

HINDU MAHA JANA SANGHAM ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Hindu Maha Jana Sangham Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Association” means the Hindu Maha Jana Sangham established under section 3;

“Board” means the Board referred to in section 5;

“existing rules” means the rules of the former Hindu Maha Jana Sangham Association in force on 24 May 1980.

3. Establishment and status

(1) The Hindu Maha Jana Sangham shall be deemed to have been established under this Act.

(2) The Association shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Association

The objects of the Association shall be to—

- (a) impart and promote the study of Hinduism and all its scriptures;
- (b) acquire and build Hindu temples and social halls, and undertake their management and maintenance;

- (c) institute schools, libraries, infirmaries and orphanages, and undertake their management and maintenance;
- (d) provide for the intellectual, moral and physical advancement of the Hindu community by means of lectures, debates and sports and the publication of books, periodicals and magazines, without distinction of caste or creed;
- (e) celebrate Hindu festivals;
- (f) administer the Renganaden Seeneevassen Fund.

5. The Board

(1) The Association shall be managed by a Board which shall consist of 12 members of the Association.

(2) The members of the Board shall—

- (a) be elected at each annual general meeting;
- (b) hold office for one year;
- (c) be eligible for re-election; and
- (d) elect from among themselves a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer.

(3) No member of the Board shall receive any fee or remuneration for his services.

(4) The Board shall—

- (a) hold a meeting at least once a month at such time and place as the Secretary thinks fit;
- (b) be convened by the Secretary as often as may be requested by the President of the Association or upon a request addressed to the President of the Association by any 3 members of the Board.

6. Execution of documents

(1) Subject to subsection (2), no document shall be executed by or on behalf of the Association unless it is signed by the President of the Association and the Secretary.

(2) Every cheque of the Association shall be signed by the President of the Association and the Treasurer.

7. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Association.

8. Exemptions

Notwithstanding any other enactment—

- (a) the Association shall be exempt from the payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax; and

- (b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Association is the sole beneficiary.

9. Rules

(1) The Association may, subject to rule 5B (c) of the existing rules, make such rules as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), the existing rules shall be deemed to be rules of the Association made under subsection (1).

(b) (i) Notwithstanding rule 5B (b), the Board may borrow a sum not exceeding 3 million rupees for the purpose of erecting a building to be used as a school and social hall on a portion of land of 24 and two thirds perches situate at 27 Church Street, Port Louis and more fully described in a deed transcribed in Vol 1005 No 190.

(ii) For the purpose of securing such loan, the Board may mortgage the said portion of land.
