

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

**PRESS – WORKING JOURNALISTS – WELFARE OF – WELFARE FUND FOR  
Working Journalists – Constituted – Rules governing Fund – Issued.**

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.1,**

**Dated: 01-01-1986.**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.116, G.A. (I&PR) Dept., Dated: 20-3-1985.
2. G.O.Rt.No.4386, G.A. (I&PR) Dept., Dated: 31-10-1985.

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O. first read above, as amended in the G.O. second read above, Government have constituted a Welfare Fund with a view to extending relief to the Working Journalists in need / distress. It has been indicated in the G.O. first read above, that, orders will issue separately regarding the constitution of a Committee to administer the Fund and the Rules governing the Fund.

2. Government have carefully considered the Draft Rules submitted by the Director, Information and Public Relations Department in terms of para 4 of the G.O. 1<sup>ST</sup> read above, in consultation with the representatives of working Journalists / Newspaper managements etc., and hereby issue “THE ANDHRA PRADESH WORKING JOURNALISTS’ WELFARE FUND RULES, 1986” as appended to this order. These Rules shall come into force from 1-1-1986.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHRAVAN KUMAR,  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director, Information and Public Relations Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

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The President, A.P. Union of Working Journalists,

Desoddharaka Bhavan, Fateh Maidan, Hyderabad.

The Editors / Managements of all newspapers in the State.

The Press Reporters Guild, Hyderabad.

The President, Hyderabad Union of Journalists

The Date News Features, Hyderabad.

The Bharat News Service, Hyderabad.

Through:  
Director,  
I&PR Dept.,  
Hyderabad.

The News Trust of India. / The Editors' Guild, Hyderabad.  
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## APPENDIX

(TO THE G.O.MS.No.1, G.A. (I&PR) DEPT. DATED 1-1-1986)

### **RULES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE WELFARE FUND FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS, ANDHRA PRADESH:**

1. Short Title: These Rules will be called the “ANDHRA PRADESH WORKING JOURNALISTS’ WELFARE FUND RULES, 1986”.
2. Definition : a) For the purpose of these rules, the term working journalists’ means a person whose principal avocation is journalism and who is employed as such for full time or part time or in relaxation to any newspaper establishment and includes an editor, a leader writer, news editor, sub-editor, feature writer, copy tester, reporter, correspondent, cartoonist, news photographer and proof reader.  
  
b) Over-age: Above 58 years.  
  
c) Wage: Includes pay, D.A., etc., but excludes travel expenses, etc.
3. Applicability: These rules will be applicable to the working Journalists and their dependants in distress.
4. These Rules will come into force with effect from 1-1-1986.
5. (1) Financial Assistance to the dependants of deceased Journalists will be in the following order of priority:
  - a) Widow of Widower.
  - b) Father
  - c) Mother
  - d) Un-employed son, below the age of 28 years
  - e) Un-married and un employed daughter below the age of 28 years,  
Assistance will be given to only one person in a family. The financial assistance will be given to un-employed son till he is employed or till he reaches 28 years of age, whichever is earlier. Similarly for un-married/and un-employed daughter, the assistance will be given till she reaches the age of 28 years or till she is married/employed, whichever is earlier.  
  - 2) Financial assistance to living journalists in distress will be given in the following order of priority:-
    - a) Working Journalists who are incapacitated to pursue their vocation due to ill health/ involvement in major accident;
    - b) Working Journalists who are un-employed due to over age.
6. The Working Journalists should have been in the profession of Journalism for atleast three years, immediately proceeding the date on which the case becomes ripe for consideration under these rules.

7. The monthly assistance will be given to the working Journalists who have been contributing to the Fund atleast for one year.
8. Financial assistance under these Rules shall range from Rs.200/- to Rs.400/- per month.
9. A person whose income exceeds Rs. 6,000/- per annum will not be eligible for financial assistance under these Rules. However, the total income of the family will be kept in view while deciding the priority for sanctioning of relief.
10. Financial assistance sanctioned is liable to be cancelled, if it is found at any time, that the sanction was given on mistaken grounds or that the financial condition of the beneficiary has improved or the financial assistance was obtained by fraud.
11. Financial assistance under this scheme will be paid out of the interest accrued on the ANDHRA PRADESH STATE WELFARE FUND FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS.
12. The Welfare Found for Working Journalists will consist of initial contributions by the Government, contributions received from the managements of news papers, and from the working journalists and other donations and also matching grant received from the Government. The Working Journalists will make an annual contribution of not less than one day's wage as long as they are in service. Stamped receipts will have to be issued by the Director, Information and Public Relations for the contributions received in this regard.
13. The contributions once paid will not be refunded.
14. The annual contributions from the management of news papers and periodicals will be as follows:-
 

