### Department of Official Language & Public Grievances

**Directorate of Official Language**

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**Notification**

12/22/2013/DOL/Periodical-Scheme/611

Directorate of Official Language, Government of Goa is pleased to declare the following scheme “Akshar Mitra Yojana” for releasing financial assistance to periodicals/magazines dedicated for local languages (Konkani & Marathi) in the State of Goa.

**SCHEME TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO GOAN PUBLISHERS FOR PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES ETC. DEDICATED FOR DISSEMINATION OF LOCAL LANGUAGES (KONKANI–MARATHI)**

**Background:**—

The Official Language Advisory Board in its meeting, held on 23-03-2013 under the chair of Hon’ble Chief Minister, decided that Directorate of Official Language should make provision under a special scheme to provide financial assistance to magazines/periodicals, which are running for promotion of local languages through their continuous and qualitative contribution in the field. In response, Directorate of Official Language, Government of Goa is pleased to design the scheme to provide financial assistance to the Goan publishers for publication of periodicals/magazines dedicated to local languages Konkani - Marathi in the State of Goa namely “राजभाषा अक्षर मित्र योजना”.

I. **Short Title.**— The scheme shall be called as scheme for providing “Financial assistance to the Goan publishers for publication of periodicals/magazines dedicated to local languages in the State of Goa”, राजभाषा अक्षर मित्र योजना.

II. **Commencement.**— It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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**TOTAL** | 50407,16,05,000 | 51,03,63,000 | 50458,19,68,000
III. Extent.— It shall be applicable to the State of Goa.

IV. Introduction.— The scheme has been formulated to provide financial assistance to the magazines/periodicals dedicated for dissemination and promotion of local languages through their periodical issues. Many periodicals/magazines in Konkani, Marathi languages are being published in Goa regularly, thereby promoting these local languages. The publishers of such periodicals/magazines have to face financial hardships, despite of which, their publications are continued as social obligation.

V. Objectives of the Scheme.— Objectives shall be as follows:—

(i) To provide financial assistance to the publishers of periodicals/magazines in local languages (Konkani or Marathi) published in Goa regularly.

(ii) To encourage such publishers for their continuous and qualitative contribution towards dissemination of local languages.

(iii) To extend financial assistance to those unregistered publishers who work for unity of society by way of such publication as an exceptional case. This exceptional case could be the issue on, (a) commemoration of the event of national importance (b) personality, immensely contributed to the nation/State or (c) a magazine/periodical having very high standard of an exceptional quality in terms of its contents.

VI. Eligibility.—

(i) Financial assistance shall be provided to the Goan publishers of periodicals/magazines dedicated to Konkani (devnagri script) and Marathi language and published in Goa.

(ii) The publication shall be functioning and registered under the provisions of relevant state or central Act, for at least two years. (This sub-clause shall be relaxed in case of publication mentioned at clause V(iii) above).

(iii) It must have professional experience and expertise in the relevant fields having considerable literary merit.

(iv) The publication should not be primarily motivated for commercial profit, political, religious or for sectarian or emotive issues.

(v) It should focus on the development of languages, all forms of literature, art, culture, education, environment, natural heritage and contemporary socio-economic issues to strengthen the communal harmony, children literature, social awareness, science, counselling issues.

(vi) The publication should have at least 500 prints per issue. It is desirable that the contents of the publication should be original.

(vii) The magazines/periodicals shall consist of at least 30-50 pages for monthly issue, 50-70 pages for quarterly issue and upto 80 pages for yearly issue or special issue etc. The size of the issue may defer but shall be 21 x 28 cms., 19 x 26 cms or 13 x 20 cms. having A4 print area. The circulation shall be minimum 500 prints.

VII. Nature and Quantum of Financial Assistance.—

(i) The magazines/periodicals approved for grant of financial assistance will be supported with maximum upto Rs. 3.00 lakhs annually for a period of two consecutive years to cover the production cost in connection with the publication for one year, subject to the recommendation of Expert Appraisal Committee.

(ii) Grantee shall submit the fresh application every year.
(iii) The financial assistance shall be disbursed in two equal installments every year. A copy of latest issue shall be enclosed with application request for 2nd installment.

VIII. How to apply.—

(i) The Directorate of Official Language shall release the advertisement every year inviting proposal from the interested publications.

(ii) Selected magazine/periodical, shall not be eligible for financial assistance upto the period of next five years.

(iii) The prescribed application form shall be made available by the department, which is available in the Directorate of Official Language (enclosed as Annexure “I”).

(iv) Duly filled-up application form alongwith documents such as (i) Organization profile i.e. name, address, details of functionaries etc. (ii) Registration details (iii) Copy of latest issue (iv) Source of fund (v) Account statement of last one year shall be submitted within the stipulated period mentioned in the advertisement.

