

Second Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 35 of 1997

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Dharma Prakash
Sabha and matters incidental thereto
[Assented to 17th November, 1997].

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and ^{Preamble} Tobago an organisation known as the Dharma Prakash Sabha:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Dharma Prakash Sabha be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Dharma Prakash Sabha (Incorporation) Act, 1997.
Incorporation	2. The Dharma Prakash Sabha (in this Act referred to as “the Organisation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Organisation are— (a) to promote and encourage religious, social, cultural and sporting activities; (b) to promote and develop Sanatan Dharma (Hinduism) throughout Trinidad and Tobago and elsewhere; (c) to serve as a training institution for religious and secular education; (d) to promote and foster the ethical, moral and social well being of the community; (e) to promote an awareness of religious and cultural implications through library services and printed materials; (f) to encourage and foster greater participation in all religious observances; (g) to provide support services for the socially and economically displaced; (h) to give support to other organisations with similar aims and objectives.
Power of the Organisation	4. The Organisation may— (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein; (b) accept surrenders of reconveyances and to enter into contracts;

(c) sell, exchange, devise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title to.

5. All real and personal property of whatever nature ^{Transfer and vesting of property} now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Organisation is hereby transferred to and vested in the Organisation.

6. All documents requiring the seal of the ^{Mode of execution of documents} Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Organisation) who shall both sign every 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 Organisation.

7. (1) The Organisation shall at all times have a ^{Service of documents} fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Organisation and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Organisation may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post, to the registered address of the Organisation.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Organisation liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to make
rules

8. The Organisation may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules may be amended from time to time.

Saving of State
and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of August, 1997.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of October, 1997.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate