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OF

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A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE MUSLIM LIBRARY.

WHEREAS an Institution called and known as "The Muslim Library", was established in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-two in Colombo for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said Institution according to the rules agreed to by its members:

Preamble.

And whereas the said Institution has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was established, and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application:

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 Muslim Library (Incorporation) Law, No. 36 of 1978.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Law, such and so many persons as now are members of the Muslim Library (hereinafter referred to as "the Library") or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a Corporation with perpetual succession under the name and style of "The Muslim Library," (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") 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 change and alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Muslim Library.

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

General objects of the Corporation.

- (a) to spread the virtues of Islam and its culture;
- (b) to promote the religious, spiritual and cultural welfare of Muslims;
- (c) to maintain a free Library and Reading Room open to the public;
- (d) to organize lectures and seminars on Islam and Islamic religious practices for the purpose of educating Muslims and others; and
- (e) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

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 and 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.

Management
of the
affairs
of the
Corporation.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the office-bearers and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected in accordance therewith.

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

Rules
of the
Corporation.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any annual or special general meeting of the members and by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make such rules as are not inconsistent with the principles and provisions of this Law for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting and in like manner, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

(2) The rules of the Library in force on the date of commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section and may be altered, added to, amended, rescinded or replaced by rules made under this Law.

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

Debts
due by and
payable
to the
Corporation.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Library existing on the date of commencement of this Law shall be paid by the Corporation and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Library shall be paid to the Corporation.

8. 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, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation
may hold
property
movable
and
immovable.

9. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two members of the Executive Committee, one of whom shall be the President or in his absence a Vice-President, who shall sign their names on the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How seal
of the
Corporation
is to be
affixed.

10. 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.

Saving
of the
rights
of the
Republic
and
others.