

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Dated Quetta, the / Gi Feb: 2019
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No, SO(Inf!)4-27/2015/767-70 dated 26th November, 2015, the Government of Balochistan Information Department , with the prior approval of the competent authority has been pleased 1 to notify the revised Policy /criteria-2018 with regard to the utilization of Journalist Wellare | o:« Balochistan as under:-

GUIDELINES / SOPS' OF JOURNALIST WELFARE FUND

DEFINITION OF WELFARE FUND: a fund usually established by an employer from which benefits are paid to the proposed beneficiary in time of sickness or other specified occasion and commonly set up in response to contractual obligation of the state, In this case the targeted beneficiary would called as "BALOCHISTAN JOURNALISTS"

The Journalist Welfare Fund hereunder may be called as (JWF);

Details of the criteria are as follows:-

1, Title OF THE Fund; The Fund may be called the "Journalists Welfare Fund";

2. PERIOD OF OPERATION; It shall come into force w.e from 10" January, 2019 and shall repeal all previous policies /criteria enforced from time to time;

3. PURPOSE OF THE FUND; To provide one time ex-gratia relief on urgent basis to the journalists from all over the province and their

families through cross cheques.

A journalist for the purpose of this fund would mean;

(i) A working journalist as defined under the Working Journalists and other Newspaper employees (Condition of Service) and Miscellaneous Conventions at Federal level and Provincial levels from time to time other than a Government servant;

(i) | "Media Personnel" whose principal avocation is that of Reporting/editing for news channels of radio, TV, Print media or web- based services and who is employed as such, either whole-time or part-time, in or in relation to, one or more such establishments and includes news' editor, reporter,

photographer, cameraman, photo journalist, freelance journalists, but does not include any such person who;
a) is employed mainly in a managerial or administrative capacity, or;

b) is 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, function mainly of a managerial nature

c) Who is owner of the Newspapers, Periodicals etc;
(iii) Family for the purpose of this Fund will mean the journalist, spouse, dependent parents and dependent children;

4. CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF JOURNALIST WELFARE FUNO

The Fund that had already been constituted under the Information Department, Government of Balochistan and shall be administered by a Committee under the chairmanship of Director General Public Relations comprising as follows;

1. Secretary (Information) Patron
2. Director General, Public Relations Chairman
3. Representative of Finance Department Member

(Not below the rank of Dy: Secretary)
4. Deputy Director (Accounts)/ Representative Member/Convener

5. Under Secretary/Section Officer (Information) Member
6. Assistant Director Public Relations Co opted/Member
7. President Balochistan Union of Journalists Member
- 8, President Press Club Member

The signatory of the issuance of cheque shall be;

- (i) Director General Public Relations / Chairman
- (ii) Deputy Director (Accounts)

"The convener shall convene the meeting of the JWF after every three months or the case may be".

"Amendment; the above committee may be altered by the Director General Public Relations, from time to time, with the prior approval of Patron".

5. ELIGIBILITY FOR AVAILING ASSISTANCE OUT OF THE WELFARE Funpb:-

A journalist shall be eligible for relief from the fund, provided that,

5.1) He/she is a citizen of Pakistan/ Local, Domicile of Balochistan;

5.2) He/she is ordinarily resident of Balochistan;

5.3) He/she should be accredited with Information Department Government of Balochistan, under accreditation Policy;

5.4) Journalists who are not presently accredited by Government of Balochistan, shall also be eligible for relief from the fund, if they have been journalists, as defined under these guidelines for a minimum period of five continuous years;

5.5) The beneficiary cannot avail another opportunity in ongoing fiscal year; .

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5.6) The beneficiaries shall not be either government servant or from a semi autonomous bodies.

6. PROCEDURE FOR SANCTION OUT OF JOURNALIST WELFARE FUND

6.1 Application received for assistance out of the Fund will be Processed by the Director General Public Relations - Balochistan, Quetta.

6.2 The Deputy Director (Accounts) or any other notified Convener shall convene a meeting of the committee, after collection of reasonable applications and the Committee with specific recommendation and supporting documents will give its deliberation to sanction any desired/ vetted application/s of the applicant. The recommendations shall be made by the Committee for Secretary Information;

6.3. However, in case of urgency, the Chairman may initiate a case for approval of the Patron/ Secretary Information, based on solid grounds for assistance;

Such approvals will be reported in the next meeting of the Committee, for consideration and regularization of such amount;

6.4. The committee shall ensure that the profit thereof is to be utilized for the welfare of journalist. Therefore, the principal amount/Seed money shall not be utilized;

6.5 The recommendation from any authority for assistance out of Journalist welfare fund shall be placed before the Journalist welfare fund committee for consideration;

The Deputy Director (Accounts/ convener shall record minutes of each meeting duly signed / authenticated by all members;

The Deputy Directory (Accounts/ convener) shall collect monthly/quarterly/yearly bank statements of the profit earned, from the concerned bank and intimate the same to the Committee for consideration;

7. APPLICATION FORM

The application for the grant of financial assistance under this fund shall be submitted to the Director General Public Relations Balochistan, Quetta , in the form prescribed in Schedule-I.

8. ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE WELFARE FUND

8.1 Upto Rs.100,000/- (Rupees One hundred thousand) shall be

Provided to the family under extreme hardship on account of
death of the Journalist;

One time grant upto Rs.50,000/-shall be provided to the

Journalists in case of permanent disability;

8.3 Upto Rs.300,000/- (Rupees three hundred thousand) shall be
provided for specialized medical treatment of major ailments
Such as cancer, renal failure, heart ailments requiring by-
Pass/ open heart Surgery, angioplasty, brain hemorrhage and
Paralytic attack etc. In case the ailing Journalists has not

received medical assistance from any other government
functionaries;

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8.4 Upto Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) shall be provided in
case of accidents causing serious injuries necessitating
hospitalization.

8.5 Upto Rs.50,000/ (Rupees fifty thousand) shall be provided in
case of marriage (Self/ two Children) once a year. Provided
that the Journalist will provide attested Nika Nama and
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9. EXCEPTION

Notwithstanding anything contained in these guidelines, the
Chairman of the Committee shall give wide publicity through leading
Newspaper for obtaining the applications /cases from the Journalists
for assistance throughout Balochistan.

10. PAYMENT FROM THE FUND

The payments shall be made out of the interest earned from
the seed money, as already been earmarked for the Journalist
Welfare Fund.

11. GENERAL

Journalists cannot claim the said assistance as 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 reasons thereof:

12. AUTHORITY

The authority of making any change in the byelaws in the Journalist Welfare Fund will rest with the Ghief Minister / Cabinet;

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(Hashim Nadeem Khan)

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Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Balochistan, Quetta
2. The Secretary, Services & General Administration Department Quetta
3. The Secretary Finance Department, Quetta. » :
4. The Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Balochistan, Quetta.
5. The Director General Public Relations Balochistan, Quetta :
6. The President, Quetta Press Club, Quetta ‘
7. The President, Union of Journalists, Balochistan, Quetta
8. The P.S to Minister for Information Department, Balochistan, Qta
9. The P.S to Secretary, Information Department, Balochistan, Qta
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