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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 4 of 1971**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to provide for the Incorporation of a body to be known as the Incorporated Trustees of the Trinidad Sevashram Sangha.

*[Assented to 15th April, 1971]*

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Monastic Order known and established for more than half a century in India as the Bharat Sevashram Sangha has been represented in Trinidad and Tobago by the Missionary Swami Purnananda since 1950, and has been organized in this territory since then.

And whereas the said Order has since 1950 been a charitable organization operating in Trinidad and Tobago in the field of Religion and Education.

And whereas the Local Officers of the said Organization have deemed it expedient for divers reasons to be incorporated and have presented a humble petition to Parliament to that end.

And whereas it is deemed just and expedient that the prayer of the said petition be granted.

## Enactment

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## Short title

1. This Act may be cited as The Trinidad and Tobago Sevashram Sangha Incorporation Act, 1971.

Interpretation  
of certain terms

2. (a) "Sangha" means The Trinidad and Tobago Sevashram Sangha.

(b) "Trustees" means the Incorporated Trustees of the Trinidad Sevashram Sangha.

(c) "Seal" means The Common Seal of the Sangha.

(d) "Territory" means The State of Trinidad and Tobago.

Objects and  
Functions of  
the Sangha

3. The Objects and Functions of the Sangha are:

(a) To carry on Hindu Religious work on the basis of pure spirituality and practical philosophy with the motto of "Plain Living and High Thinking".

(b) To carry on Educational and Philanthropic activities irrespective of caste, colour, creed.

(c) To establish and manage Libraries and Reading-Rooms open to all sections of the community.

(d) To establish branches of the Sangha.

(e) To print and publish periodicals, books and leaflets to further the objects and causes of Sangha.

(f) To encourage Inter-Faith Activities.

(g) To engage in such other charitable work as The Sangha may prescribe.

4. (i) Dropathy Rampersad of 51, Moody Stewart Street, San Fernando; Ephraim Charles of Pierre Road, Felicity; Basraj Bridgelal of Cacandee Road, Felicity, and their successors in office as Trustees of the Sangha shall be and are hereby created a Body corporate by the name of The Incorporated Trustees of Trinidad and Tobago Sevashram Sangha; by that name they shall have perpetual succession and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts of Justice in the State of Trinidad and Tobago and elsewhere and shall have and use a common seal which may from time to time be changed by the Organization.

(ii) Sangha may make such Rules and Regulations as it may deem necessary or expedient for the conduct of its affairs and proceedings including the discharge by the Trustees of their duties and powers under this Act.

5. There shall be transferred to and vested in the said Incorporated Trustees all and any messuages, lands, buildings, tenements, hereditaments and all other property (both real and personal) of whatever nature and wherever situate now vested in any person or persons for and on behalf of the Organization.

6. The said Incorporated Trustees shall have full power (subject to the Rules, Regulations and control of the Organization) to acquire for the Organization by purchase, transfer, assignment, donation, exchange, demise, gift, devise, bequest, grant, conveyance or otherwise any real or personal property of any kind whatsoever in the said state or elsewhere or any estate or interest therein and to take, hold and enjoy the same.

7. It shall be lawful for the Incorporated Trustees subject to such Rules, Regulations and control aforesaid and to the performance of any trusts from time to time by deed under their seal to sell or demise, grant, convey, exchange or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property (real as well as personal) which may be vested in or may from time to time be vested in or have been acquired by them as such trustees.

Power of  
Incorporated  
Trustees to  
borrow money  
and give  
mortgages

8. It shall be lawful for the Incorporated Trustees subject to the Rules, Regulations and control of the Organization from time to time to borrow money, and for the repayment of the same by deed under their seal to give and execute mortgages, charges, pledges or other securities of their real or personal property, and to make such arrangements as they may consider expedient, with such covenants, powers and provisions as they may think proper.

Mode of  
execution of  
documents

9. All deeds, documents and other instruments requiring the seal of the Incorporated Trustees shall be sealed with the common seal in the presence of at least two of the Incorporated Trustees who shall sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which the common seal is affixed, and such seal shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly and properly affixed; and that the same is the Lawful Seal of the Incorporated Trustees.

Service of  
documents on  
the Incorporated  
Trustees

10. (i) The Incorporated Trustees shall at all times have a fixed address for the service of documents on the Incorporated Trustees; and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General.

(ii) Any document may be served upon the Incorporated Trustees by leaving the same at or by sending the same by registered post to the address as registered under subsection (i) of this section.

11. The provisions of the Interpretation Act, 1962, shall as far as possible apply in the construction of this Act and of every section thereof.

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

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Passed in the House of Representatives this 5th day of  
February, 1971.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 16th day of March, 1971.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*