a) Paper & periodicals having a certified circulation of 1 lakh and above	Rs. 15,000
b) Paper & periodicals having a certified circulation between 50,000 and 1 lakh.	Rs. 7,500
c) Paper & periodicals having a certified Circulation between 25,000 & 50,000.	Rs. 3,500
d) Paper & periodicals having a certified circulation between 10,000 & 25,000	Rs. 1,500
e) Paper & periodicals having a certified circulation between 5,000 and 10, 000.	Rs. 800
f) All other news papers & periodicals including those having circulation of less than 5,000.	Rs. 300
15. Administration of the fund: The Fund will be administered the State Committee. The State Committee shall consist of following members viz...,
 

a) The Minister-in-Charge of Information and Public Relations or his nominee.	Chairman
b) The Secretary to Govt., G.A. (I&PR) Dept.	Vice-Chairman
c) One Representative of the Home Dept., of the rank of Deputy Secy./Jt. Secy. To Govt.	Member

d) Two Representative of the A.P. Union of Working Journalists.	Member
e) One Working Journalist other than from the Union of Working Journalists, as nominated by Government.	Member
f) One Representative of the management of big/medium newspapers/periodicals as nominated by L.E.N.S.	Member
g) One Representative of the management of small newspapers as nominated by Government.	Member
h) The Joint Secy. To Govt. Finance Dept,	Member
i) The Commissioner of Labour, Govt. of A.P.	Member
j) The Director, Information & Public Relations Department, Hyderabad.	Member
k) Accounts Officer of the Office of the Director Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad.	Treasurer (Non-voting)

No. T.A. and D.A. will be allowed to the Members, The Committee shall meet as and when necessary, atleast once in a quarter.

16. Application for the grant of financial assistance under these Rules shall be submitted to the Director, Information & Public Relations, in the form in Annexure (i) and it shall be accompanied by a report in the form Annexure (ii) from:

- a) A Revenue Officer not below the rank of a Mandal Revenue Officer of the place of residence of the applicant or
- b) The President of Working Journalists
- OR
- c) The District Public Relations Officer concerned.

17. All the applications will be scrutinized by the State Committee for the Welfare Fund. The Committee, after satisfying itself of the eligibility or otherwise of the application, may make specific recommendation to the Director, Information and Public Relations, who shall make an order on each application either sanctioning or rejecting the request for financial assistance on the basis of the Committee's recommendation.

18. Financial assistance will be payable from the date of issue of the order sanctioning the assistance, unless otherwise specified.

19. The beneficiary shall intimate the change of his/ her residential address to the Director, Information and Public Relations, if the period exceeds three months.

20. These matters which are not specifically mentioned in these rules, shall be left to the discretion of State Committee.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Information and Public Relations - Working Journalists Welfare Fund – Raising of annual income ceiling limit and annual contribution – Amendment – Orders Issued.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No. 488**

**Dated: 2-12-2002**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.1, G.A (I&PR) Department, dated 01-01-1986.
2. G.O.Ms.No.130 G.A (I&PR) Department, dated: 16-03-2001.
3. From the Director, Information and Public Relations, Hyderabad, Lr.No.2463/PRESS/cl / 2001-2, dated: 02-07-2002.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference third read above, the Director, Information and Public Relations, has stated that the Committee for Working Journalists Welfare Fund in its meeting held on 26.06.2002 has resolved to enhance the income ceiling limit of Rs.11,000/- per annum as eligibility criteria for financial assistance to the working journalists to Rs.36,000/- for rural journalists, Rs.50,000/- for Journalists working in Urban areas other than Municipal Corporations and Rs.80,000/- to Journalists working in Municipal Corporation areas and also to collect Rs.15/- for rural journalists and Rs.60/- for journalists working in Urban areas per annum instead of one day wage contribution at the present, to the Journalists Welfare Fund.

2. The Director, Information and Public Relations, has accordingly submitted proposals for considering amendments to the orders issued to G.O., first read above.

3. Government, after careful consideration hereby issuing the following amendments to G.O.Ms.No.1 General Administration (I&PR) Department, dated; 01-01-1986:-

**AMENDMENT**

In Rule 9 of the Appendix to G.O.Ms.No.1 General Administration (I&PR) Department, dated 1-1-1986, for the words and figures “Rs.11,000/- per annum” the following shall be substituted:-

“Rs.36,000/- per annum for working in Rural Areas, Rs.50,000/- per annum for Journalists working in Urban Areas (other than Municipal Corporation) and Rs.80,000/- per annum for Journalists working in Municipal Corporation Areas”.

