Sikkim Film Policy 2020 Point VI.2
VI 2. Incentives for Sikkimese Films and Promotion of Film Shooting in Sikkim

To encourage film makers and film producers in Sikkim and those coming nationally and from across the world, general administrative support will be provided.

The financial incentives will be in followings forms –

Amount up to ₹ 20 lakh will be given to all Sikkimese films made by local filmmakers. These films will have to meet the following criteria –

a) The filmmakers must submit a copy of their previous work (short films, feature and non-feature films) to the department for review.

b) Prior to production, the script of the film will invariably have to be approved by the IPR Department. The approval of the script is not to be taken as sanction of the financial assistance.

c) On completion, the Film Council will evaluate the film on various technical parameters and the government reserves the right to decide on the quantum of financial assistance to be granted.

d) 75% of the film has to be shot within the state.

e) Production houses have to be empanelled with the department of Information and Public Relations.

f) 50% of the local artistes and crew are to be used in the film.

g) A copy of the final product or the finished film will have to be submitted to the department.

Amount up to ₹ 1 crore will be given as subsidy for large budget films subject to the following criteria –

a) 75% out of the total shooting days of the film must have been shot in Sikkim.

b) A script of the film has to be submitted to the IPR department so as to examine that the films don’t carry any content that could misguide the audience or defame the image of the state.

c) Preference will be given to those production houses and actors who have won national and international awards for their work.

d) 50% of the local artistes and crew are to be used in the film.

e) If the bookings of the unit/crew is made through the departments of Tourism and Civil Aviation and the Information and Public Relations Department, then they shall receive a concession in tariff for their hotels and restaurant bookings as well as government guest houses.

f) Police and security will be provided, if and when needed.

g) Medical assistance will also be dispensed for emergency and aid.

h) Assistance will be provided for transport of the film crew and vehicles for utility.