



**KERALA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT  
CENTRE FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING**

**G. KARTHIKEYAN MEDIA AWARD SCHEME, 2015**

*(Approved by the Executive Committee of the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in its meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2015)*

**1. Introduction**

In a parliamentary democracy, Legislature and the Press have a common responsibility to work for the welfare of the people – Legislature by having informed debates on various important issues and the Press by appropriately keeping the people informed about the deliberations. Legislature is the forum where solutions are found for redressal of public grievances and decisions based on collective wisdom are taken. Having gained access to legislative proceedings, the media has assumed the role of being the principal communication link between the Legislature and the people. It conveys to the people what is happening in the Legislature and informs them about various policies, legislations and projects of the Government. It is through the media that the Legislature gathers information about the responses and reactions of the public, which helps it in keeping surveillance over the Government and ensuring the accountability of the Executive. Recognizing the importance of the Press in the parliamentary democracy, and for encouraging media persons for effective reporting on parliamentary matters, decision has been taken to institute two Media Awards in the name of G. Karthikeyan, who passed away on 7.3.2015 while holding the office of the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly, on the terms and conditions appearing hereinafter:

**2. Name and Commencement**

- (1) The Scheme may be called “G. Karthikeyan Media Award Scheme, 2015”.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.

**3. Objectives**

The objectives of the Scheme are-

- (1) to encourage effective reporting of the parliamentary proceedings;
- (2) to encourage media persons to go deeply into the subjects of the deliberations made in the Assembly;
- (3) to encourage media persons to spread over the public, especially the youth, the importance of democratic principles and values;
- (4) to encourage media persons to prepare articles, stories and short films nourishing parliamentary democracy.

#### **4. Nature and Eligibility of the Award**

Subject to the provisions of the Scheme, there shall be two separate awards, one to the print media and the other to the visual media.

1) The terms and conditions for the award to print media shall be the following, namely,

- i. The award consists of ₹ 50,000 (Rupees Fifty thousand only) in cash, memento and a citation.
- ii. The award is open to all journalists associated with Malayalam and English newspapers and periodicals published from Kerala.
- iii. The award shall be given to the best report/feature/article published in English/Malayalam on proceedings of Kerala Legislative Assembly or parliamentary affairs.
- iv. Report/feature/article published from 1<sup>st</sup> December each year to 30<sup>th</sup> November of the succeeding year shall be considered for the award.
- v. The entries (5 copies) shall be duly attested by the Chief Editor/Editor of the newspaper/periodical.
- vi. A reporter can submit a maximum of 3 entries for the award.

2) The terms and conditions for the award to visual media shall be the following, namely,

- i. The award consists of ₹ 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) in cash, a memento and a citation.
- ii. The award is open to all journalists associated with Malayalam and English TV channels.
- iii. The award shall be given to the best report/short film/programme telecast in English/Malayalam on proceedings of Kerala Legislative Assembly or parliamentary affairs.
- iv. Report/short film/programme telecast from 1<sup>st</sup> December each year to 30<sup>th</sup> November of the succeeding year shall be considered for the award.
- v. DVD (five copies) of report/short film/programme shall be submitted along with a certificate from the head of the respective TV channel mentioning the date and time of telecast of the programme.
- vi. The duration of the report/short film/programme shall not exceed 30 minutes .
- vii. A reporter can submit a maximum of 3 entries for the award.

#### **5. Constitution of the Jury**

There shall be a Jury for the selection of winners of the award. The Jury shall be nominated every year by the Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly or the person discharging the functions of the Speaker.

#### **6. Composition of the Jury**

The composition of the jury shall be as follows, namely,

- i. One former Judge of High Court : Chairman  
or District Court
- ii. Two senior media persons : Members  
(each from Print Media and Visual Media)

- iii. An eminent academician from the field of journalism : Member
- iv. Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly : Member Secretary.

## **7. Quorum and meeting of the Jury**

The Jury shall meet at the Legislature Complex on the date and time as may be suggested by the Chairman. The quorum to constitute a sitting of the Jury shall be three. In the absence of the Chairman, the members of the Jury may select any other member of the Jury to preside over the meeting.

## **8. Selection of Award Winners**

The winners of the awards shall be decided by a majority of the Jury present and voting. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman, shall have a second vote or a casting vote. The decision of the Jury shall be final in the case of selection of awards.

## **9. Declaration of the Award Winners**

The process of selection of winners of awards shall be completed before 20<sup>th</sup> January every year. Declaration of the award shall be made by the Speaker on 20<sup>th</sup> January every year which is the birth anniversary of G. Karthikeyan, former Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

## **10. Administrative and Financial matters**

- 1 All administrative matters regarding the award shall be dealt with by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training of the Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature.
- 2 All expenses in this regard shall be met from the budget provision under appropriate head of account of State Legislature earmarked from time to time.

## **11. Removal of doubts**

In case of any doubt in interpreting the provisions of this Scheme, the decision of the Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly or the person discharging the functions of the Speaker shall be final, except in the matter of selection of winners of awards.

P.D. Sarangadharan,  
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