

SOCIETY OF PILAR - ANDAMANS

(Bye-laws of the Society)

(1) Name of the Society:

The name of the Society is "SOCIETY
OF PILAR - ANDAMANS"

(2) Area of operation:

The area of operation of the Society
shall be the Union Territory of Andamans and Nicobar
Islands.

(3) Office of the Society:

The principal office of the Society
will be located in the Union Territory of Andamans and
Nicobar Islands at such place as the Governing Body of the
Society may determine from time to time. For the time being
the office is situated at Catholic Church, P.O. Haddo,
Port Blair, Andamans.

The branch offices may be established
by the Governing Body of the Society at such places in the
area of operation as may be determined by it from time to
time.

(4) The Objects of the Society:

The objects of the Society will be as
enumerated in the memorandum of Association. In particular,
it shall raise funds, accept donations, incur loans and other
liabilities as well as purchase properties, put up buildings
and purchase all other assets necessary to pursue those objects.

The Society shall carry out and execute
all other functions and activities which may be ancillary
to the objects enumerated in the Memorandum of Association.

(5) Membership:

a) The Society shall have permanent and ordinary members:-

- (1) Since this Society is a sisterly organisation of the Society
of Pilar at Goa, (a quasi-religious Institute with its
headquarters in Pilar, Goa, recognized by the Roman Catholic
Church and established according to the Canons 673 -687
of the Code of Canon Law), the Superior General of the
Society of Pilar at Goa or any person functioning as such

- (ii) The Regional Superior appointed by the Society of Pilar at Goa for the area of operation or any person functioning as such shall ex-officio be another permanent member.
- (iii) The Ordinary membership will be open by invitation from amongst the Parish Priests, Chaplains, Principals, Headmasters Procurators and Directors of Social Works working in the different organisations of the Society in the area of its operation.
- b) No one shall be selected or invited as a member who is not a professed member with perpetual bonds in the Society of Pilar, Goa.
- c) Each of the above persons shall be deemed to have agreed to become a member of the Association by signifying his assent to this Memorandum and bye-laws of the Society or by signing the Register of members maintained by the Society.
- d) The Governing Body may accept or refuse the membership to a particular person. In no case is it bound to give justification for the acceptance or refusal.
- (6) Termination of Membership:
- The ordinary membership shall stand terminated in the following cases:-
- a) On written resignation of the member given to the Governing Body.
- b) On the death of member.
- c) On being transferred from the area of operation or when the member leaves the area of operation on any ground whatsoever.
- d) On his ceasing to be a member in full standing of the Society of Pilar, Goa.
- e) On ceasing to be in positions like those of Parish Priests/ Chaplains/ Principals/ Procurators/Headmasters/Directors of Social Works when his membership is in virtue of the above position.
- f) When he is removed from the membership by a three fourths (3/4th) majority of the Governing Body after giving him a show-cause notice and providing him the opportunity of hearing. The member so removed shall have right to appeal to the General Body within 15 days from the date of the resolution of the Governing Body removing him and during the period of appeal his membership will be treated as having been suspended. In case of such an appeal, the decision taken at General Body meeting shall be final.

(7) Governing Body:

- a) The Governing Body shall consist of 6 members out of whom one will be the President, one Chairman, one Secretary, one Treasurer and two ordinary members.
- b) The Superior General, a permanent member as mentioned in bye-laws 5 (i) shall be ex-officio the president of the Society. He shall not be bound to attend the meetings of the Governing Body, but whenever he chooses to attend he shall preside over such meetings. He shall have powers to call for the meetings of the Governing Body and refer any matter that he may think fit in the interest of the Society to the Governing Body for consideration and reconsideration. He shall have the powers to call for, look into and inspect any books, documents and other property of the Society. The projects and schemes requiring expenditure over Rs.5000/- will have to be approved by the president. He may exercise the above powers personally or through his delegate. In case the Governing Body refers any matter for the opinion of the President, then his opinion shall be final. The president shall also have the powers to call any matter under consideration of or decided by the Governing Body to himself and his opinion/ decision on the same shall be final and binding.

