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I ASSENT.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Governor.

17th June, 1946.

AN ORDINANCE for the incorporation of the Seunarine Dharam Sabha of Trinidad.

[[20th June, 1946.]

Commence-
ment.

WHEREAS there has been established in the Colony a religious Association known as The Seunarine Dharam Sabha of Trinidad which is representative of that section of the Hindu community which accepts and practises the tenets of the Prophet Shri Seunarine Sahib :

And Whereas it is expedient that the said Association should be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth.

Be it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago, Enactment. with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Seunarine Dharam Short title Sabha of Trinidad (Incorporation) Ordinance, 1946.

Incorporation.

2. The Association known as "The Seunarine Dharam Sabha of Trinidad" shall be and is hereby created a body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued in all courts of Justice in the Colony by that name and shall have and use a common seal which may from time to time be changed in accordance with the rules of the said body corporate. The said body corporate is hereinafter referred to as "The Seunarine Dharam Sabha".

Rules.

3. The rules of the Seunarine Dharam Sabha are set forth in the Schedule hereto. No variation (whether by way of amendment, addition, cancellation or replacement) of the said rules or of any other rules of the Seunarine Dharam Sabha from time to time in force, shall have effect until confirmed by the Governor in Council. All such variations so confirmed shall be published in the *Royal Gazette*.

Powers of the corporation.

4. (1) Subject to all laws (including this Ordinance) and to its rules from time to time in force, the Seunarine Dharam Sabha shall have the powers set forth in this section and such other powers as are appropriate to its objects as from time to time specified in such rules.

(2) Subject as aforesaid the Seunarine Dharam Sabha shall have power—

- (a) to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, bequest, devise or otherwise, all messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of any tenure and also all moneys, securities for money, goods or chattels whatsoever, and may hold and enjoy the same ;
- (b) to accept surrenders and reconveyances and to enter into contracts ;
- (c) to sell, demise, grant, convey, mortgage, reconvey, surrender, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or any property from time to time vested in it.

(3) All documents requiring the seal of the Seunarine Dharam Sabha shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of the President and Secretary of the corporation for the time being in office who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the corporation.

(4) Any document not requiring the seal of the Seunarine Dharam Sabha may be signed by the Secretary of the corporation for the time being in office for and on behalf of the corporation.

5. The Seunarine Dharam Sabha shall at all times have a permanent address for the service of documents on the corporation and such address shall be registered with the Registrar General. All documents to be served on the corporation may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the address so registered:

Service of document on the corporation.

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

Saving of Crown and other rights.

THE SCHEDULE.

1. The name of the Association shall be "The Seunarine Dharam Sabha of Trinidad".

Objects.

2. The following shall be the objects of the Association:—

(a) To carry on the work of the Seunarine Samaj in the Colony in accordance with the principles (hereto annexed).

(b) To establish and control branch Associations in the Colony and to affiliate such branches as may be already established or hereafter established to the parent or central Association.

(c) To carry on educational work by establishing and maintaining schools and other educational institutions and to affiliate any such institutions already established for the same objects with the parent or central Association.

(d) To erect and maintain Mandirs (Temples dedicated to the Dharma and other places of divine worship) and to take over and control any such Mandirs already established in the name of Dharma.

(e) To establish and maintain libraries and book stalls or book depots for the dissemination and for sale of books on Guru Anyas literature and other subjects.

(f) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association through its Executive Committee may think desirable for the promotion of all or any of its objects.

(g) To acquire funds by levies, contributions, subscriptions, donations, bequests or otherwise for the carrying out of all or any of its objects.

(h) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise to acquire and control any real or personal estate which may be deemed necessary or convenient for all or any of its objects.

(i) To accept any gift or property whether subject to any special trust or not for any or all of its objects.

(j) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any of the property of the Association for its benefit.

(k) To invest any moneys of the Association not immediately required to carry on its objects, in such manner as may be determined by the Executive Committee and in conformity with its objects, and to employ the income therefrom for its benefit.

(l) To make donations and to do all such other things as the Association may think fit for the promotion of all or any of its objects.

(m) To do all such things for the intellectual, moral, social, physical and economic improvement of its members generally as may be deemed fit and proper by the Executive Committee.

3. The income and property of the Association, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as heretofore mentioned and no portion thereof shall be paid directly or indirectly to any member or officer thereof, by way of bonus or profit: Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment to any officer or member, in good faith, of any sum by way of remuneration for service or services actually rendered to the Association.

