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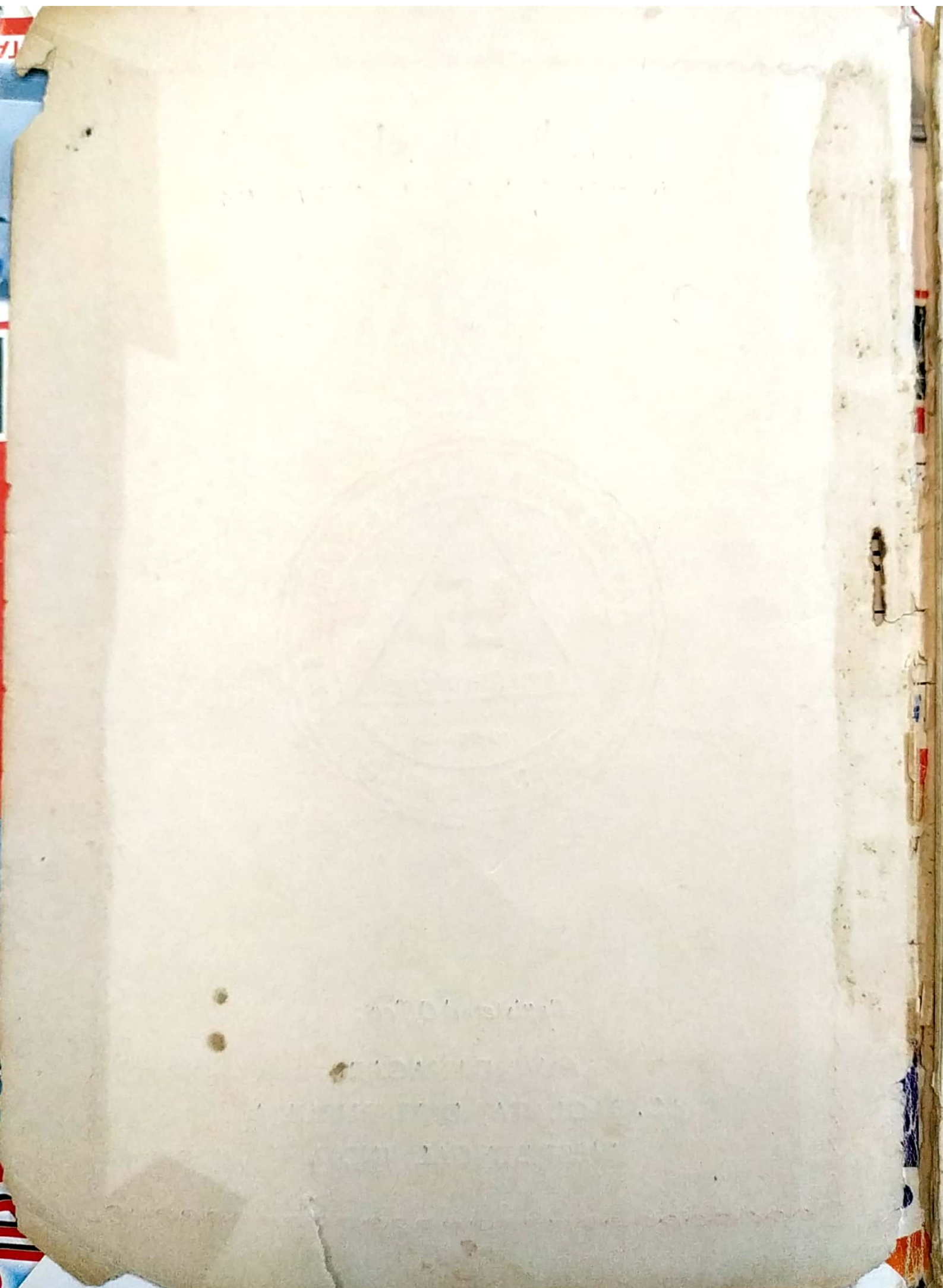
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I hereby certify that Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha has this day been registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXVI of 1961.

Given under my hand at Calcutta this Ninth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and sixty four.

Sd/ B. K. SOM,

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Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha!

MEMORANDUM OF ORGANISATION

1. The name shall be 'ANANDA MARGA PRACARAKA SAMGHA' hereinafter referred to as "the Samgha."
2. The registered Office of the Samgha shall be situated at Ananda Nagar, P. O. Baglata, District-Purulia in the State of West Bengal.
3. The aims and objects of the Samgha are :
 - i) To uphold and disseminate universal, moral and spiritual ideals among all sections of human society with the sole intention of enabling them to discover the true meaning and purpose of human life.
 - ii) To propagate and restore universal, moral and spiritual values of life among all members of society irrespective of caste, community, creed, colour, sex, national or geographical barriers, so as to inspire all with the ideals of love of God and service to humanity, thus paving the way for the establishment of a just, universal social order based on Spiritual Humanism (Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Humanity).
 - iii) To evolve, practice, popularize the age-old spiritual methods of Sadhana popularly known

as meditation techniques, according to the best traditions of ancient Yoga and Tantra, thus enabling individual spiritual aspirants to attain the summum bonum in human life through the integrated development of the human personality.

- iv) To formulate, uphold and propagate universal moral and spiritual values of life based on Spiritual Humanism—the key-note of Ananda Marga Ideology—fostering the ideals of love, integrity, justice, truth, unity and discipline in the human society.
- v) To organize and mobilise intellectuals in cities and towns by setting up Renaissance Universal Clubs (R. U. Clubs), Renaissance Artists' and Writers' Association and other means for spreading the ideals of Spiritual Humanism.
- vi) To encourage the study, development and application of the physical sciences and different branches of arts and psychology to promote the well being of the human masses.
- vii) To promote the cause of education by establishing and running numerous schools, colleges and universities in different parts of the country, thereby introducing a radical change in the concept and quality of education and making it an effective instrument to revolutionise society.

- viii) To set up Childrens' Homes, Students' Homes, (for orphaned girls), A.M. New Life Assylum (for Lepers), Academy of light (for blind, deaf and dumb), Invalids' Homes and many other welfare projects in different parts of the country, thereby serving the destitute and helpless men and women of the society.
- ix) To organise, equip and maintain hospitals, mobile medical centre maternity homes, medical camps, etc., thereby rendering medical aid to the needy and poor people.
- x) To construct, equip and maintain cultural associations (for the promotion of art. architecture, literature, painting, music, etc.), Gymnasia, Hostels, Rest Houses, Guest Houses (Jagrti Yatrii Nivas), Community Halls, Libraries and Reading Rooms, Study Centres, Sports Grounds and other social service centres, etc., but no intoxicant or any kind of gambling facilities or political activities or meetings shall be allowed or provided in the premises of the Samgha establishments.
- xi) To set up printing and publishing establishments to print and publish newsletters, brochures, souvenirs, periodicals and books to highlight the news and ideological views of Samgha on the aforesaid matters in the society at large.
- xii) To organise open conferences, conventions,

seminars, symposia, debates and study circles to disseminate the universal ideas and ideals closely relevant to the present day problems confronting humanity at large.

- xiii) To set up and maintain various forms and institutions for the study and popularisation of oriental and occidental languages and literatures, arts and sciences ; to open and develop research centres in agriculture, botany, medicine, archeology, history and cultural museum, and undertake any scheme or project for the cultural, intellectual, mental, moral or physical benefit of the entire humanity.
- xiv) To establish, found, initiate, run, manage, assist and/or open any research centre to undertake scientific research, medical research, research in social sciences, statistical research, educational research, technological research, agricultural research, industrial research, research for rural development, research in animal husbandry and life science and research of any other kind meant for the common good of mankind and to establish any trust, society or institution meant for any of such purposes.
- xv) To finance and contribute to the maintenance of any institution, hostel, library, hospital, clinics, community halls, cultural centres and orphanages.
- xvi) To open, found, establish, run, manage, assist,

and finance any educational institution, hostel, library, hospital, clinics, community halls, cultural centres and orphanages.

