income Certificate for all sources.

- d) The DM & Collector will conduct the field enquiry of applicant to ascertain the factual status regarding economical viability, family income and pending court cases etc. prior to placing the matter to committee.
- e) The Director, Information and Cultural, Affairs Department will place the application for pension along with all field enquiry report and fulfilment of eligibility criteria as per scheme to the "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme recommendation Committee".
- f) Along with recommendation of the committee and concurrence of Finance Department the application will be placed before the Government for approval.

B. Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme:

- a) Applicant shall apply to the Director, Information and Cultural Affairs with all supporting documents.
 - b) The Director Information and Cultural Affairs will enquire the supporting documents as mentioned in Clause 5. B c) & 5.B d)
 - c) The Concerned Sub Divisional Magistrate will physically enquire Clause 5. B a) & 5.B b), the financial condition of the applicant and issue Income Certificate for all sources.
 - d) The concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate will be requested by the Director, Information and Cultural Affairs to verify the No Objection certificate (NOC) as mentioned in Clause 5.B e) & relation with the deceased Journalist etc...
 - e) The DM & Collector will conduct the field enquiry of applicant to ascertain the factual status regarding economical viability, family income and pending court cases etc. prior to placing the matter to committee.
 - f) The Director of Information and Cultural, Affairs Department will send the application to the committee with specific recommendation and supporting documents.
 - g) Along with the recommendation of the committee the application will be placed before the Government for approval including concurrence of Finance Department.
- 9. Disqualification:** Any pensioner under the Tripura Journalist Pension scheme-2021 after recommendation of the committee will be disqualified for pension benefit, if –
- a) He/she submitted documents found false/forged after inquiry by the state government at any time.

- b) He/she has been disclosed as ineligible due to violation of eligible criteria for pension benefit under the scheme at any time.
 - c) He/she is convicted by law/any Hon'ble court.
 - d) Any allegation raised against the pensioner regarding his/her power of attorney and if the allegation found correct.
 - e) He/she failed to submit annual life certificate in time.
- 10. Application form:** The application for the grant of Pension under above Pension schemes shall be submitted to the Director 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.
- 11. Assistance available under the scheme "Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme"-2021**
- a. Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme. - Monthly Pension of Rs.10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand)
 - b. Tripura Journalists' Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme. -Monthly Pension of Rs.5000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand)
- 12. General:**
- a. Grant of Pension from the Schemes under "**Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021**" to any accredited 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.
 - b. The eligible pensioner or spouse or dependent will receive pension unless he/she becomes ineligible or only up to lifetime of the pensioner. After expiry of the pensioner, no further claim for pension from any family members will be considered.
 - c. Applicant shall declare that no other family member is availing any type of pension from the State/ Central Government.
 - d. Pensioner must submit life certificate annually by 30th November of every year.
- 13. Repeal/Savings: -**
- a) The beneficiaries under the "**Scheme for Pension Benefits to the Journalists/Photojournalists**" will be automatically treated as pensioner under the "**Tripura Journalist Pension Scheme-2021**" and that will be valid till, the revision of all eligibilities under the provisions of this scheme

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or due approval of state government after recommendation of the committee.

- b)** All Notifications issued earlier in this regard and on this behalf are hereby repealed and superseded.
- c)** Notwithstanding such repeal and supersession, anything done or any action taken or any proceeding initiated or any order issued under the Notification, so repealed or superseded, shall be deemed to have been done or taken or initiated or issued under the corresponding provision of this Notification, if not inconsistent with this Notification.

These shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Tripura gazette.

By order and in the name of the Governor



(Dr. Parshant Kumar Goyal, IAS)

Secretary

Government of Tripura

Information & Cultural Affairs Department

**Application form for Pension under
"Tripura Journalists Pension Scheme"-2021**

| PART-A : Tripura Journalist Samman Pension Scheme | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 1. | Name of the applicant(in Block Letters) | | | |
| 2. | Date of birth of the applicant <i>(Attach documentary proof)</i> | | | |
| 3. | Age on Retirement date | | | |
| 4. | Full postal address of the applicant <i>(Proof of residence to be attached)</i> | | | |
| 5. | Mobile/Phone No. | | | |
| 6. | Name of the media Organization from which the applicant was superannuated. | | | |
| 7. | Monthly family income of the applicant(attach latest Income certificate issued by sub divisional magistrate) | | | |
| 8. | Whether applicant is a Permanent Resident of the State? | | | |
| 9. | Whether applicant receiving any other any pension from any other State/Central Government or any other organisation? | | | |
| 10. | Whether applicant was convicted by any criminal cases/ any charges of Offence by any Law | | | |
| 11. | Accreditation card details of the applicant: | | | |
| | Sl. No. | Year of issued accreditation card | Accreditation Card No. | Name of the related media organization |
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| PART-B : Tripura Journalist Pariwar Surakkha Pension Scheme | | | | |
| 1. | Name of the applicant/claimant (in Block Letters) | | | |
| 2. | Name of the deceased Journalist | | | |
| 3. | Nature/Cause of the death of the Journalist <i>(Attach copy of Death Certificate)</i> | | | |
| 4. | Date of birth of the Applicant/Claimant <i>(Attach documentary proof)</i> | | | |
| 5. | Full postal address of applicant/claimant <i>(Proof of residence to be attached)</i> | | | |

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| 6. | Contact no. applicant/claimant | |
| 7. | Details of financial assistance received/ applied for from other sources (if any) | |
| 8. | Whether the deceased journalist was a permanent resident of the state for last ten (10) years? (Please tick) (if yes, attach authorized documentary proof) | YES/NO |
| 9. | Whether the deceased Journalist was accredited under the ICA Department? | |
| 10. | Accreditation card details: | |
| | Sl. No | Year of issued accreditation card |
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| 11 | Whether deceased was convicted by any criminal cases/ any charges of Offence by any Law? | |
| 12. | Monthly family income of the applicant / claimant (attach latest Income certificate issued by the Sub divisional Magistrate) | |
| 13 | Attach Working certificate of the deceased for last 7(seven) years from his employer Employer(head of the media house) | YES/NO |
| 14 | Attach No Objection Certificate (NOC) from all other dependent of the family. (Attach the NOC certificate as issued by SDM) | YES/NO |

List of Documents attached with the application form

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I hereby declare that all the above particulars furnished by me are true and nothing has been concealed which is relevant to this request for Pension.

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.

Date & Place:

Signature of the applicant