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Demand to reduce flat rates in the journalists' housing scheme

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Dholpur (Pradeep Kumar Verma). The Global Forum for Journalists has demanded a reduction in the rates of flats under the journalist housing scheme. The forum has drawn Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma's attention to the fact that in its current form, the recently announced journalist housing scheme seems unlikely to benefit real wage-earning journalists. The organization has demanded a 50 percent reduction in the proposed flat rates and an expansion of the scheme to 1,000 flats. Pradeep Kumar Verma, Joint Secretary of the Global Forum for Journalists, stated that the forum's patrons Jaydev Sharma, President Pradyumn

Sharma, and Secretary Anil Mathur have issued a joint statement. The statement said that launching a housing scheme for journalists is a commendable initiative by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma.

Forum officials also said that it is equally necessary to keep in mind the real economic condition of the journalist community. In today's times, the salaries of most wage-earning journalists are not sufficient for them to buy expensive flats costing lakhs of rupees. A large number of journalists working in media organizations are managing their families on limited incomes. They said that if the current proposed rates for the flats remain the same, many eligible and needy journalists will be deprived of the benefits of this scheme. The real objective of the scheme will only be achieved when it is made in line with the economic capacity of journalists. The forum has requested the Chief Minister to reduce the fixed prices of the flats by 50 percent, keeping journalists' interests in mind, bringing them down to around 3.5 million rupees. It should also be ensured that in the future, due to construction costs or other reasons, there is no additional increase in the prices of the flats. Forum officials said that a large number of journalists in the capital Jaipur have been struggling with housing problems for years. In such a situation, the number of flats proposed in the current scheme is not sufficient. Therefore, by expanding the scope of the scheme, 1,000 flats should be made so that as many journalists working in Jaipur

as possible can benefit from this facility.

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