

ANNEXURE –I

QUESTIONNAIRE

Interview Scheduled Questionnaire for Editors and Journalists

Open-response questions

1. How long have you been working as a journalist/editor? Share some of your experiences and developments in the field of journalism in Manipur?
2. Have you received any formal education in journalism? If not, how did you enter in to the field of journalism? What led you to become a journalist?
3. Being a journalist or an editor working in a conflict situation like Manipur, what is your basic understanding of the concept 'human rights'? Do you think journalists and editors have basic knowledge of human rights and its tenets?
4. What are the problems and issues related to human rights in Manipur?
5. What is the role of media in the protection of human rights in Manipur? Being an editor or journalist, what is your view on human rights situations in Manipur and what can you do to protect human rights?
6. In a conflict situation, how do journalists cover news on human rights issues?
7. What are the problems encountered by the editors and journalists while reporting the story on human rights violations and its related issues?
8. Do you investigate stories on human rights violations happening in and around the state?
9. How do the NGOs and other civil society organizations take the help of media in safeguarding human rights? Do NGOs and CSOs partner with media in the form of briefings/consultations on human rights?
10. What is the state's role in the protection and promotion of human rights?
11. Share your views on Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958 in relation to the human rights situation in Manipur?
12. Is there any significant relationship between media activism and human rights issues in the context of Manipur?
13. To what extent does the media in Manipur enjoys freedom of speech and expression? How far do the editors and journalists maintain objectivity in presentation of news? Has there been any case of do's and don'ts for journalists in news presentation from pressure groups or state agencies during the time of newsgathering and presentation of news?
14. What are the ethical values that are taken into account during the presentation of news on human rights and crime against women and children?
15. What are the legal barriers while covering issues of human rights?

16. Working in conflict-ridden place, do journalists often encounter threats from non-state actors? What are the common areas of threats that the newspaper organizations or journalists working in this conflict zone? What are the measures taken to tackle this problem? Do you also face threats from the government as well?
17. Has there been any case of conflict between personal and professional life while reporting human rights issues?
18. Have you done any reporting on marginalized people? Kindly cite some examples.
19. Does your own media house organize training programmes /workshops on human rights reporting? If so, how many programmes /workshops have you conducted?
20. Does your newspaper organisation publish articles from major national newspapers? If so, does your newspaper organization pay for every article that is being published? Does your newspaper publish news stories provided by news agencies as it is, or do you rewrite the news stories? What are the news agencies that you have subscribed?(This question is for media persons working at the editorial level only but it is found that some journalist also responded to this question)

Closed-response questions

21. Are you satisfied with the amount of space provided for stories on human rights issues?
 - a) Satisfied
 - b) Not satisfied
 - c) Needed more space
 - d) Can't say
22. How often do you interact with human rights experts?
 - a) Regular interaction
 - b) When needed
 - c) No Communication
 - d) All of the above
 - e) None of the above
23. Any preference of using quotes/attributions in controversial matters?
 - a) Police
 - b) Medical
 - c) Government officials
 - d) Lawyers
 - e) Victims
 - f) Accused
 - g) Civil society organizations

- h) Other sources
 - i) All the above
24. Do the proprietor/owner's views and ideologies reflect at the time of presentation of news story or articles?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) To some extent
 - d) Depends on the news stories
25. Does your newspapers publish press releases from government and other sources same as they are being provided or do you investigate the press releases before publication?
- (a) Yes
 - (b) No
26. Do you translate the agencies news into Manipuri language when it comes to publishing news in Manipuri language newspapers?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
27. How many training programmes/ workshops have you attended on human rights reporting? What is their significance? What is your role-
- a) Resource person
 - b) Organizer
 - c) Participant
 - d) Other