IX. Selection Process.—

(i) The Directorate of Official Language shall constitute Expert Appraisal Committee, consisting of the eminent personalities in the field for purpose of selection as below:—

1. Director of Official Language - Chairman
2. Two eminent personalities to be nominated by the Government
3. Asstt. Director (Marathi) - Member Secretary.

This committee shall meet as and when required to examine the proposals and recommend the same on case to case basis for further process.

In exceptional cases, the committee is authorized to relax the eligibility conditions mentioned at clause VI above, indicating the reasons thereof in writing.

The tenure of the committee shall be for the period of three years.

The non-official members of the committee are entitled for seating honorarium as per the rates made applicable by Government from time to time.

(ii) The proposals alongwith recommendations of Expert Appraisal Committee and draft Pattern of Assistance for release of financial assistance shall be submitted to the Government for approval.

X. Release of Financial Assistance.— On receipt of Government approval, the Directorate shall release financial assistance to the selected bodies in two equal installments. First installment shall be released within the period of two months from the date of Government approval and 2nd installment shall be released after submission of Utilization Certificate of 1st installment.

XI. The Government may frame more guidelines/amend Pattern of Assistance for better functioning of the scheme, subsequent to the response to its present form.

XI. The Government has reserved the right to relax, alter or amend all or any of the clauses provided in the scheme, as and when necessary.

XII. In case of interpretation regarding any of the clauses given above, the decision of the Government shall be final and binding on all concerned.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dr. Prakash Vazrikar, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Official Language).

Panaji, 26th May, 2014.
### ANNEXURE-I

#### Government of Goa

**DIRECTORATE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

**Rajbhasha Akshar Mitra Evzonn**

**APPLICATION FORM**

1. **उत्तराखंडी संस्था/प्रकाशक**
   
   Name of the publication/publisher .................................................................

2. **नेपाली नाम**
   
   Name of periodical/magazine/Issue .................................................................

3. **भाषा**
   
   Language .................................................................................................

4. **वर्षांक/तिथि/प्रकाशकता/प्रकाशित/साल**
   
   Yearly/Quarterly/Monthly/Special/Other ..................................................

5. **संपादक/संपादन संस्थापक नाम**
   
   Name of the editor/editor Board .................................................................
   
   (i) पूरा नाम
   
   Full address .............................................................................................

   (ii) फोन/फॅक्स क्र.
   
   Telephone/Fax No. .................................................................................

   (iii) ई-मेल नाम
   
   E-mail address ........................................................................................

6. **मूल्य**
   
   Price of the issue ....................................................................................

7. **कर्णी**

   **Subscription:**
   
   (i) एक वर्षांकांत
   
   For One year ...........................................................................................

   (ii) दो वर्षांकांत
   
   For Two Years .........................................................................................

   (iii) चार वर्षांकांत
   
   For Five Years ........................................................................................

   (iv) जीवनीकाल समाप्त
   
   For Life time ...........................................................................................

8. **किस प्रकार सरकारी मंत्रीकृत उत्तराखंडी संस्था को अनुदान/अर्थव्यवस्था पालन में मदद की? हां/ना.**

   Has the publication received grant/financial assistance from any other body of the Government? Yes/No. If yes:

   (a) **संस्था का नाम**
   
   Name of such body .............................................................................

   (b) **मंदिरी लिख**
   
   Amount received .....................................................................................
9. Documents Attached:
(i) Copy of registration
(ii) Copy of Accounts statement of one year
(iii) Copy of latest issue

I/We promise to abide by the provisions of the scheme for providing financial assistance to periodicals/magazines etc.

Place: 
Date: 

Note: This form duly filled in along with attested copies of documents may be submitted to the Directorate of Official Language, 1st Lift, 5th Floor, Junta House, Panaji-Goa, 403 001.

Department of Personnel

Order

6/3/89-PER/3264

Sanction of the Government is hereby accorded for relaxation of the required qualifying service of ten months regular service in Group “A” post so as to make eligible Dr. (Mrs.) Shamila Monteiro for promotion to the post of Director of Fisheries, by invoking provisions of Rule 5 of Government of Goa, the Directorate of Fisheries, Group A, Gazetted post, Recruitment Rules, 2012, Notification No. 1/4/88-PER (Part-II) dated 8-11-2012, published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 32 dated 8-11-2012.

This issues with the concurrence of Goa Public Service Commission as conveyed vide its letter No. COM/II/11/20(1)/2014/2205 dated 17-02-2014.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

R. Aga, Under Secretary (Personnel-II).

Porvorim, 16th May, 2014.