

**MIZORAM JOURNALISTS WELFARE
SOCIETY**

**CONSTITUTION
&
RULES 2010**

CONSTITUTION

I. TITLE:

This Society shall be called the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society. In short - Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society or MJWS.

II. Date of Establishment and area of operation :

It shall come into force with effect from the Financial year 2007-2008. The area of operation of the Society shall be whole State of Mizoram.

III. DEFINITION:

- a) "Accredited Journalist" means any Journalist who qualified the criteria and who are accredited by the State Press Accreditation Committee.
- b) "Working Journalist" means any Journalist employed in any RNI registered / State Government's approved News Papers / Periodicals / Cable TV Network in public interest.
- c) "RNI" means Registrar of Newspapers for India.
- d) "State Government" means Government of Mizoram.
- e) "Society" means the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society.
- f) "MJA" means Mizoram Journalists Association.

IV. Aims & Objects

The aims and objects of the Society are as follows :

- a) To maintain better co-ordination between members of the press and the State Government.

- b) To promote and strengthen the functionaries of registered / State Government's approved Newspapers / Periodicals / Cables TV Network in public interest.
- c) To safeguard the dignity and responsibility of the media.
- d) To uplift the welfare of the press community.
- e) To execute, utilise and enhance the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Fund from time to time.

V. Membership:

The following shall be eligible for membership of the Society.

- a) Any Accredited Journalist, who is a bonafide member of the MJA who qualified the criteria for accreditation and are accredited by the State Press Accreditation Committee, Government of Mizoram.
- b) Any working Journalist who is a bonafide member of the MJA having a continuous service of at least 3 (three) years in any RNI registered Newspaper/State Government's approved Newspaper.
- c) Any working photo Journalist/Cameraman who is a bonafide member of the MJA having a continuous service of at least 3 (three) years in any registered Local Cable TV Network/Photo Agency.

VI. Governing Board (Composition, Duties and Functions)

- a) The Society shall have a Governing Board with the following members, and the Minister i/c I & PR shall be the Patron of the Society.
 - i) Secretary, I & PR - Chairman
 - ii) Director, I & PR - Member Secretary
 - iii) One MLA to be nominated by the Minister, I & PR
 - iv) One Officer not below the rank of Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Mizoram.
 - v) Head of Medicine Department, Civil Hospital, Aizawl.

- vi) President, Mizoram Journalists Association Gen. Hqrs.
- vii) 2 (two) Senior Working Journalists to be nominated by the MJA for a period of 2 (two) years.
- viii) Executive Officer, nominated MIS from DIPR for a period of 2 (two) years.
- b) The Governing Board shall prepare and receive application for membership. Admission and rejection of the application for membership of the Society shall be the sole responsibility of the Governing Board.
- c) The Governing Board shall have the power to handle the MJWF and shall have the power to invest the amount of the fund so sanctioned for the purpose in the interest of the Mizoram Journalists.
- d) In exercise of the Journalist Welfare Fund, the Governing Board shall execute the amended Journalist Welfare Fund Rules as per notification vide letter No.F.14017/3/2013-IPR dt.16.8.2016 by Secretary, Information & Public Relations, Government of Mizoram.
- e) Only those full and valid members of the Society shall be the beneficiary of the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Fund.
- f) The Governing Board shall have the power to terminate the membership of any member whose behaviour is found unethical by the Governing Board.
- g) Any member who ceases to engage himself / herself in Journalism for a period of 6 (six) months can be terminated from his/her membership of the Society.

VII. Membership/Annual Fee:

- a) For initial enrolment in the Society, members shall pay membership fee of Rs. 100 /-
- b) For renewal of membership, every member shall have to pay Annual Fee Rs. 200/- per year within specified period of time.
- c) Annual Fee should be paid within the month of April every year.

- d) Failure of payment of the Fee shall automatically result to loss of membership.

VIII. Executive Officer:

- a) The Governing Board has the authority to designate any one of Mizoram Information Service Officer from Directorate of Information & Public Relations as Executive Officer.
- b) Executive Officer so designated by the Governing Board shall be responsible for over all functioning of the Society like registration, disposal of all correspondence etc.
- c) The term of office of the Executive Officer shall be 2 (two) years which shall be extended from time to time.

IX. General Assembly:

- a) General Assembly if and when necessary shall be convened by the Governing Body.
- b) For holding General Assembly, notice should be issued at least 30 (thirty) days ahead.

X. Meeting:

The Governing Board shall hold meetings as and when it deems necessary and the Member Secretary shall issue a meeting notice well in advance.

XI. Financial Delegation:

- (a) The Journalist Welfare Fund as provided by the Government of Mizoram shall be drawn in full amount by Director, I & PR and shall be deposited in the Account of the Society.
- (b) The Account in respect of the Society shall be opened in any scheduled nationalised bank.
- (c) The Account shall only be operated jointly by the Member Secretary and President of the MJA General Headquarters.

XII. Audit:

- a) The Account of the Society shall be audited annually before the end of each financial year.
- b) Governing Board shall appoint at least 2 (two) auditors from Mizoram Finance & Accounts Service.

XIII. Constitution Amendment:

Constitution of the Society could be amended by the Governing Board subject to approval of the General Assembly.

**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM DIRECTORATE OF
INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 3rd September, 2010

No.F.14017/2/2005-IPR/Pt. The Governor of Mizoram is pleased to notify the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society Rules, 2010 to be effective from the date of publication in the Mizoram Gazetted as under :-

RULES

This RULES executed on this the 18th day of August, 2010 by the GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM represented by the Secretary, Department of Information & Public Relations, Government of Mizoram.