Acquisition and Disposal of Properties.

4. (a) No property shall be acquired or disposed of unless a resolution to that effect is passed by two-thirds of the members present at any of the regular, special or annual meetings of the Association.

(b) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall be transferred to some other body or bodies, institution or institutions, either in this Colony or elsewhere, having similar aims and objects. Such body or bodies, institution or institutions must be determined prior to, or at the dissolution of the Association, by two-thirds of the members of the Association present at any meeting thereof.

Membership.

5. (a) All persons already converted, or who may hereafter be converted to the Anyas Dharma Religion, shall be entitled on registration to become members of the Association.

(b) The Secretary of the Association shall keep a register in which he shall enter the names of all members of the Association.

(c) Every member of the Association shall pay a monthly subscription of twelve cents.

(d) Any member of the Association who fails to pay his or her monthly subscription for three consecutive months shall be deemed unfinancial.

(e) Only financial members of the Association shall be entitled to vote at any meeting or be elected to any office, of the Association.

(f) It shall be lawful for the Executive Committee of the Association in all cases of emergency and necessity to impose a levy on the members of the Association.

(g) Any member who violates the principles of the Seunarine Samaj or whose conduct is such as to bring the Association into disrepute may be suspended or expelled from membership, by resolution passed at any meeting of the Association.

(h) These Rules as to membership shall be applicable to all branches of the Association affiliated to the parent Association.

(i) Every branch affiliated to the Association shall be entitled to be represented at any meeting of the Association by one delegate for every twenty members on its roll, provided that at no time shall there be less than two delegates. Such delegates shall be elected by the Branches at their annual meetings and shall hold office at the pleasure of their members and shall be members of their Executive Committee: Provided, however, that nothing herein mentioned shall preclude the appointment of a special delegate to any general meeting of the Association or for any special purpose whatsoever.

(j) Every branch affiliated to the Association shall pay a monthly subscription of a sum of not less than ten per centum of its monthly revenue.

(k) All subscriptions shall be payable not later than the end of the month following that for which they have become due, and any branch being in default shall be deemed unfinancial and shall not have the right to be represented at any meeting of the Association.

Meetings.

6. Meetings of the Association shall be of three kinds: (1) Regular; (2) Special; (3) Annual.

(a) Regular meetings of the Association shall be held on the first Sunday of each month, at such time and place as the Executive Committee may determine.

(b) Special meetings shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the President or on the written request of not less than three of the Branches, and for consideration of such business only as may have been embodied in the request: Provided that not less than seven (7) days' notice shall be given of such special meeting.

(c) The meeting held in the month of January in each year shall be called the Annual Meeting. At these meetings Officers shall be elected for the current year, and the President, Secretary, or Secretaries and Treasurer shall deliver a written report of the activities, progress and financial position of the Association for the past year.

(d) A quorum of such Regular, Special or Annual Meetings shall consist of representatives of not less than two-thirds of the number of District Samajes affiliated to the Association.

7. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a senior and junior Vice-President, one or more Secretaries, one or more Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, one or more Auditors and a Librarian. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above officers and ten (10) other persons all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Duties of Officers.

8. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall maintain order at meetings and his ruling on all points of procedure shall be final.

He shall possess the right to give a casting vote as well as the ordinary vote.

He shall also countersign all vouchers for payment of money.

He shall at each meeting sign the minute book of the Association kept by the Secretary.

9. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the exercise of his duties and in his absence the senior Vice-President shall perform his duties and in the absence of both the President and senior Vice-President the junior Vice-President shall do so.

10. The Secretary shall keep the seal, the minute book and all other books, registers, documents and papers of the Association and shall be responsible for their proper care and custody. He shall keep a minute book in which he shall record a true minute of all business transacted at each meeting of the Association and at each meeting such minutes shall be read out and approved by the meeting and after such approval he shall sign such minutes. He shall receive all moneys on behalf of the Association and keep a true and correct record of the same, and shall issue receipts for all such payments made to him. He shall pay over all moneys received to the Treasurer at

the earliest possible opportunity and obtain receipts from the Treasurer for all moneys thus paid to him. He shall sign vouchers for payment by the Treasurer of any sum due and payable by the Association. He shall issue all notices, circulars and invitations for meetings and append to all such notices, circulars and invitations an agenda of all matters to be considered at such meetings. He shall produce all or any such minute books, papers, seal or documents for inspection by any member of the Executive Committee whenever called upon, and do all such things as he may be directed to do by the Association which may not be inconsistent with the aims and objects thereof. The Association, if it thinks fit, may elect two or more Secretaries and allocate the duties of each of such Secretaries.

11. The Association may at the request of the Secretary or Secretaries appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries, as it thinks fit, whose duty shall be to assist such Secretary or Secretaries.

12. (a) The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary from time to time moneys paid to, and on behalf of, the Association and issue receipts therefor to the Secretary.

(b) He shall pay all liabilities of the Association on receipt of vouchers duly signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

(c) He shall prepare and present a statement of account at the regular meetings of the Association showing the financial position of the Association.

(d) He shall not retain in his possession a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and shall deposit all sums in excess thereof in the name of the Association, in any bank approved of by the Executive Committee.

(f) Withdrawal forms for any or all moneys deposited in the Bank must be signed by the Treasurer and President on the authority of the Executive Committee by resolution passed at any of its meetings to that effect.

13. The Association shall elect at its annual meeting one or more Auditors for the purpose of auditing the books of the Association for that year. Such Auditor or Auditors shall certify the correctness of the Annual Financial Statement of the Treasurer and shall make not less than two inspections of the books of the Association for the year, and shall also have the power to call upon the Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian at any convenient time to produce their books for inspection.

14. The Librarian shall carefully keep all books, periodicals and papers belonging to the Library and for sale. He shall keep all accounts and registers connected with the book depot and shall perform the duties of receiving, lending, ordering and selling of books on behalf of the Association.

15. The Executive Committee shall deal with all matters which may be referred to them and shall report their decision, findings or recommendations at the first regular meeting thereafter. In cases of emergency the President may refer any matter to the Executive Committee for their decision, and such decision shall be binding as if decided by any Regular Meeting.

16. The Association may decide at any Regular Meeting to elect one or more temporary or permanent Committees to deal with any matter in furtherance of all or any of its objects. Any such Committee, however, shall retire at the next Annual Meeting. Any out-going member or members thereof shall be eligible for re-election.

17. The Association shall have a seal with its name inscribed thereon and the seal shall be kept by the Secretary and affixed by him on all important documents in the presence of the President of the Association and both the President and Secretary shall sign such documents,

18. Any matter arising out of the work of the Association and not being provided for in these rules shall be regulated by the principles and bye-laws of the Seunarine Samajes promulgated by the International Seunarine League of Ghazipur City, India.

19. These rules may be amended or otherwise altered at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting called for the purpose: Provided that notice of such amendment or alteration be given on the agenda and approved by not less than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting: Provided further that such amendment or alteration shall not have effect until confirmed by the Governor in Executive Council.

The Principles of the Seunarians.

1. Ishwar (God) is the ultimate cause of all that is known through physical and metaphysical sciences.

2. Ishwar is existent, intelligent, and blissful. He is formless, omnipotent, just, merciful, unborn, endless, unchangeable, beginningless, unequalled, the support of all, the master of all, omnipresent, omniscient, immanent, unaging, immortal, fearless, eternal, holy, and maker of all. He alone should be communicated with.

3. Guru Anyas is the scripture of true knowledge. It is the first duty of Seunarians to read them, teach them, recite them and hear them read.

4. One should always be ready to accept truth and give up untruth.

5. One should do everything according to the dictates of Dharma, *e.g.*, after due reflection over right and wrong.

6. The primary object of this Society is to do good to the whole world, *i.e.*, to look to its physical, spiritual and social welfare.

7. One's dealing with all should be regulated by love and propriety in accordance with the dictates of Dharma.

8. One should promote Vidya (knowledge) and dispel Avidya (ignorance).

9. One should not be content with one's own welfare alone, but should look for one's own welfare in the welfare of others.

10. Subject yourselves to altruistic rulings of society but consider yourselves free in doing any beneficial act.

11. It is contrary to the teachings of the Seunarine Dharma Sabha for the Mahant Ogeer, Dewan, Charibardar, Bhandori, Kowsil or Khajanchi to partake of any flesh or alcoholic drink whatsoever, whether in the performance of religious duties or otherwise.

Passed in Council this thirty-first day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

W. J. BOOS,

Clerk of the Council.