- xvii) To donate, provide and/or distribute articles of daily use and necessities for life such as, food, clothings, books, medicines, etc., among the poor and victims of natural calamities such as, famine, epidemics, fire, flood, earthquake, etc.
4. Without prejudice to the generalities of the aims and objects mentioned herein above and for the purposes of attaining and/or carrying on all or any of the objects specified in paragraph 3 written above, the Samgha shall have powers to do the following acts and deeds :
- i) To accept voluntary donations or contributions in cash or kind from any person or concern whatsoever on such terms and conditions as may be thought fit and proper.
 - ii) To purchase or otherwise acquire lands or buildings and erect buildings on any lands so purchased for the purposes of investments of the trust funds and to spend and/or utilise the rental or other incomes arising therefrom for the purposes connected with or conducive to the promotion of the objects of the Samgha.
 - iii) To purchase, acquire, hold, manage, improve,

develop, exchange, sell, let out, lease, mortgage, charge dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all kinds of properties moveable or immoveable, for the purpose connected with or conducive to the promotion of the objects of the Samgha.

- iv) To borrow, lend and/or otherwise deal with the money or properties belonging to the Samgha and to give security or take security in connection with the said dealings or acts.
- v) To construct, alter or keep in repair from time to time buildings or other immoveable property belonging to the Samgha.
- vi) To make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange, and other negotiable or trasferable instruments.
- vii) To invest money of the Samgha not immediately required for the purpose in such securities, stocks, shares, bonds, or other investments or grant loans with or without security to or in any concern as may from time to time be determined upon and vary the same from time to time as may seem expedient.
- vii) To open accounts with any Bank or Banks, to operate such accounts and to give instructions to the Bank.

- ix) To adjust, settle, compromise, compound refer to arbitration all actions, suits, claims, demand and proceedings the Samgha properties or affairs.
 - x) To make, very, alter or modify schemes, rules and regulations for carrying out the objects of the Samgha and for the management of the affairs thereof and for running any institution in furtherance of the objects of the Samgha and/ or otherwise for giving effect to the object of the Samgha.
 - xi) To set apart all or part of the income of the corpus or part thereof for any of the objects of the Samgha.
 - xii) To appoint committee of management for any of the society or institution or organisation run by the Samgha.
 - xiii) To do all such other things as the incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above mentioned aims and objects of the Samgha.
5. The income and property of the Samgha where-soever derived shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Samgha as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the person who at any time are or have been members of the Samgha or to

any of them or any persons claiming through any of them provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration of any officers or servants of the Samgha or to any member thereof or to any person in return for any services actually rendered to the Samgha nor shall prevent the application of the income towards the payment of the purchase money insurance and repairs to their premises and any interest that may from time to time accrue on the purchase money of the same.

6. Name of the first governing body members to whom by the rules the management is entrusted :

1. Shri P. R. Sarkar
2. Shri P. K. Chatterjee
3. Shri Monohar Gupta
4. Shri Vivekananda Singh
5. Shri Dasarath Singh
6. Shri Shripati Roy
7. Shri Abhedananda
8. Shri R. Prasad

Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha

REGULATIONS OF THE SAMGHA

MEMBERSHIP

1. QUALIFICATIONS

The following persons are eligible for membership into the society :

Any person who has been initiated into the 'Sadhana' of Ananda Marga and has attained the age of 18 years and follows the principles of social and spiritual conduct laid down in the Ananda Marga Caryacarya, Part I, II and III. (As revised from time to time.)

2. CLASS OF MEMBERS :

(a) Founder Members, (b) General Members

(a) The following persons shall be the Founder Members of the Society and will remain so as long as they are living and will be entitled to all privileges of membership :

1. Shri P. R. Sarkar

2. Ac. Dasarathji

(b) General Members : Any person who is qualified under the provisions laid down in this Constitution.

3. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP :

Any member shall cease to be such on the following grounds :

If the General Secretary finds any member violating the provisions laid down under Rule I, he may suspend or remove that person from membership with the approval of the President.

4. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The society shall maintain a register of members containing the names, addresses and occupations, the date of admission and the date of cessation. The register will be kept open for inspection of the members of the society on requisition.

5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- (i) Any member of the Society (Samgha) has the right :
 - a) To elect and to be elected in any election of the Society.
 - b) To submit suggestions for discussion to the Governing Body (Central Committee) and Sub-Committees on any matter.
 - c) To inspect the account and the proceedings of meetings of the Society on appointment with the General Secretary.
 - d) To forego his membership after due information in writing to the Governing Body (Central Committee).

- (ii) a) A member of the Society (Samgha) shall pay his subscription of Re. 1/- per each English calender month within the 15 days of the succeeding month.
- b) Defaulting members shall not be allowed to take part or vote in a meeting.

6. The Samgha will have the following Committees and Boards for the purpose of administration of the affairs of the Society :

- a) Central Committee
- b) District Committee
- c) Village Committees
- d) State Committees,

or Country-wise Committee may be formed if considered necessary.

7. These Committees and Boards as provided under Regulation 6 will be constituted as detailed in Caryacarya Part 1, as revised from time to time.

8. All objections and complaints will be decided and disposed of according to the procedure specified in Caryacarya, Part 1, Chapters 27, 35, 37, 38.

GOVERNING BODY

9. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION :

There shall be a Governing Body (called as 'the Central Committee') consisting of not less than

10 and not more than 15 members and will be composed of the life Founder Members and Elected Members. Elected members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society (Samgha). The office Bearers of the Governing Body shall consist of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and other office Bearers and Members. The office Bearers shall be elected by the Governing Body from amongst themselves.

10. The Governing Body shall carry on the business or affairs of the Society (Samgha) in accordance with its objects and may, from time to time, make and alter rules and by—laws for the management of the objects, and as to the meetings of the Governing Body, the mode of convening the same and the conduct of business thereat and otherwise as it may think fit, and may also assign and/or delegate any of its powers and duties to any Committees or Boards consisting of such Members as it may appoint for such purpose or to any Office-Bearer officer or the Society.

11. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member of the Governing Body shall cease to be a member of the Governing Body if :

- (a) he resigns by a letter addressed to the General Secretary,

- (b) he absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Governing Body without any leave or without any reasonable ground,
- (c) he is convicted of any offence in connection with the formation, promotion, management or conduct of the affairs of the Society, or of a body corporate or of any offence involving moral turpitude.

12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY (CENTRAL COMMITTEE) :

The Governing Body (Central Committee) shall have, amongst others, the following powers and duties, namely :—

- i) To summon the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- ii) To appoint Sub-Committees with such power and duties as may be considered necessary.
- iii) To sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all or any part of moveable and immoveable property of the Society (Samgha) as it deems necessary or expedient in the interest, justice and welfare of the Society.
- iv) To purchase, exchange, take on lease or mortgage or otherwise deal with any property, moveable or immoveable (including land and building)

for the benefit of and/or to attain or achieve the objects and purpose of the Society (Samgha) as it deems just, necessary or expedient.

- v) To accept in the name of the Society donations, contributions, gifts, subscriptions of any money or moveable or immoveable property for the objects and benefits of the Society (Samgha).
- vi) To sue or be sued, or institute or defend any legal proceedings or steps, as may be necessary or appropriate, on behalf of the Society either in the name of the Society (Samgha) or in the name of the General Secretary, Branch or Assistant Secretary, or any Office-Bearer or Officer of the Society (Samgha) authorised by the Governing Body or the General Secretary in this behalf, to uphold, and enforce, defend or vindicate the legal rights of the Society (Samgha).
- vii) To keep and maintain proper accounts of the Society (Samgha) and get them audited by a qualified accountant(s) and to open bank accounts(s) in the name of the Society (Samgha). Bank account(s) shall be operated by the General Secretary jointly with the General Finance Secretary/Treasurer of the Society (Samgha).