In Rule 12 of the Appendix to the above G.O., for the words “not less than one day’s wage” the following shall be substituted:

“Rs.15/- per annum for Journalists working in Rural Areas and Rs.60/- per annum for journalists working in the Urban Areas”.

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4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.32948.281 Expr.EB.S.I/2002 Dated: 21-11-2002.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BINOY KUMAR,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (POLL)

TO

The Director, Information and Public Relations, Hyderabad.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Finance (EBS.I) Department,

The Home Department

The LE&TE Department.

The President, A.P. Union of Working Journalists, through the Director, I&PR, Hyderabad.

The Press Reporters Guild, Hyderabad.

The President, Hyderabad Union of Journalists, through the Director, I&PR, Hyderabad.

The Press Council of India, New Delhi.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

INFORMATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS – Welfare of Working Journalists – The Andhra Pradesh working Journalist’s Welfare Fund Rules 1986 – Amendment – ISSUED.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.179**

**Dated: 10-04-2006.**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.1 GA (I&PR) Department, dated: 01-01-1986.
2. G.O.Ms.No.130 G.A (I&PR) Department, dated: 16-03-2001.
3. G.O.Ms.No.488 G.A (I&PR) Department, dated: 02-12-2002.
4. G.O.Ms.No.205 G.A (I&PR) Department, dated: 30-07-2004.
5. From the Commissioner, I&PR., A.P. Hyd. Lr.No.10550/MR/C1/04, dated: 21-04-2005.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, “The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalist’s Welfare Fund Rules, 1986 were issued.

2. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations has stated that the State Level Committee for administration of Welfare Fund for Working Journalists held in the Chambers of Minister (I&PR) on 21-12-2004 has made certain recommendations to amend the existing provision governing the Welfare Fund.

3. The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations has therefore submitted proposal to substitute Rule 8 of G.O.Ms.No.1, G.A.(I&PR) Dept., dated 01-01-1986 with the following.

- I. “Financial Assistance under these Rules shall not exceed Rs.25,000/- and the pension to the legal heirs shall be Rs.1,000/- per month for a period of three years”, and;
- II. To approve the modifications to incorporate in the prescribed application form seeking Financial Assistance in Annexure -I as suggested.

4. Govt. after careful examination have agreed to the above proposal and issue the following amendments to G.O.Ms.No.1 G.A. (I&PR) Department dated: 01-01-1986.

**Amendments**

I For Rule 8, the following shall be substituted:

Financial Assistance under these Rules shall be upto Rs.25,000/-  
depending upon the merits of the case.

II After Rule 11, the following shall be added:



11 (A) The pension to the legal heirs shall be Rs.1000/- P.M for a period of  
(3) three years in deserving cases.

III The existing Annexure-1 to the G.O. first read above shall be substituted  
with the Annexure-1 annexed to this order.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their  
U.O.No.2640/144/A2/Expr. GAD. 1/2006, dated: 31-03-2006.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.V. RAMANACHARY,  
EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVT. (I&PR)

TO

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The Members of the Reconstituted,

State Level Committee for Administration,

Of Welfare Fund for Journalists through CIPR A.P. Hyderabad.

The P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Chief Minister.

The P.S. to Minister (I&PR).

The P.S. to Minister (Finance).

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Information & Public Relations – Welfare of Working Journalists – The Andhra Pradesh Working Journalist's Welfare Fund Rules, 1986 – Amendment – Issued.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.285**

**Dated: 16-05-2008**

**Read the following:-**

1. G.O.Ms.No.1 G.A. (I&PR) Dept., dated: 01-01-1986.
2. G.O.Ms.No.130 G.A. (I&PR) Dept., dated: 16-03-2001.
3. G.O.Ms.No.488 G.A. (I&PR) Dept., dated: 02-12-2002.
4. G.O.Ms.No.205 G.A. (I&PR-II) Dept., dated: 30-07-2004.
5. G.O.Ms.No.179 G.A. (I&PR-II) Dept., dated: 10-04-2006.
6. From the Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad, Lr.No.018014/MR/C1/07, dated: 08-01-2008.

