



SRI LANKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
(INCORPORATION) LAW,
No. 20 OF 1974
OF
THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY

[Certified on 27th June, 1974]

Printed on the Orders of Government.

PRINTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING, SRI LANKA (CEYLON)

TO BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVT. PUBLICATIONS BUREAU, COLOMBO

Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation)

Law, No. 20 of 1974

L. D.—O. 2/70

A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE SRI LANKA LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS an association called and known as the Preamble.
“Sri Lanka Library Association” has heretofore
been established for the purpose of effectively carry-
ing out and transacting all matters connected with the
said association according to the rules agreed to by
its members:

AND whereas the said association has heretofore
successfully carried out and transacted the several
objects and matters for which it was established and it
is now desirable that the said association should be
incorporated:

BE it enacted by the National State Assembly of the
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Sri Lanka Short title.
Library Association (Incorporation) Law, No. 20 of
1974.

2. The persons who, at the time of the coming into Incorporation
of the
Sri Lanka
Library
Association.
operation of this Law, are members of the Sri Lanka
Library Association (hereinafter referred to as “the
association”) and such other persons as are hereafter
enrolled as members of the association shall be a body
corporate (hereinafter referred to as “the Corpora-
tion”) with perpetual succession, a common seal and
the name “The Sri Lanka Library Association”.
The Corporation may sue or be sued by that name.

3. (1) All persons, institutions and associations Membership
of the
Corporation.
engaged in library work or providing library and
bibliographical services or interested in promoting
libraries, library services and librarianship shall be
eligible to be members of the Corporation.

(2) The terms and conditions of membership and
the admission and enrolment of members shall be
determined by the rules of the Corporation.

4. The objects of the Corporation shall be—

(a) to promote the establishment, extension and
improvement of library services in Sri
Lanka and to set up professional standards;

Objects
of the
Corporation.

2 *Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation)*
Law, No. 20 of 1974

- (b) to unite all those engaged in, or interested in, library work by holding conferences and meetings for the discussion of bibliographical questions and matters affecting libraries;
- (c) to safeguard and promote the interests, welfare, rights and privileges of the members of the profession of librarians in Sri Lanka;
- (d) to train librarians and to conduct professional examinations in librarianship and to issue certificates of proficiency;
- (e) to promote greater co-ordination and co-operation between libraries in Sri Lanka;
- (f) to promote and encourage bibliographic study and research and the publication of professional literature;
- (g) to collect and maintain a library of professional literature;
- (h) to co-operate with library associations and other organizations interested in the promotion of education and culture both within and outside Sri Lanka; and
- (i) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The Council.

5. (1) The governing body of the Corporation shall be the Council.

(2) The Council shall consist of the following persons:—

(a) The office-bearers of the Corporation specified below who shall be elected at each annual general meeting of the Corporation from among its members in accordance with the rules of the Corporation:—

- (i) The President
- (ii) The two Vice-Presidents
- (iii) The General Secretary
- (iv) The Assistant General Secretary
- (v) The Treasurer
- (vi) The Education Officer
- (vii) The Publications Officer.

(b) The member who last held the post of President.

Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) 3
Law, No. 20 of 1974

(c) Other members, namely—

- (i) a representative from each professional group of the Corporation elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation;
- (ii) a representative from each regional section of the Corporation elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation; and
- (iii) two other members to be elected by the Council from among members of the Corporation.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be determined by such Council.

(4) The members of the Council holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this Law shall be the first members of the Council and shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Corporation.

(5) The term of office of the members of the Council specified in paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of this section shall be determined by the rules of the Corporation.

6. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law and the rules of the Corporation, the Council shall have the following powers and duties:—

Powers and
duties of the
Council.

