

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Language, Art & Culture

No. LCD-E(3)-14/2019

Dated Shimla-171002, the

8th July, 2021

NOTIFICATION

In pursuant to the directions/orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh in CWP No. 1209/2018 and COPC No. 20/2019 in CWP No. 1209/2018- titled as Him Anchal Kalakar Sangathan V/s Ms. Purnima Chauhan, the Governor Himachal Pradesh is pleased to issue the broad guidelines for the participation of artists/performers in cultural activities organized during the celebration of various fairs, festivals and cultural events in Himachal Pradesh which are as under:-

1. One cultural night of the district & above level fairs/festivals/cultural events of the state must be exclusively reserved for Himachali artists/performers/ folk singers/musical groups etc. If the fair/festival/cultural event is being celebrated for a period of more than 4-days then, at least two cultural nights must be reserved for such Himachali artists/performers/musical groups etc. District and local level fairs/festivals organizing committees may decide to organize Himachali/local cultural activities only as per their local customs, traditions and practices.
2. In every cultural night/event one hour slot immediately before 8.30 pm shall be exclusively reserved for Himachali artists/performers/folk singers/musical groups etc. while celebrating these fairs/festivals/cultural events in the state.
3. All fairs/festivals/cultural event organizing committees shall not engage contractors/brokers/agents/middlemen/event managers etc. for organizing cultural performance by artists/musical groups etc.
4. Online registration of artists/performers/musical groups etc. on official website of the department shall be available 24x7. District Language Officer of the concerned district shall facilitate the offline registration of artists/performers/musical groups etc.
5. Twice a year, the district level audition/gradation committees notified by the Director, LAC shall grade the registered artists/performers/musical groups etc. However, the artists/performers who had already been awarded grade by All India Radio, Dordarshan and such other institutions recognized by the government shall not be graded and grade awarded to them by these institutions shall be basis of



determination of their honorarium/remuneration by fair/festival organizing committees.

6. In each category/discipline (folk singers/musical group/folk dance group etc.), district level audition/gradation committees shall recognize minimum four grades. The artists/performers of two lower most grades recognized by the district level committees shall only be allowed to participate in cultural events organized at state/district and local level fairs/festivals.
7. If an artist/performer/musical group etc. is not satisfied with the grade awarded by the district level audition/gradation committee, such aggrieved artist/performer etc. may apply for awarding of grade to All India Radio (AIR), Dordarshan and such other institution recognized by the government. In such cases, AIR, Dordarshan and such other institutions shall hold the auditions at least once in a year and the grade awarded by these institutions will be basis of determination of honorarium/remuneration to the artists/performers etc.
8. Himachali artists/performers/musical groups of International and National repute can't be equated with other artists/performers/musical groups and shall not undergo grading exercise to be undertaken by district level audition/grading committees. Following categories of artists/performers/musical groups shall be excluded from grading by district level audition/grading committees:-

Categories of artists/performers/musical groups	Grade
Performed during prime time (8.00 pm to 10.00 pm) at State level (7 times) or National level (5 times) or International level (3 times) fairs/festival/cultural events of the state.	Top-most grade (A+)
Himachali artists who are winners and runner-ups of Live TV shows like Indian idol, Sa re gama etc.	Top-most grade (A+)
Himachali artists who are winners and runner-ups of State-level youth festival.	Second grade (A)
Musical groups who have at least participated in three National/International level cultural events.	Second grade (A)

9. The regular & equitable participation slot booking of registered and graded artists/performers/musical groups in each discipline/category shall be ensured through software for District/State/National/International level fairs/festivals in a transparent manner.

10. The software-based slot booking system shall highlight those registered and graded artists/performers/musical groups etc. in each discipline/category who had not got chance to perform in any cultural event of the state during the year. In the following year, such artists/performers/musical groups etc. shall be made to perform on priority at District/State/National/International level as per their existing grade.
11. The remuneration/honorarium for performance in a particular fair/festival shall be payable to artists/performers as per their available grading/categorization at the time of organizing that particular event. In order to ensure adequate/equitable remuneration, every fair/festival/cultural event organizing committee shall finalize the rates of remuneration/honorarium (as per their financial position) a week before the organization of event for each grade/category of artists.
12. The respectable amount of remuneration/honorarium shall be paid to all the artists/performers/musical groups etc. It shall be mandatory for fairs/festivals/cultural events organizing committees to maintain the following ratio of expenditure per cultural event on account of paying honorarium/remuneration to artists/performers/musical groups etc.,:-

Level of Fair / Festival /Cultural event	Himachali artists / performers/ musical groups	Other artists / performers / musical groups etc.
International	30-35 %	70-65 %
National	35-40 %	65-60 %
State	50 %	50 %
District	90 %	10 %
Local	100 %	Nil

13. Preferably, all payments regarding honorarium/remuneration to all the artists/performers shall be directly made to their accounts through RTGS/NEFT or any other online mode only, but in no event in cash. The payment of honorarium/remuneration to artists/performers can also be made through cheques or demand drafts.
14. The fair/festival organizing committee shall make arrangements to provide boarding and lodging facilities for 1-2 days to out-station artists/performers on payment-basis in hotels, guest houses, home-stays etc.
15. All serving government/PSU/ University employees can participate as an artist/performer only after registration and grading by the district level audition/grading committee or after getting a grade from AIR and such other institutions subject to compliance of conduct rules.

The above guidelines shall be followed by International/National/ State/ District and local level fairs, festivals and cultural events organizing committees of the state and other stakeholders.

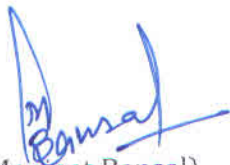
BY ORDER

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A copy is forwarded for favour of information and necessary action to:-

1. The Ld. Advocate General, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-01
2. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Director, Language, Art and Culture, H.P., Shimla-9.
4. The Director, IPR, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-02
5. All India Radio, Shimla
6. Doordarshan Kendra, Shimla
7. All the District Language Officers.
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