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference sixth read above, the Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad has reported that in the meeting of the State Level Committee for Administration of Welfare Fund to Journalists held on 16.11.2007 among others it has been decided that medical bills (Original) submitted by the journalists are to be certified by the Civil Surgeon/ D.M.H.O. in the case of Districts and Superintendents of Osmania/ Gandhi Hospital in respect of Hyderabad.

2. The Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad has therefore requested for giving necessary amendments to the A.P. Working Journalists Welfare Fund Rules, 1986.

3. In the above circumstances, the following amendment is issued to the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalist's welfare Fund Rules, 1986 issued with the reference first read above:-

**AMENDMENT**

After Rule 16(c) the following shall be added:-

“Application for Financial assistance to meet the medical expenses should accompany medical bills duly certified by Civil Surgeon/ D.M.H.O. in the case of journalists working in the Districts and Superintendents of Osmania / Gandhi Hospital in the case of journalists working at Hyderabad”.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.M. GONELA,  
PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVT. (I&PR)(FAC)

**To**

The Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.

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of Welfare Fund for Journalists through.

Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, A.P. Hyderabad.

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The P.S. to Minister (I&PR).

The P.S. to Minister (Finance).

The Law Department.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Information and Public Relations Department – Reconstitution of the State Level Committee for administration of the State Welfare Fund to Journalists – Orders – Issued.

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**GENERA ADMINISTRATION (I&PR-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.722**

**Dated: 24.09.2007.**

**Read the following:-**

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.1511, G.A. (I&PR-II) Dept., dated: 17.03.2006.
- 2) From the Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, Hyderabad, Letter No. 288/MR/C1/2007, dated: 09.07.2007.

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference first read above, Government have reconstituted the State Level Committee for administration of Welfare Fund of Journalists, and the term of the said Committee has expired on 16.03.2007.

2. In the reference second read above, the Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations has requested the Government to reconstitute the Committee for a period of one year from the date of issue of orders.

3. Government after careful consideration hereby reconstitute the State Level Committee of A.P. Working Journalists Welfare Fund with the following members for a period of two years from the date of issue of this order:-

1. The Minister-in-charge of Information and Public Relations or his nominee. - Chairman
2. The Secretary / Prl. Secy. to Government G.A (I&PR) Department. - Vice-Chairman
3. One representative of the Home Department of the rank of Deputy Secretary/ Joint Secretary to Government. - Member
4. Two representatives of A.P. Union Working Journalists:
  1. Sri Y. Narender Reddy, Secretary (Hqrs) A.P. Union of Working Journalists - Member
  2. Sri D. Atchuta Rao, Reporter, Leader, Vizainagaram, - Member
5. Two Working Journalists other than from the Union of Working Journalists (as nominated by the Government)
  1. K. Rangaiah, Spl. Correspondent, Vaartha - Member

2. M. Sudhakar,  
Senior Reporter, Andhra Jyothi - Member
6. B. Devadasu, Editor, Today Freedom,  
Hyderabad, Representative from the  
Managements of Small & Medium Newspapers. - Member
7. The Joint Secretary to Government,  
Finance Department. - Member
8. The Commissioner of Labour, Government of  
A.P. Hyderabad. - Member
9. The Spl. Commissioner, Information and  
Public Relations, A.P. Hyderabad. - Member/ Convener
10. The Accounts Officer, Information and  
Public Relations Department, Hyderabad. - Treasurer
5. No T.A. and D.A. shall be allowed to the Members. The Committee shall meet as and when necessary atleast once in a quarter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R. BISWAL,  
PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVT. (I&PR)(FAC)

To  
The Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, A.P. Hyderabad.  
The Members, through Spl. Commissioner,  
Information and Public Relations, Hyderabad.  
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P. Hyderabad.  
The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.  
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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**ABSTRACT**

Information and Public Relations – Reconstitution of the State Level Committee for administration of the State Welfare Fund to Journalists – Orders – Issued - Amended.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (I&PR-II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.762**

**Dated: 06.10.2007.**

**Read the following:**

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.1, G.A. (I&PR) Dept., dated: 01.01.1986.
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.722, G.A. (I&PR-II) Dept., dated: 24.09.2007.

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**ORDER:**

The following amendment is issued to the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

**AMENDMENT**

The following names are substituted for the nominations made at SL.No.5 of the para 3 of the G.O.

1. R. Shailesh Reddy,  
Zee T.V. Bureau Chief.
2. Theodar Stanley,  
Spl. Correspondent,  
The Statesman.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.R. BISWAL,  
PRL. SECRETARY TO GOVT. (I&PR) (FAC)

To

The Spl. Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, A.P. Hyderabad.

The Members, through Spl. Commissioner,

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