

**Government of Tripura**  
**Directorate of Information & Cultural Affairs**

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**Cabinet meeting decided to appoint 200 junior engineers in PWD, 5 percent dearness allowance for government employees and retired employees.**

The state government has announced 5 percent dearness allowance to state government employees and retired employees. This decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022. Minister of Information and Cultural Affairs Department, Sushanta Chowdhury announced this news at the press conference organized at the secretariat's press conference hall after the cabinet meeting. The announced DA will be effective from July 1, 2022. The state government will spend 523 crore 80 lakh rupees every year to pay 5 percent DA. Information and Cultural Affairs Minister said that fixed salary employees will also get this benefit. He opined that a large number of government employees and retired employees will benefit from this decision of the state government.

The Minister also said that, cabinet has decided to appoint 200 junior engineers in the PWD. Out of which 100 Tripura Engineering Service Grade-v(A) and 100 Grade-v(B) Junior Engineers will be recruited. Recruitment process will be completed soon through TPSC. He said that the Cabinet has decided to appoint 100 staff nurses in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Besides, the Cabinet meeting also decided to recruit 22 Pharmacists (Homeopathy), 25 Pharmacists (Ayurvedic) and 31 Laboratory Technicians (Blood) under the Department of Health And Family Welfare. Moreover, the Cabinet has decided to create 90 promotional posts for the post of Multipurpose Supervisor in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. The cabinet has also decided to fill-up four posts of Assistant Professors of Pharmacy for Regional Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology (RIPSAT). It has been decided to create 25 supernumerary posts in the Department of Health and Family Welfare. In this regard, it has been decided to promote those who are in Grade-IV to the post of Grade-III (Driver).

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister also said that, the cabinet has decided to create 12 LDC posts on fixed salary in the Directorate of Audit under the Ministry of Finance. Besides, 16 posts have been created in the Department of Information and Culture. Out of which, 4 posts of Assistant Director, 6 Senior Information Officers and 6 Reporters have been created. The posts of 4 Assistant Directors and 6 Senior Information Officers will be filled by promotion and the posts of Reporters will be filled by direct recruitment.

In the press conference, the Minister said that the present state government has taken various decisions in the past few days that are friendly to newspapers and journalists. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022 cabinet meeting approved the amendment of Tripura Media Representative Accreditation Guidelines 2022. He said that this amendment has been decided to implement the announced health insurance for accredited journalists. This Tripura Media Representative Accreditation Guidelines 2022 amendment has brought a lot of relaxation in various areas for the convenience of journalists.

Also the state government has decided to provide 200 gram packets of Soya Chunk in public distribution system from now onwards. In this case, every family will be given a packet of 200 grams of soya chunks every month. Moreover, keeping in mind the welfare of the farmers, it has been decided that as part of the integrated crop management programme, additional 20 thousand hectares of cultivable land in the state will be brought under paddy cultivation. Moreover, various assistance will be given to the farmers through this programme.

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