Government of Mizoram formulated the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Scheme for all Journalists of the State and the Department of Information & Public Relations has been declared as the 'Nodal Department' for the implementation of the Scheme under The Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society, 2010.

1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 These Rules shall be called 'The Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society Rules, 2010'
- 1.2 These Rules shall come into force with effect from the date of publication in the gazetted notification, Government of Mizoram.

2. NOTIFICATION

In the interpretation of these Rules, the following expressions shall have the following meaning unless inconsistent with the subject or context thereof :

- 2.1 'Act' means the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- 2.2 'Beneficiaries' means the Journalist, defined as 'Beneficiaries' under the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Fund.
- 2.3 'Patron' means the Minister of I & PR, Government of Mizoram.
- 2.4 'Chairman' means the Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Mizoram.
- 2.5 'Member Secretary' means Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Government of Mizoram.
- 2.6 'Executive Officer' means designated officer of Mizoram Information Service from Information & Public Relations Department.
- 2.7 'State Government' means the Governing Board of the Society.
- 2.8 'Governing Board' means the Governing Board of the Society.
- 2.9 'Nodal Department' means the Department of Information & Public Relations, Government of Mizoram.
- 2.10 'Rules' means the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society Rules, 2010.
- 2.11 'Fund' means the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Fund.
- 2.12 'Society' means the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society.
- 2.13 'Year' means the financial year of the State Government of Mizoram.
- 2.14 'Accredited Journalist' means Journalist who is a bonafide member of the Mizoram Journalists Association accredited by the Mizoram State Press Accreditation Committee.

2.15 'Working Journalist' means a working Journalist who is a bonofide member of the Mizoram Journalists Association as defined in the Working Journalist and other Newspaper Employees (Condition of Service and Miscellaneous Provisions (Act, 1955).

2.16 'RNI' means Registrar of Newspapers for India.

2.17 'MJA' means Mizoram Journalist Association.

3. SOCIETY FUNDS:

- (a) Grant-in-Aid from the State Government.
- (b) Enrolment and Annual Membership Fees.
- (c) Donations.

4. AUTHORITIES:

The Authority of the Society shall be the Governing Board of the Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD :

The names, addresses, occupation of the members of the Governing Board of the Society as by the Rules and Regulations of the Society, the management of the affairs of the Society is entrusted under section 2 of the Societies Registration Act,1860 (No.XXI of 1860) and are as follows :

Sl.No	Name/Designation	Status
1.	Secretary, I & PR	- Chairman
2.	Director, I & PR	- Member Secretary
3.	One MLA to be nominated by Minister, I &PR	- Member
4.	Representative of Finance Department (not below the rank of Dy. Secretary)	- Member
5.	Head of Medicine Deptt., Civil Hospital, Aizawl	- Member

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| 6. | President, Mizoram Journalist Association | - | Member |
| 7. | Two Senior Journalists, nominated from MJA Gen. Hqrs. for a period of two years | - | Member |
| 8. | Executive Officer, nominated from MIS by DIPR | - | Member |

The Minister i/c I &PR shall be the Patron of the Society.

5.1 The management of the affairs of the society shall be entrusted to the Governing Board.

5.2 Any member of the Governing Board shall cease to be member if he/she resigns himself/herself from the membership/become unsound mind/ become insolvent/convicted of a criminal offence/ involving moral turpitude/removal from the post by virtue which he/she was holding the membership.

5.3 Resignation of Membership shall be tendered to the Member Secretary of the Governing Board in person which shall take effect on approval of the Governing Board.

6. PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD :

6.1 The meeting of the Governing Board shall be held at least once in every 6 (six) months and also as and when it deems necessary.

6.2 The quorum for the meeting of the Governing Board shall be two third majority of the total members.

6.3 All disputed questions at the meeting shall be determined by the vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

7. POWERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD :

The Governing Board shall have the power to control the Society. It shall also have the authority to exercise the powers, specified in the acts and rules of the Society. It shall hold, administer and manage the Society fund with a view to carry out the objectives of the Society.

7.1 To establish, formulate, provide, administer and monitor the fund in implementing in the best interest of the beneficiaries.

7.2 ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Ex-gratia at the rate of Rs. 1,50,000/- (one lakh fifty thousand) and Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only shall be given to the next of kin of the Accredited Journalist and Non-Accredited Journalist respectively on the loss of life.
- (b) Journalist who is seriously injured/suffered from accident or loss of valuable properties due to natural calamities shall be assisted with the amount not exceeding Rs.1,00,000/- (one lakh) only. The amount to be given in this regard shall be determined by the Governing Board.
- (c) Lumpsum financial assistance not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only shall be given to a bonafide member suffering from critical illness as defined by the prevailing Mizoram State Health Care Scheme.
- (d) One time Financial Assistance not exceeding Rs. 80,000 /- (eighty thousand) only shall be given to a dependent members suffering from critical illness as defined by the prevailing Mizoram State Healthcare Scheme.
- (e) Exceptionally serious illness of the beneficiary not included in the MJWS(Appendix) can be considered if deemed necessary by the Governing Board.

Financial Assistance not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) only shall be given to a bonafide member who become physically disabled/handicapped during the time of service and Rs. 80,000 /- (eighty thousand) only may be given to dependent family member who suffered the same.

Financial Assistance may be granted more than once to one beneficiary if deemed necessary by the Governing Board.

- 7.3 The limitation of amount may be exceeded in case of exceptional condition of illness of the beneficiary if deemed necessary by the Governing Board.

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