- (a) to constitute standing and other Committees as the Council deems necessary;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Corporation in respect of the making of rules and of additions, alterations and amendments to, and the rescission of, existing rules;
- (c) to determine the common seal of the Corporation and to alter it when necessary;
- (d) to consider and adopt, with amendments when necessary, the annual report and the financial estimates of the Corporation;

4 *Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation)*
Law, No. 20 of 1974

- (e) to summon special and annual general meetings of the Corporation;
- (f) to award fellowships and associateships of the Corporation;
- (g) to expel any member from membership of the Corporation for conduct unbecoming of and prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and to withdraw any fellowship or associateship awarded to such member by the Corporation;
- (h) to create posts of paid officers and servants of the Corporation and to determine the emoluments payable to them and the terms and conditions of their service;
- (i) to award scholarships and to create special funds for the purpose;
- (j) for the purposes of the educational programme of the Corporation, to recognize and accredit library schools or courses established or conducted by private institutions;
- (k) to advise any person or institution in the recognition and accreditation of library schools, courses and examinations in librarianship established or conducted by private institutions and on any other matter relating to the profession of librarians;
- (l) to determine the fees to be paid by the Corporation to examiners, lecturers, and to persons preparing correspondence courses in librarianship for the Corporation;
- (m) to determine membership, tuition, examination and other fees payable to the Corporation;
- (n) to establish, recognize and register professional groups and regional sections of the Corporation; and

Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) 5
Law, No. 20 of 1974

(o) to do or perform any other act or duty authorized or imposed upon the Council by this Law or by the rules of the Corporation.

(2) The Council shall have power to exercise all rights and perform all duties notwithstanding any vacancy for the time being in the composition of the Council.

7. (1) The chief executive body of the Corporation shall be the Executive Committee. Executive Committee.

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons:—

(a) The office-bearers specified below:—

- (i) The President
- (ii) The two Vice-Presidents
- (iii) The General Secretary
- (iv) The Assistant General Secretary
- (v) The Treasurer
- (vi) The Education Officer
- (vii) The Publications Officer.

(b) Four other members who shall be elected by the Council from among its number.

(3) The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the Council.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law and the rules of the Corporation, and subject to the direction and control of the Council, the Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:— Powers and duties of the Executive Committee.

(a) to purchase, hold, control, and administer the property and funds of the Corporation;

(b) to provide for the custody of the common seal of the Corporation, and to give directions with regard to the use of such seal;

6 *Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation)*
Law, No. 20 of 1974

- (c) to appoint, promote, suspend, dismiss and otherwise punish paid officers and other employees of the Corporation;
- (d) to receive, accept and administer bequests, donations and grants of any funds or property made to the Corporation;
- (e) to prepare and consider the Annual Report, and the financial estimates of the Corporation and to submit such report and estimates to the Council;
- (f) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other facilities required for carrying out the work of the Corporation or any of its Committees or Agencies;
- (g) to enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the Corporation;
- (h) to convene and organize seminars and conferences in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation and to make rules regarding the conduct of such seminars or conferences;
- (i) to organize exhibitions, arrange lectures and such other activities, as are deemed necessary and useful to achieve the objects of the Corporation;
- (j) to admit and enrol new members;
- (k) to suspend members from membership of the Corporation for non-payment of subscriptions or for any conduct unbecoming of and prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation and to recommend their expulsion to the Council;
- (l) to award scholarships; and
- (m) to exercise all such other powers and perform all such other duties as shall be conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Corporation.

(2) The Executive Committee shall have power to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties notwithstanding any vacancy, for the time being, in the composition of such Committee.

Sri Lanka Library Association (Incorporation) 7
Law, No. 20 of 1974

9. All the debts and liabilities of the association existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Law, shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to, and all subscriptions, contributions and fines payable to the association shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law.

Sums payable by or to the association to be paid by or to the Corporation.

10. The Corporation—

- (a) may acquire and hold any movable or immovable property by right of purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise;
- (b) shall hold any property subject to the rules for the time being of the Corporation;
- (c) may sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any of its properties; and
- (d) may borrow money, for the purposes of the Corporation.

Corporation may acquire, hold and dispose of property, and borrow money.

11. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by the majority vote of the members present and voting, and with the prior approval of two-thirds of the members of the Council voting at a meeting of such Council, to make rules for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may in like manner be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

Rules.

(2) Pending the making of rules by the Corporation, the regulations made by the association and in force on the date this Law comes into operation shall for all purposes be deemed to be rules made by the Corporation and shall continue in force and may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded by rules made under this Law.

12. Nothing in this Law contained 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 Law, and those claiming by, from or under them.

Savings of the rights of the Republic and others.