



RIFAI THAREEQ ASSOCIATION OF  
SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION)

LAW, No. 29 OF 1976

OF

THE NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY

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A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE RIFAI THAREEQ  
ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA.

WHEREAS an association called and known as Preamble,  
“The Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka”,  
founded by His Holiness Seyed Mohamed Yoosuf  
Rifai Thangal of Androth Island, the father of His  
Holiness Rifai Moulana Seyed Mohamed Fazul  
Pookoya Thangal, has heretofore been established at  
the Mohideen Mosque, First Mosque Lane, Colombo  
12, for the purpose of effectively carrying 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 hereto-  
fore successfully carried out and transacted the  
several objects and matters for which it was estab-  
lished, and has applied to be incorporated and it is  
now desirable and expedient that the said association  
should be incorporated:

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

1. This Law may be cited as the Rifai Thareeq Short title.  
Association of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Law,  
No. 29 of 1976.

2. From and after the date of commencement of Incorporation  
of the  
Rifai Thareeq  
Association  
of Sri Lanka.  
this Law, such and so many persons as now are  
members of the Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri  
Lanka (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”)  
or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corpo-  
ration hereby constituted, shall be and become a  
Corporation with perpetual succession under the style  
and name of “The Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri  
Lanka” (hereinafter referred to as “the Corpora-  
tion”), and by that name may sue and be sued in all  
Courts, with full power and authority to have and to  
use a common seal and to change and alter the same  
at its pleasure.

3. The general objects of the Corporation are General  
objects  
of the  
Corporation.  
hereby declared to be—

(a) the study and the promotion of Islamic culture  
and religion and the development of the Rifai  
Thareeq;

- (b) the research into the life history and activities of the founder of the Rifai Thareeq, His Holiness Sulthanul Arifeen Seyed Ahameed Kabeer Rifai (Kadesallahu Sirrahul Azees) and to conduct commemorative events connected therewith, and also of Prophet Muhammed (Sellallahu Alaihiwasallam) and of other leading Saints;
- (c) the promotion of a spirit of fellowship among the members of the Corporation and the inculcation in them the spirit of service to the community and the country;
- (d) the provision of facilities for the advancement of education of the Muslims;
- (e) the establishment and maintenance of a Muslim religious school for the teaching of Al Quran and the Arabic language;
- (f) the provision for charitable acts for the benefit of poor Muslims;
- (g) the maintenance of the Mohideen Mosque, First Mosque Lane, Colombo 12;
- (h) the engagement in any religious or charitable acts as may be found to be necessary in the opinion of the General Committee of Management; and
- (i) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the accomplishment of the above objects.

General  
powers  
of the  
Corporation

4. The Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

Life Patrons.

5. (1) The Spiritual Heads of the Corporation shall be the Life Patrons of the Corporation as long as they continue to be such Spiritual Heads.

(2) The Spiritual Heads of the Association on the date of commencement of this Law, namely—

- (a) His Eminence Rifai Moulana P.P. Nalla Koya Thangal,
- (b) His Eminence Rifai Moulana P.P. Yoosuf Koya Thangal, G.K.K., and
- (c) His Eminence Rifai Moulana Seyid Fathhudeen Thangal, M.A. (Al-Azhar),

shall be the first Life Patrons of the Corporation.

6. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a General Committee of Management consisting of such number of persons as may be provided for in such rules and appointed annually by the Life Patrons.

General  
Committee  
of  
Management.

(2) The first General Committee of Management of the Corporation shall be the General Committee of Management of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.

7. (1) The custody of all property belonging to the Corporation shall, subject to the rules for the time being of the Corporation, be vested in a Committee of Trustees consisting of five persons who shall be appointed by the Life Patrons, and shall continue as such Trustees until they resign or die, or until they are removed from office by the Life Patrons.

Committee  
of  
Trustees.

(2) The first Committee of Trustees of the Corporation shall be the Committee of Trustees of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.

8. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any general meeting of the members and by a majority of votes to make rules for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members, for the conduct of the duties of the General Committee of Management, the Committee of Trustees and the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure in the transaction of business, and otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

Rules  
of the  
Corporation.

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(2) The rules of the Association in force on the date of commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section.

(3) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation for the time being in force.

Debts due  
by and  
payable  
to the  
Corporation.

9. All 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 subscriptions and contributions payable to the Association, shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law.

How the  
seal of  
the  
Corporation  
is to be  
affixed.

10. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of such number of persons as may be provided for in the rules of the Corporation who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

Corporation  
may hold  
property  
movable and  
immovable.

11. The Corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, 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 Law and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

Saving  
of the  
rights  
of the  
Republic  
and  
others.

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