- viii) To manage the properties and assets of the Society (Samgha).
- ix) To expend the money, funds of the Society (Samgha) in such manner as it shall consider most beneficial for the purposes of the Society and to invest them in the name of the Society, and to vary and sell or transpose any such investments, and to expend the proceeds of any such sale for the purpose of the Society.
- x) To accept the management of any trust, fund or endowment in which the Society is interested.
- xi) To enter into contracts for and on behalf of the Society (Samgha).
- xii) To raise funds for the Society by gifts, donations, contributions or otherwise.
- xiii) To raise or borrow money with or without security of any property of the Society.
- xiv) To assign from time to time such functions and duties and delegate all or any of its powers to any committee or committees or any Officer or Office-Bearer of the Society.
- xv) If during any year, any member of the Governing Body dies, retires, or becomes incapable of discharging the affairs or business of the

Society as such member on account of any disability, the remaining members of the Governing Body (Central Committee) may fill up the vacancy temporarily until the election of such member at the Annual General Meeting of the Society (Samgha).

- xvi) The Governing Body may act for all purposes notwithstanding any vacancy in its number, and proceedings at any meeting of the Governing Body shall be valid and effectual notwithstanding they may be afterwards discovered that any member of the Governing Body has been informally elected or is not properly qualified.
- xvii) The Governing Body shall determine and provide ways and means for carrying out the objects and purposes of the Society and for the maintenance of the servants, officers and volunteers of the Society by suitable remunerations. The President, General Secretary, other Secretaries, Treasurer and Branch or Assistant Secretaries, may be paid honorarium or suitable remunerations for the work done by them for the Society (Samgha).
- xviii) The Governing Body has the power to defend any suits, legal proceedings or cases for or against the Society and their Office-Bearers, Officers, Members, employees or Agents for

his or their acts or omissions done bonafide in the course of or in connection with the work or objects of the Society and to incur or expend necessary expenses for his or their defence and indemnify against any losses or injuries suffered by him or them as such out of the funds of the Society.

- xix) Generally, to do all things necessary or expedient for the due conduct of the business or affairs of the Society not herein otherwise provided for.

13. MEETINGS :

A meeting of the Governing Body shall be hold at least once in six months at such place, date and time as the President or the General Secretary may determine. Any five members of the Governing Body may requisition the meeting of the Governing Body, and the General Secretary shall summon the same within seven days, failing which the President or the requisitioner may do so, provided no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

14. NOTICE

Seven days' notice of the meeting specifying the place, date, time and the general nature of work

and business to be transacted shall be given to every member of the Governing Body. Emergency meeting may be called on 24 hours' notice. Four members personally present shall constitute a quorum for the meeting and if a quorum is not present within thirty minutes of the time the members present may adjourn the meeting.

15. PROCEDURE OF THE MEETINGS

The President (or in his absence the General Secretary) shall preside over all meetings of the Governing Body and in their absence the members shall elect a Chairman of the meeting. All questions will be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote. The President or Chairman shall have a second vote or casting vote in addition to his own vote in the case of any equality of votes.

SAFE CUSTODY OF FUNDS

16. The Governing Body or the Trustees of the Society (Samgha) shall be responsible for the safe custody of the funds and assets of the Society.
17. All the properties of the Society (Samgha) shall vest in the Governing Body (Central Committee) as trustees of the Society unless or until the

Trustees are separately appointed by the Governing Body as per these regulations, and the Governing Body shall apply the same or their proceeds by sale or otherwise to promote and advance the objects and aims of the Society. Any surplus money left in their hands as trustees may be invested by them in such securities or investments as it in its discretion thinks just or proper.

ACCOUNTING YEAR

18. The accounting year of the Society (Samgha) shall be English Calendar year.

GENERAL MEETINGS

19. There shall be two kinds of general meetings;
 - a) Annual.
 - b) Special or Extraordinary.
20. The Society (Samgha) shall hold an Annual General Meeting at least once in every year and not more than fifteen months apart. At least fourteen days' notice specifying the time, place day and hour shall be given to every member of the Society.
21. The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meetings shall be ;

- a) To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings, if any.
 - b) To adopt with or without modification, the report of the Society for the previous year.
 - c) To pass the audited accounts of the society.
 - d) To appoint qualified auditors for the society.
 - e) To elect Office-Bearers of the Governing Body.
22. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless there is a quorum of members present at the commencement of business. The quorum shall be one-third of the total number of the members in the register present either in person or in proxy.
23. A Special General Meeting of the society shall be convened by the General Secretary if two-third members of the Society requisitioned such a meeting specifying the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting. On receipt of such notice the General Secretary shall hold a meeting within twenty one days. In case of default by the General Secretary, the requisitionists shall hold such a meeting, provided no business other than the business specified in the notice shall be transacted.

