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RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

Ordinance
No. 8 of 1929.

AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION (CEYLON BRANCH).

[17th July, 1929.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) Ordinance.

(e) to undertake and carry on all such works as may appear necessary to attain the aims and objects of the corporation.

Incorporation of the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch).

2. From and after the passing of this Ordinance, the president, vice-president, and members of the board of management for the time being of the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch), as hereinafter constituted, and such and so many persons as now are or shall hereafter be admitted as members of the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch), shall be a corporation, hereinafter called "the corporation", and shall have the name of "The Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch)", and in that name shall have perpetual succession and shall and may sue and be sued in all courts in Sri Lanka, and may have and use a common seal and alter the same at their pleasure.

4. (1) The affairs of the corporation shall, subject to any rules made or deemed to be made under this Ordinance, be administered by a board of management, consisting of the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer, respectively of the corporation, and not more than thirty-six nor less than twelve other members, to be nominated and elected respectively in accordance with the rules in the Schedule*, or any rules amending the same.

(2) The first members of the board of management shall be;—

(1) His Holiness Swami Sharvananda, President.

(2) Swami Avinasananda, Vice-President.

(3) Swami Vipulananda, Secretary.

(4) The Hon, Mailvahana Mudaliar Subramanyam, M. L. C., Treasurer.

(5) The Hon. Supramaniam Rajaratnam, M. L. C.

(6) The Hon. Kothandaram Natesa Iyer, M. L. C.

(7) The Hon. Thambiah Mudaliar Sabaratnam, M. L. C.

(8) Mudaliar Chellappah Rasanayakam, C.C.S.

(9) Mr. Carthigesu Ariyanayakam.

(10) Mr. Arumugam Sellamuttu,

(11) Dr. Sinnatamby Subramaniam,

(12) Mudaliar Subramaniam Tiru Chittambalam.

General objects of the corporation.

3. The general objects for which the corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

(a) to impart and promote the study of Hinduism and all its scriptures and the teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa;

(b) to promote the study of comparative theology in its widest form and assist in bringing about the harmony of all religions;

(c) to carry on educational work among the masses in all branches of knowledge;

(d) to establish, maintain, and otherwise assist *mutts* or monasteries, schools, orphanages, and similar educational and charitable institutions ; and

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

- (13) Mr; Subramaniam Vythialingam, B. A,
- (14) Mr. Canagasabai Perumalpillai.
- (15) Dr. Catfairithamby Sabapathy.
- (16) Mr. Kandavanam Ayadurai.
- (17) Mr. Kunjalam Subramanyam Kanagarayar.
- (18) Mr. Marimuttu Shanmugam Eliyathamby.
- (19) Mr. Vairamuttu Nagalingam.
- (20) Mr. Kantappar Muttucumaru.
- (21) Mr. Kathirgamathamby Sitravel Chandrasegarampillai.
- (22) Mr. Saravanamuttu Achalingam.
- (23) Mr. Kathiravelpillai Gnanasambanthar.
- (24) Mr. Kampannar Palaniandy Somasundram.
- (25) Mr. Thevar Appavoo Devanayagampillai.
- (26) Mr. Nallathambi Swaminathapillai.
- (27). Mr. Murugappar Somanathapillai.
- (28) Mr. Thaiyalpagar Oppillamony.
- (29) Mr. Subramaniam Katiappa.
- (30) Mudaliar Kasinathar Vythiyalingam Marcandan,
- (31) Mr. Saravanamuttu Cumaraswami.
- (32) Mr. Murugappar Chinniah.
- (33) Mr. Candappa Muttiah.
- (34) Notary Kanapathipillai Nallatamby.
- (35) Notary Seenithamby Selladurai.
- (36) Mr. Kathiramathamby Odayar Velupillai.
- (37) Mr. Kanapper Kandiah.
- (38) His Holiness Swami Yatiswarananda.
- (39) Bramachari Shivadas.
- (40) Bramachari Raroan Nambiar.

- (b) for the conduct of the duties of the board of management and of the various local committees, office-bearers, agents, and servants of the corporation;
- (c) for the procedure in the transaction of business;
- (d) for the election or appointment of the officers of the corporation or of the members of the board of management and for their tenure of office; and
- (e) otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

(2) The rules in the Schedule* to this Ordinance shall for all purposes be deemed to be the rules of the corporation in force at the commencement of this Ordinance, and to have been made under this Ordinance, and may be altered, added to, amended, or rescinded by rules to be made under this Ordinance.

(3) All rules and resolutions other than those relating to finance or property made by the board of management after the commencement of this Ordinance shall be subject to the approval of the president of the Ramakrishna Mission at Belur, near Calcutta, before coming into operation.

(4) All members of the corporation shall be subject to any rules made or deemed to be made under this Ordinance.

6. On the coming into operation of the Ordinance, all and every property belonging to the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) or in the name or names of any person or persons in trust for the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the corporation, and shall be held by the corporation in its corporate name, and the same together with all property hereafter to be acquired by the corporation, both movable and immovable, and all subscriptions, contributions, donations, amounts of loans, and advances received or to be received, shall be held by the corporation for the purpose of this

Property vested in the corporation.

Rules.

5. (1) It shall be lawful for the board of management at any of its meetings, held after due notice, by a majority of votes of the members present and voting at such meeting, to make rules—

- (a) for the admission, withdrawal, or expulsion of members;

* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.

Ordinance, subject to the rules made or deemed to be made under this Ordinance and subject to any trusts under which such property may have been received.

lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

Debts, &c., due by and payable to the Mission.

7. All debts and liabilities of the said Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) which were in existence before the coming into operation of this Ordinance, shall be paid by the corporation, and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the said Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) shall be paid to the corporation for the purposes of this Ordinance,

10. The income and property of the corporation whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the corporation as set forth in this Ordinance, and in no event shall the assets belonging to the corporation be taken outside the limits of Sri Lanka or used for any purposes outside the said limits or contrary to the conditions of any trust under which the property is received :

Application of the funds of the corporation.

Seal.

8. The seal of the corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever, except in the presence of three members of the board of management, of whom one shall be the president or the vice-president, who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signature shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Provided that funds or property donated for local purposes shall be utilized for the purposes for which they are granted and shall not be utilized outside the local limits without the sanction of the local committees.

Corporation may hold property, movable and immovable.

9. The corporation shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition, or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the corporation for the purposes of this Ordinance and subject to any rules made or deemed to be made under this Ordinance with full power to sell, mortgage,

11. Except so far as is provided in this Ordinance or in any rules made or deemed to be made thereunder, any dispute or doubt as to any matter or question affecting or relating to the principles or policy of the Ramakrishna Mission shall be referred to the governing body of the Ramakrishna Mission in India, whose decision thereon shall be final.

Decision of disputes, &c., as to principles or policy.

12. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Ordinance, and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of rights of the Republic and other rights.