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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRINTING
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NOTIFICATION

The 8th March, 1989

No. IPR- 47/88- The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Rules in Suspension of earlier Rules. Viz, the Arunachal Pradesh Accreditation of Journalists Rules, 1978, to provide for accreditation of correspondence and representatives of News Papers, News Agencies and other Media, namely:-

THE ARUNACHAL PRADESH PRESS ACCREDITATION RULES, 1988

1. (1) These Rules may be called the Arunachal Pradesh Press Accreditation Rules, 1988. **Short title and commencement.**
 - (2) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the official gazette.
 - (3) They shall apply to the grant of accreditation to representative of News media organizations:
Provided that news media representatives already accredited before the commencement of these Rules shall continue to remain so until otherwise reviewed/revised by the Accreditation Committee constituted for Arunachal Pradesh.
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires: **Definitions**
 - (a) "Accreditation" means recognition of news media representatives by the government of Arunachal Pradesh for purposes of access to sources of information in the government and also to news materials, written or pictorial released by the office of Director or any other agencies of the Government ;
 - (b) "Committee" means the Arunachal Pradesh Press Accreditation Committee constituted under Rule 3;
 - (c) "Director" means the Director of information and Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - (d) "Government" means the Government of Arunachal Pradesh;
 - (e) "Media" means news papers, news agencies, All India Radio, Doordarshan and audiovisual networks dealing with news of public interest or comments on news of Public interest;
 - (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Information and Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. (1) The government shall constitute a committee called the Arunachal Pradesh Press Accreditation Committee, for carrying out the purposes of these Rules. **Constitution of accreditation Committee**
 - (2) The Committee so constituted shall function for a period of 2 years from the date of its first meeting.
 - (3) The Committee shall consist of the following numbers:
 - (a) The Secretary - Chairman.
 - (b) Representatives of recognized News Agencies, News Paper -Member.
 - (c) The Director -Member Secretary.
 - (4) The Committee shall meet from time to time as and when considered necessary but it shall meet at least once in every four months. **Accreditation**
4. (1) An accreditation shall be given under these Rules to representatives of News Agencies, news papers, correspondents of All India Radio and Doordarshan and Cameraman/ Photographer of Newspapers as may be recommended from time to time by the committee.

- (2) Such accreditation shall not confer with any official or special status of media representatives, but shall recognize and identify him/her as a professional journalists dealing with news of public interest.
- (3) Such accreditation shall be used for journalistic purposes only and not for any other purposes.
- (4) An accredited representative shall not use the words “Accredited to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh” on visiting cards, letter heads or on any other form of personal stationery or any other literature.
5. An accredited representative of the head/in-charge of the media or organization of news papers, shall furnish information forthwith to the Director if,
- a. Such representatives ceases to publish news or ceases to represent the media or organization or news paper,
- b. Such media or organization or newspaper ceases to function, and there upon the accreditation card shall be returned to the Director immediately,
6. An accreditation card granted under these Rules shall be withdrawn forthwith if:-
- (i) The representatives cease to represent the media or organization or news papers: or
- (ii) Such media or organization or news papers cease to function:
- Provided that is shall not apply in case of such ceasing is only for a short period due to unforeseen happening beyond his control and if the publication of news or function of the media or organization is likely to continue in future
7. An accreditation granted under these Rules shall be suspended if the representative engages in non-journal istle activities or conduct himself in an unprofessional or undignified manner:
- Provided that such suspension shall not be made unless prior consultation with at least two members of the committee.
8. The contents of the items of the news papers or news organization shall include news and information’s emanating from Arunachal Pradesh and they shall mainly contain formation, comments, features, illustration or current social, political, economical, cultural and other matters of public interest
9. For granting an accreditation under these Rules, the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
- (i) The representative of the news papers or news organization or media shall reside within Arunachal Pradesh;
- (ii) The headquarter of the representative of news papers or news organizations or media shall be within Arunachal Pradesh; and
- (iii) The representative shall possess a recognized qualification of journalism having at least this year experience in the profession,
10. Any representative of news peppers or news agency or organization or media, may apply to the Director for the grant of accreditation under these Rules and such application shall contain the following information, namely:
- (i) nature and type of agency;
- (ii) name of the news paper or news organization or media;
- (iii) name of the head office and branches including its headquarter;
- (iv) method of distribution of its services;
- (v) periodical publication; and
- (vi) circulation of news papers.

Furnishing of information on ceasing to publish or function of media or newspaper, etc

Withdrawal of accreditation card

Suspension

Eligibility criteria for news papers or news organisation

Eligible for granting accreditation

Application for grant of accreditation

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| 11. | <p>(i) On receipt of application under Rule 10, the Director shall submit the application to the committee for granting accreditation to the applicant.</p> <p>(ii) The Committee shall examine the applications received under sub-rule (I) and if the applicant furnishes/fulfills all terms and conditions provided under these Rules, an accreditation shall be granted to the applicant. Provided that if the applicant does not furnish any of the terms and conditions provided under this Rules, the committee may reject the application, but the applicant shall be given opportunity of being heard before rejecting the application:
Provided further that the committee may reject any application for any other reasons on public interest after giving an opportunity of being heard to the applicant.</p> | Procedure for granting of accreditation |
| 12. | <p>(1) Not more than one accreditation shall be granted to the representatives of news papers published out side Arunachal Pradesh:
Provided that such accreditation may be granted to more than one representatives of news papers published within Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>(2) The number of accredited representatives for news papers or news organization or media shall be determined by its requirements and facilities available with the Government or its agencies.</p> | Number of accreditation |
| 13. | <p>(i) An accreditation granted under these Rules shall be suspended/ withdrawn if the representatives of the head or in-charge of newspaper or news organizations or the media furnishes false information:
provided that such suspension or withdrawn shall not be made for a period exceeding one year and without giving any opportunity of being heard to the representatives or the head/ in-charge of newspaper or news organization or the media and no accreditation shall be granted during the period of suspension or withdrawal.</p> <p>(ii) No such suspension or withdrawal shall be except in a meeting attended by at least two thirds of the members of the committee convened for the purposes.</p> | Suspension and withdrawal for false information |
| 14. | A press card shall be issued to a correspondent/ representatives when he/she is accredited. Bur admission to a special function including press conference shall be governed by special invitation. | Issue of press card |
| 15. | No accreditation shall be necessary in respect of the officials/ representatives of the Department of Information, Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in giving information or news materials or pictorial to any genuine news paper/ correspondents/ news media established/ published in Arunachal Pradesh in public interest. | Exemption |

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