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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AGARTALA

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Notification

For smooth implementation and wide coverage of benefits to working journalists in the state, the Governor of Tripura is pleased to make the following amendments in the "Tripura Media Representatives Accreditation Guidelines, 2020"

Short title and commencement:

(i) These may be called the "Tripura Media Representatives Accreditation (Amendment) Guidelines, 2022."

(ii) They shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Tripura Gazette.

1. Amendment of Clause 13:

The contents of the clause 13 shall be substituted with the followings-

"(a) for successful implementation of the guidelines, the Committee shall time to time recommend the State government for inclusion and exclusion of any clause in the existing "Tripura Media Representatives Accreditation Guidelines, 2020."

(b) The Committee can independently recommend the State government to withhold any accreditation card of any media representative if he/she violates the norms of Journalistic conduct; those are not described in these guidelines but included in Press Council of India guidelines.

(c) The committee shall recommend for allocation of accreditation card among media representatives working in the state.

(d) The committee shall recommend the name of unlisted category of newspaper /electronic media/web media for issuance of accreditation card."

2. Amendment of Clause 14:

After sub-clause 4 of Clause 14, the following sub-clauses shall be inserted namely-

"(5) Accreditation of representatives of only those media organization will be considered which have been functioning or operating for at least two year (continuously) in the State.

(6) Accreditation shall be granted only to those media representatives who reside at Tripura or its periphery."

3. Amendment of Clause 16:

After sub-clause (4) of Clause 16, the following sub-clauses shall be inserted namely-

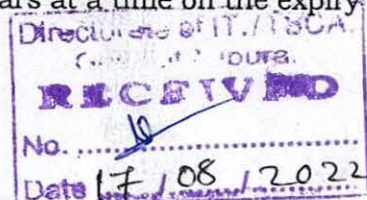
"(5) Recommendation letter from Editor/Authorized signatory of newspaper, magazine, news agency, television channel, radio organization or news portal for grant of accreditation (not applicable for freelancer category) is mandatory for fresh/re-newel of accreditation card.

(6) The cases approved for accreditation by the Accreditation Committee shall be sent for police verification and the card shall be issued only after satisfactory report from the Police authorities and the concurrence of the Home Department of the state government."

4. Amendment of Clause 23:

Proviso to Clause 23, shall be substituted with the followings:-

"Provided that in case of Distinguished Journalists & Veteran, the media accreditation card shall remain valid for a period of 5(five) years from the date of issue and may, subject to the other provisions of these Guidelines, be renewed for a period not exceeding 5(five)years at a time on the expiry of the existing validity period."



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5. Amendment of Clause 24:

After sub-clause (3) of clause 24, the following sub-clauses will be inserted namely-

“(4) If any accredited media representative changes media house in mid of profession then he/she shall be liable to inform the Director ICA immediately about the present house(employer) and submit a fresh application by his/her existing employer for renewal of accreditation card cancelling the previous accreditation card.

(5)The accredited media representatives shall surrender the existing card to the Director, Information & Cultural Affairs Department within seven (7) days from the date of relieving from previous organization.”

6. Amendment of 'FIRST SCHEDULE':

The 'FIRST SCHEDULE' of the "Tripura Media Representatives Accreditation Guidelines, 2020" shall be substituted with the followings:-

"FIRST SCHEDULE"

Sl. No	Category	Age (Years)	Minimum Educational Qualification	Continuous experience in Journalism
1	Jr. Reporter	25-35	Degree/Diploma in Journalism from a duly recognized University / Institution or 10+2 Standard Pass from a recognized Board.	2 years or more
2	Reporter	25-40	do	5 Year
3	Sr. Reporter	41-50	do	10 years or more
4	Chief Reporter	do	do	Above 10 Years
5	Editor	do	do	Above 12 Years
6	Sr. Editor	do	do	Above 15 Years
7	Veteran (Editor/Journalist)	50-65	do	20 years or more
8	Distinguished Journalist	Above 65 Journalist	do	25 years or more
9	Cameraman/ Photo Journalist	Above 25	Degree/ Diploma on Photo Journalism from any recognized University / College or Madhyamik Pass and above from any recognized board	5 years or more
10	Freelancer (Correspondents / Camerapersons)	Above 40	Do	10 years or more and associated with more than 3 (three) Media Organizations / News Agencies.

7. Amendment of SECOND SCHEDULE:

The SECOND SCHEDULE of the guidelines shall be substituted with the followings-

"SECOND SCHEDULE

Sl. No	Name of the News Media/Media Organization/ News Agency	Category	Number of Accreditation Card
1	National News Agencies	--	02
2	Newspaper	A ¹ / A	30
		B	20
		C	10
		C Weekly	5
3	Electronic media	A ¹ / A	25
		B	12
		C	6
4	Web media	A ¹	10
		A	6
		B/C	5
5	Radio Agencies	---	2
6	Freelancer	---	10

By order and in the name of the Governor

Abhishek Chandra

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Special Secretary

Government of Tripura

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