

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND**  
**INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

PRESS ACCREDITATION RULES (NAGALAND) 1980

(These PRESS ACCREDITATION RULES have been Notified by the Government of Nagaland Vide Letter No. IPT (PUB)-1/36/80 dated Kohima 18<sup>th</sup> May 1981)

1. These rules may be called the PRESS ACCREDITATION RULES (NAGALAND) 1980.
2. These rules will come into force from the date of their notification in the Nagaland Gazette.

DEFINATION :

3. In these rules the following words have the meaning mentioned against them.
  - (a) "Government" means the Government of Nagaland.
  - (b) "Director" means Director of information & Public Relations, Government of Nagaland.
  - (c) "**Press Representative**" means the **Correspondent, Photographer, or cartoonist**, representing any daily News papers , News Agency, News weekly, Fourthnightly, A.I.R, T.V. News, Photo Agency, Monthly Magazine and other periodicals both English or other languages.
  - (d) "**Committee**" means the "**State Press Accreditation Committee**" constituted by the Government of Nagaland to advise the Government for issue of Accreditation Cards to Press Representatives working at Headquarters of the Government.
  - (e) "**News Organisation**" means any **Daily Newspaper, News Agency, News Weekly, Fourthnightly, A.I.R, T.V News, Photo Agency, Monthly Magazine registered** with Registrar of Newspaper for India.

**APPLICATION OF RULES**

4. The Rules apply to the Accreditation to the Government of Nagaland at its headquarters.

**5. CONDITIONS FOR ACCREDITATION**

The following conditions shall be fulfilled by a Press Representative before he/she can be accredited to the Government.

- (a) The Press Representative should be a full time staffer of a News Organization (AIR/TV/News Agencies/Daily News Papers/Prominent Weeklies/Fortnightlies/Monthlies and other Periodicals) based in Nagaland during the period of accreditation.
- (b) Stringers or Part-time Correspondent shall not be accredited to the Government.
- (c) The Press Representative should have at least (one) year experience in the field with one News Organization before the date of application.
- (d) Press Representative/correspondents based in Nagaland for atleast (one) year of News Organization/Agencies primarily outside Nagaland would also be considered if the applications is recommended / forwarded by the Chief Editor/Editor of that particular paper/agency. In such cases, entitlement of accreditation will be only (one) per News Organization/Agency.

## **PRESS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

- 6 (a) a Five Member State Press Accreditation Committee shall be constituted with the following:
- (i) The Chief Secretary or his nominee will be the Chairman of the Committee.
  - (ii) The Commissioner and Secretary Information & Public Relations will be Member
  - (iii) Two Senior Journalists to be nominated by the Commissioner and Secretary, IPR Department for a term of 2(two) years. The same Journalist may be re-nominated by the Commissioner and Secretary, IPR in consultation with the existing recognized Press Fraternity.
  - (iv) The Director of Information & Public Relations will be Member Secretary of the Committee.
  - (v) A simple Majority of the Members shall form quorum for a meeting.
- (b) The Committee should meet once in every three months to consider the applications. However special meeting can be held at a short notice to decide any important application as and when necessary.
- (c) The normal term of the Committee shall be two years on expiry of which a new Committee shall be constituted.
- (d) Any Member who violates the rules and decision of the Committee will be liable to forfeit his membership which will be decided by the Committee.
- (e) The State Government reserves the right to dissolve the Committee if it does not follow the rules and can appoint a new Committee as per rule 6 (a).
- (f) A normal Committee meeting may be called 5 days ahead of Scheduled date, 48 hours time will be given to convene an emergency meeting.

## **APPLICATION**

- 7.(a) Application should be addressed to the Director IPR in duplicate accompanied by two copies of Passport size Photographs of Applicant and his/her preceding six months assignment in Nagaland.
- (b) The Director shall refer the applications to the Committee for its decision.
- (c) The Application should be countersigned by Chief Editor/Editor and they should forward the name of the Representative along with details like professional experiences and others.
- (d) No dues certificate issued by the Press Council of India should be enclosed along with the application without which no accreditation will be issued as stated in Section 16 of the Press Council Act 1978.
- (e) The responsibility of furnishing correct information in the application for accreditation shall be the Chief Editor/Editor. For any false/incorrect information given, the News Organization will be penalized with cancellation of accreditation/receipt of Government advertisement after ample time is given to the organization for justification/explanation.
- (f) The Chief Editor/Editor will have to give a certificate which shall specify the number of copies being sold at various outlets (name, address of outlet to be given). This information shall be given at the time of applying for accreditation. In case the newspaper is not selling any copy in the market, they shall not be entitled for consideration for accreditation.

(g) The verification of all information as above shall be the responsibility of the Director (IPR).

#### **ISSUE OF ACCREDITATION CARD**

- 8.(a) On the recommendation of the Committee the Director will issue for one year ending March 31 Accreditation Card bearing a Photograph of the Press Representative.
- (b) The Accreditation Card will be normally used for attending Press Conferences convened by the Government and entry into Government Offices.
- (c) The Accreditation Card shall not be admissible for attending special functions or conferences where entry is covered by security passes.
- (d) The Accreditation may be renewed on a written request from the card holder through the Chief Editor/Editor by the Director.
- (e) The Committee will review the list of Accredited Correspondents annually.
- (f) The Director shall maintain a list of Accredited Correspondents.
- (g) The Director can refuse to issue a Card to any particular representative for security reason if the situation demands it.
- (h) A maximum of 4 (four) representatives from each News Daily based in Nagaland will be eligible for accreditation. In case of Periodicals (other than dailies) the number of representative eligible for accreditation will be only 1 (one). This number will not be exceeded under any circumstance.

#### **CANCELLATION**

9. (a) The Committee also will consider cancellation of the accreditation for charges of grave misconduct and misuse of his Journalistic facilities for non-Journalistic purposes.
- (b) The Committee also will consider withdrawal of accreditation of an accredited correspondent if he publishes willfully news that is incorrect or false in so far as the Government is concerned. But if the news paper itself is responsible for publication of false, malafide or incorrect report, or abuse of confidence in which the accredited correspondent has no hand, the Newspapers will liable to disaccreditation and not the correspondent who will continue to enjoy the confidence of the Committee.
- (c) When an Accredited Correspondent cease to represent the News Organization on behalf of which he is accredited the fact should be brought to the notice of the Director within 15 days for further necessary action.
- (d) Action under Rule 9(a) & (b) will be taken by the Director on the advice of the Committee after the matter has been brought to the notice of the Editor/Manager of the News Organization and after the party concerned has been given a reasonable time and opportunity to be heard by the Committee.

#### **REPRESENTATION AGAINST DECISION**

10. Newspapers, Agencies and Correspondents can make a representation to the Committee for review against any decision taken under the provision of these rules within one month from the date a decision is taken by the Committee.

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