DUTIES OF ALL OFFICE-BEARERS

24. THE PRESIDENT

- 1) He shall nominate the members of his

Executive Committee from amongst the members of the Central Committee for the purpose of the day-to-day administration of the society.

- 2) He shall exercise all powers of any of the Committees established under these Regulations.
- 3) He shall advise the society on all points of disputes and generally look after the interests of the society.

25. THE GENERAL SECRETARY :

Subject to the provisions of the Act and these regulations and to the control and directions of the Governing Body (Central Committee) the General Secretary :

- a) Shall convene all meetings of the Society (Samgha)
- b) Shall issue general circulars and notices,
- c) Shall maintain minute books of all meetings,
- d) Shall sign on behalf of and for the Society all receipts for all sums, monies, properties received as subscriptions, contributions, gifts and donations, etc., and may also assign or delegate his powers or authority to any Office-Bearer or Officer etc. to sign such receipt on behalf of the society.

- e) Shall operate jointly with the General Finance Secretary of the Society the bank account (s) of the Society (Samgha).
- f) Shall function as the head of the Executive Committee of the Society,
- g) Shall have the power to appoint different level Secretaries/Branch Secretaries/Assistant Secretaries/members, or agents and employees, and to transfer any of them according to law and these regulations for proper administration of the affairs of the Society, and to assign or delegate any of his powers to any of them to carry out the work or affairs of the Society as he deems just, necessary, convenient or proper,
- h) May also assign or delegate his power or authority to any Office-Bearer, Officers, Agent, Branch Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, to sue or be sued, or institute, prosecute or defend any or all legal proceedings and cases, for and on behalf of the Society (Samgha) as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient,
- i) Has the power to defend any suits, legal proceedings or cases against the Office-Bearers, Officers, Members, Employees or Agents for his or their acts or omissions done bonafide in the course or in connections with the work

or objects of the society and incur or expend necessary expenses for his or their defence and indemnify against any losses or injuries suffered by him or them as such out of the funds of the Society.

- j) May suspend, discharge or remove any member and Branch Secretary, different level Secretaries / Officers / Agents/Employees for violation of the code of conduct, directions or orders with the approval of the President.

26. THE TREASURER :

- a) He shall collect and receive all subscriptions, donations etc., and grant receipts in respect thereof.
- b) He shall maintain and keep cash books and such other accounts as are necessary.

TRUSTEES

- 27. (a) There may be five or such other Trustees of the Association to be appointed by the Governing Body from amongst the members of the Association or other persons of eminence, high rank, reputation who may not be members of the Association in whom all or any properties or funds of the Association may be vested.

- (b) Any three of the Trustees shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the powers and functions of all Trustees.
- (c) In case of death, resignation, incapacity or removal of any Trustee the Governing Body shall appoint a new Trustee in the place.
- (d) The Trustees shall hold office for three years during their respective lives and may be re-elected.
- (e) No Trustee or Trustees in whom for the time being the properties of the Association may be vested shall be answerable for any loss or damage in the administration or application of the trust funds unless such loss or damage shall happen by or through the wilful default or neglect of the Trustee or Trustees.

28. **DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY :**

The Society (Samgha) may be dissolved by a resolution to that effect passed by three-fourths of the members of the Society at the General Meeting. The meeting shall decide the manner of disbursement of the funds and assets of the Society.

29. **ALTERATION OF REGULATIONS :**

Subject to the provisions of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, the rules made thereunder and the provisions of the Memorandum of the Society (Samgha), the Society may, by the votes of three-fourths of its members, alter its Regulations.

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