

SATHYA SAI FOUNDATION OF MAURITIUS ACT

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1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Sathya Sai Foundation of Mauritius Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Central Council” means the Central Council referred to in section 6;

“Foundation” means the Sathya Sai Foundation of Mauritius established under section 3.

3. Establishment of Foundation

(1) There is established for the purposes of this Act the Sathya Sai Foundation of Mauritius.

(2) The Foundation shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Foundation

The objects of the Foundation shall be to—

- (a) help the individual to—
- (i) become aware of the divinity that is inherent in him and to conduct himself accordingly;
 - (ii) translate into practice in daily life divine love and perfection; and
 - (iii) fill his life with joy, harmony, beauty, grace, human excellence and lasting happiness;

- (b) ensure that all human relations are governed by the principles of *Sathya* (Truth), *Dharma* (Right Conduct), *Prema* (Love), *Shanti* (Peace) and *Ahimsa* (Non-Violence);
- (c) develop the consciousness leading to the realisation of the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God and thereby creating the much desired peace for all people of the world;
- (d) engage in community service for the weak and the needy, both locally and overseas;
- (e) engage in the setting up and running of orphanages, homes and other charitable institutions; and
- (f) engage in all other activities that are conducive to the promotion of Sri Sathya Sai Baba's teachings.

5. Property of Foundation

The Foundation may own, buy, lease, mortgage, exchange or otherwise dispose of its property.

6. The Central Council

(1) The Foundation shall be managed by a Central Council constituted in accordance with regulations made under this Act.

(2) —

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

(4) The Central Council shall meet and function in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made under this Act.

7. Donations and legacies

Articles 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Foundation

8. Accounts of Foundation

(1) The financial year of the Foundation shall start on 1 January and end on the following 31 December.

(2) The Central Council shall, on or before 31 March in every year, prepare the final accounts of the Foundation for the preceding year.

(3) The final accounts, consisting of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, shall be audited by a qualified accountant, who shall be appointed by the Central Council.

9. Legal proceedings and execution of documents

(1) Every deed, act or document relating to the Foundation shall be signed by the Chairperson and any other member designated by the Central Council.

(2) Service of process by or on the Secretary of the Foundation shall be equivalent to service by or on the Foundation.

(3) All cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed or endorsed by the Chairperson and the Treasurer, or, in their absence, in such manner as may be prescribed in regulations made under this Act.

10. Regulations

(1) The Central Council may make such regulations as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, regulations made under subsection (1) shall not be required to be—

- (a) approved by any Minister;
- (b) laid before the Assembly; or
- (c) published in the *Gazette*.

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12. Exemption

Notwithstanding any other enactment, the Foundation shall be exempt from payment of duties on donations and legacies made to it.