The Governing Body shall send to the President within 15 days, a copy of the acts of the meeting and the decision taken therein.

- c) The Chairman of the Society shall be the person functioning as Regional Superior (Cfr. bye-law no. 5, a (ii) in the area of operation as appointed under the Constitutions and Directory of the Society of Pilar at Goa.
- d) The Chairman shall call and preside over the meetings of the Governing Body and in his absence the Governing Body shall elect any person from them, to preside over the meeting on that day. The Chairman shall have the overall control over the activities of the Society.
- e) The Secretary shall be responsible for day to day affairs of the Society. He shall maintain the records of the Society and shall issue notices for meetings, under the direction of the Chairman.

- f) The Treasurer shall maintain the accounts. The accounts will be signed by the Chairman and the Treasurer jointly. The Accounts of the Society shall be opened in a Scheduled Bank and shall be operated by the signature of the Chairman or Secretary and the Treasurer.
- g) The Office bearers and members of the Governing Body except the president and the Chairman will be elected by majority votes at the ordinary Annual meeting of the Society for a two-year term. Any casual vacancy in the Governing Body will be filled in by nomination by the Chairman and shall be valid till the ensuring annual General meeting.
- Until the time the new members are elected, the office bearers will continue in their office.
- h) The quorum for the Governing Body meetings shall consist of 3 members. Ordinarily 3 days notice shall be given for such meetings but if the Chairman deems fit, he may direct the meeting to be called at one days's notice.
- i) The Person presiding at the Governing Body meetings or at the General Body Meetings shall have the right to exercise the casting vote respectively.

8) General Body Meeting:

- a) The Society's year will be from April to March and the Annual General Meeting shall be called by the Governing Body within three months from the end of Society's year whereat the audited accounts of the Society shall be placed for approval.
- Elections of the office-bearers of the Governing Body after their two-year term is over will be conducted, the Auditors for the year shall be appointed and other business will be sorted out.

The Chairman will preside over such meeting unless the president chooses to do so. The quorum for this meeting will be 5 members or 2/3rd of the membership of the Society whichever is higher. The meeting adjourned for want of quorum shall be conducted after an hour and the business conducted thereat shall be valid irrespective of quorum rule. The notice for General Meeting shall be 7 clear days. Any member desiring to raise any issue at the General Meeting shall give notice of at least 3 days of his intention to do so to the Secretary.

- b) The president, the Chairman or the Governing Body of the Society on notice to the Secretary shall be entitled to call for the emergency general meeting in which only the specific issue will be on the agenda.

9) Amendments:

Resolution to amend the bye-laws or the Memorandum of Association shall be moved in a General Body Meeting and shall be passed by 7 members or 2/3rd of membership whichever is higher.

10) Legal Matters:

The Chairman shall represent the Society actively and passively in the courts and Government offices with the right to delegate his powers on one or more persons.

11) Dissolution:

In case of dissolution of the Society in accordance with the provision of the Societies Registration Act of 1860, after meeting all debts, the property and all the assets of the Society shall belong to the Society of Pilar, Goa, registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860, in the office of Registrar, Panjim, Goa, under the serial No. 150, for the promotion of the objects similar to these of the Society.

12) No Remuneration:

- a) The members elected for various jobs of the Society, will not have right for remuneration except the right to be reimbursed of all the expenses which they might have incurred to carry on with their duty and which are duly justified.
- b) Besides the expenses of maintenance of the members of the Society no member shall benefit from the funds of the Society which has mainly religious social and charitable aims.

Certified that the above is a true and correct copy of the bye-laws of the Society of Pilar, Andamans.

Dated the 15th September 1983.

Members of the Governing Body of the Society of Pilar, Andamans.

1. Fr. J. Almeida
2. Fr. N. Rodrigues
3. Fr. Piety
4. Fr. Kalk
5. Fr. Nelson
6. Fr. Tony D'Sa