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**Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad  
and Tobago**

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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 25 of 1991**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Edinburgh Dharmic  
Sabha and matters incidental thereto

*[Assented to 21st August, 1991]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and  
Tobago an Organization known as the Edinburgh Dharmic  
Sabha:

And whereas it is expedient that the Edinburgh Dharmic  
Sabha be incorporated:

Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
Short Title	1. This Act may be cited as The Edinburgh Dharmic Sabha (Incorporation) Act, 1991.
Incorporation	2. The Edinburgh Dharmic Sabha (hereinafter called “the Sabha”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of the Sabha are — <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) to promote the study, practice and teachings of the Hindu religious texts in Trinidad and Tobago and matters incidental thereto;</li><li>(b) to provide and facilitate the establishment of institutions of learning for the teaching of Hindi, English, Theology, the Cultural art forms and other academic subjects, both Spiritual and Temporal;</li><li>(c) to undertake the publication of books periodicals, magazines, religious literature, and to produce audio-visual materials for the promotion and propagation of the Hindu religion and Hindi and English languages;</li><li>(d) to organize and hold conventions, conferences, seminars and lectures for the promotion, understanding and propagation of the Hindu religion and Hindi and English languages;</li><li>(e) to award certificates of recognition to person and institutions, making outstanding contributions to religion and country;</li><li>(f) to mobilize support nationally and internationally for the propagation and promotion of the objects of the Sabha;</li><li>(g) to obtain and accept subscriptions, donations, grants, gifts, including personal and real property and other bequests from individuals, firms, and other institutions, to arrange exchange programmes and to award scholarships, prizes and other incentives for furthering all or any of the objects of the Sabha;</li></ul>

- (h) to co-operate with and join in all organizations having the same or like objects as the Sabha;
- (i) to build, organize and operate institutes, schools and other places of learning and research in fields related to education, Hindu theology and comparative religion;
- (j) to assist in the provision of facilities and services such as libraries, reading rooms, publishing houses, scholarship funds and lectures for the advancement of education;
- (k) to develop concern for the environment and the involvement in the community by all citizens, and to promote religious harmony;
- (l) to instil knowledge of national pride and freedom that will motivate and enable the followers to contribute with others to the building of a just, humane and participatory society;
- (m) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

4. The Sabha shall have power—

Powers of the  
Sabha

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance, lease or howsoever any real or personal property or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) to sell, exchange, demise, 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 thereto.

5. All real or personal property now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Sabha is hereby transferred to and vested in the Sabha.

Transfer and  
vesting of Property

**Mode of execution  
of documents**

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Sabha shall be sealed with the common seal of the Sabha in the presence of the Spiritual Head or the Deputy Spiritual Head and the Secretary General or in the event of incapacity, in the presence of some other person or persons authorized for that purpose by the Sabha who shall both sign every such document, and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Sabha.

**Service of  
document**

7. (1) The Sabha shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of Documents on the Sabha and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within Twenty-eight (28) days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

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

(3) Failing to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Sabha 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.

**Powers to  
make rules**

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

**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 person 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 12th day of July, 1991.

N. COX

*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 30th day of July, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH

*Acting Clerk of the Senate*