

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

Abstract

Information and Publicity – Rules for the Grant of Award to the **Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist** for Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (INFORMATION & PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 02

Puducherry, dated 12 JAN 2015

Read: I.D.No.2835/DIP/AD(PRO)/PRA/2014-15, dated 17.10.2014 of the
Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry
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ORDER

The following Notification shall be published in the official gazette.

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Government of Puducherry has been celebrating the 'National Press Day' every year and it has been proposed now to present cash award and memento for the '**Best Journalist**' and the '**Best Photo Journalist**' every year. The '**Best Journalist**' and the '**Best Photo Journalist**' will be given a cash award of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each category.

02. AND, WHEREAS, it has been proposed to lay down the procedures for the grant of cash award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist in the Union Territory of Puducherry;

03. NOW THEREFORE, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to notify the Rules namely, "**Scheme for the Grant of Award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist for Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry-2014**" as appended to this notification.

04. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their I.D.No.16667/US(F)/2014, dated 07.07.2014.

/BY ORDER OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR/


(K.T. ALAGIRI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. (INFO & PUB)

To

The Director of Stationery and Printing Puducherry – With a request to publish the above notification in the extra-ordinary issue of the Official Gazette and supply 60 copies thereof to this Department for reference and record.

Copy to:

1. All Secretaries to Government, Puducherry.
2. The Secretary to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.
3. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry.
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Speaker/Ministers/Deputy Speaker, Puducherry.
5. The District Collector, Puducherry/Karaikal
6. The Director, Information & Publicity, Puducherry.
7. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam.
8. The Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Puducherry.
9. The Deputy Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.
10. The Principal Accountant General (Civil Audit), Chennai-18.
11. The Deputy Accountant General (Civil Audit) Puducherry-3.
12. The Central Records Branch, Puducherry.
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The Rules for the Grant of Award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist for Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry-2014

1. Short title, extent and commencement –

- (a) The rules may be called as "**Scheme for the Grant of Award to the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist for Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry-2014**"
- (b) It shall extend to the whole of the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- (c) This shall be awarded every year on the occasion of celebration of the National Press Day;
- (d) It shall come into force on and from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Object. – The object of this scheme is to honour the Media Persons ('Reporters' and 'Photographers') in the Union Territory of Puducherry and to recognize the special nature of services rendered by them to the society in creating a sense of socio-political awareness among the people, by way of presenting a Cash Award of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) and Memento to each on the occasion of celebration of the National Press Day every year.

3. Definitions. – In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires;

(a)	"Directorate" means the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.
(b)	"Government" means the Administrator of the Union Territory of Puducherry appointed by the President of India under Article 239 of the Constitution.
(c)	"Newspapers/Periodicals" means a newspaper / periodical registered with the Registrar of News papers of India, Government of India, New Delhi.
(d)	"Electronic Media" means Audio & Visual media units engaged in broadcasting/telecasting of news and registered with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, New Delhi.
(e)	"News Agency" means an agency, which is engaged in the business of collecting news and selling them to the Media Organisations.
(f)	"Form" means any of the forms appended to this scheme.
(g)	"Media Person" means a Media person who has got 'Accreditation Card' under Pondicherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rule, 1984 or 'Press Identification Card' under Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 from the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.
(h)	"Journalist" means a media person who is rendering his services as Journalist within the Union Territory of Puducherry on Full time basis in the "Print Media" or "Electronic Media" or "News Agency" .
(i)	"Photo Journalist" means a media person who is rendering his services as Photo Journalists within the Union Territory of Puducherry on Full time basis in the "Print Media" or "Electronic Media" or "News Agency" .

4. Eligibility Conditions - Any '**Journalist**' or '**Photo Journalist**' fulfilling the conditions as stipulated below, shall be eligible for the grant of Cash Prize in the Union Territory of Puducherry:-

(a)	The media person shall be a Citizen of India and a resident of the Union Territory of Puducherry by birth or by having continuous residence for a period of not less than 5 years immediately preceding the date of his application for the grant of cash prize under this scheme. A Nativity / Residence Certificate obtained from the competent revenue authority should be produced;
(b)	The ' Journalist ' or ' Photo Journalist ' should have at least three years of service as Media Person in the Print/Electronic Media/News Agency in the Union Territory of Puducherry;
(c)	The ' Journalist ' or ' Photo Journalist ' should be working in any Print / Electronic Media / News Agency in the Union Territory of Puducherry at the time of submitting his/her application for the grant of cash prize
(d)	The beneficiary must possess Press Identification Card issued under Pondicherry Press Representatives Accreditation Rule, 1984 or Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card Rules, 2013 by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry.

5. Making of application –

Application for grant of cash prize under this scheme shall be submitted to the Director of Information & Publicity, Puducherry in **Form-I** accompanied by the following namely:-

- Nationality/Nativity/Residence certificate obtained from an Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar in **Form II**;
- Service Certificate showing the designation, period of service and the place of work from the employer in **Form-III**;
- Copy of the 'Accreditation Card' or 'Press Identity Card' issued by the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Puducherry;
- Two passport size photograph.

6. Selection of Beneficiary: -

- Eligible '**Journalist**' or '**Photo Journalist**' has to apply in the prescribed form to the department along with necessary certificates and two passport size photographs;

A Committee to select the Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist will be constituted as detailed below:

i). For selecting the Best Journalist, the Committee shall consist of the following:

1.	Director of Information and Publicity	Chairman
2.	An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter from a National English Daily Newspaper or National News Agency	Member
3.	An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter from a Tamil Daily Newspaper	Member
4.	An Accredited Correspondent or Reporter from Satellite Television	Member

ii). For selecting the Best Photo Journalist, the Committee shall consist of the following:

1.	Director of Information and Publicity	Chairman
2.	An Accredited Photographer from a National English Daily Newspaper	Member
3.	An Accredited Photographer from a National Tamil Daily Newspaper	Member
4.	An Accredited Cameraman or Videographer from Satellite Television	Member

2. The Committee after satisfying itself of the genuineness of the application may approve the grant of Cash Award, after which the Director of Information and Publicity shall arrange issue a sanction order in **Form-IV** appended to this Scheme;
3. The Committee may reject any application for reasons to be recorded in writing.

7. Mode of Presentation of the Award: -

The Selected Media Persons shall be awarded the 'Cash Award' on the occasion of celebration of 'National Press Day' and a Receipt in **Form -V** may be obtained from the beneficiary;

8. Powers of the Director of Information & Publicity. - The Director of Information and Publicity, Puducherry shall be in charge of implementing the scheme.

9. Budget Provision. - The expenditure towards the implementation of this scheme shall be debitable to the budget of the Information & Publicity Department Head of Account "2220 – Information and Publicity – 60/800 – Other expenditure - 60 /800 (02) Welfare Programme for Media Persons - 60/800 (02) (01) Pondicherry region - (50) - Other Charges (PLAN)".

10. Interpretation and clarification. - If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Government thereon shall be binding and final.



(K.T. ALAGIRI)

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVT. (INFO & PUB)

FORM-I
(See Clause 5)

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF AWARD TO HONOUR THE "BEST JOURNALIST"
AND "BEST PHOTO JOURNALIST" FOR MEDIA PERIONS IN THE
UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Designation :
3. Name of the Media, if print media,
mention the periodicity :
4. Date of Joining in the Media :
5. Whether the Service Certificate is enclosed :
6. Length of Service in the field (Certificate
Issue by the Newspaper/Periodicals /Electronic
Media/News Agency to be attached in original)
With mention of whether he/she is/was full-time
Employee in Form-III :
7. Whether the applicant possess Press Accreditation
Identification Card issued under Pondicherry
Press Representatives Accreditation Rule, 1984
or Puducherry Media Representatives Identity Card
Rules, 2013 by the Directorate of Information and
Publicity, Puducherry :
8. Whether the applicant is a Native of U.T. of
Puducherry either by virtue of birth or by
continuous Residence (Nativity / Residence
Certificate to be attached) :
9. Present Address :
10. Premenent Address :
11. Phone Number : (O)
(R)
Cell No.

Photo attested by a Gazetted Officer
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D E C L A R A T I O N

I, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true and I have not suppressed any material fact that will disentitle me for the grant of award under the Scheme for the Grant of Award to the **Best Journalist and the Best Photo Journalist** to the Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Signature of the Applicant

Place :

Date :

FORM-II
[See Clause 5 (a)]

CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND NATIVITY

This is to certify that Thiru.....
is citizen of India.

2. He is native of Puducherry by virtue of birth/continuous residence for not less than 10
years and he is residing at present continuously from..... to
..... at

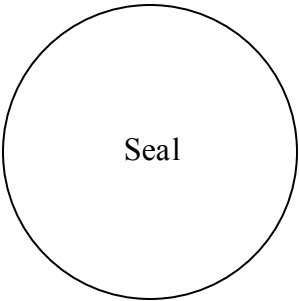
Signature :

Name in Block Letter :

Designation :

Place :

Date :



FORM-III
[See Clause 5(b)]

SERVICE CERTIFICATE

(To be issued by the Employer)

Certified that Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.....
S/o., W/o., D/o.....is
working continuously for the period ofyears from
to as full time Journalist/Photo JournalistCameraman of the
Print/Electronic Media/News Agency viz.....
registered with the Registrar of Newspaper for India, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
Government of India, New Delhi vide No.....

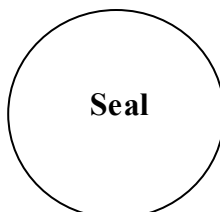
Signature :

Name :

Designation :

Place :

Date :



FORM-IV
[See Clause 6(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY
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No. /DIP/AD/20 - 20 ,

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Sub: DIP - Grant of Cash Award to honour the "Best Journalist" and "Best Photo Journalist" every to the Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry
- Sanction conveyed - Reg.

Ref: Your application No.....dated.....
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In pursuance of clause 6 (2) of the Rules for the Grant of Cash Award to honour the "Best Journalist" and the "Best Photo Journalist" every year to the Media Persons in the Union Territory of Puducherry, sanction of the Selection Committee is hereby conveyed for grant of cash award to the Best Journalist / Best Photo Journalist for the year providing Thiru/Tmt./Selvi..... working as
(Designation) in..... (Name of the Media).

DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

To
Thiru/Tmt/Selvi.....
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FORM-V

[See bye-law 7]

RECEIPT

Puducherry, Dated

Received with thanks a sum of Rs.....
Rupees.....
.....) on
.....(Date) in the form of Cash/Cheque
No/D.D.No..... dated from the Directorate of
Information and Publicity, Puducherry in order to honour of Best Journalist / Best Photo
Journalist of the year.....

Signature :

Name :

Designation :

Name of the Media :

Place :

Date :