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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
WRITERS' BUILDINGS,
KOLKATA-700 001**

Website : www.anagrasarkalyan.gov.in

No. 1451-BCW/6S-20/12

Kolkata, the 25th April, 2013.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas it is considered necessary and expedient to establish an Excellence Centre for upliftment of the people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes of West Bengal;

Now therefore the Governor is pleased hereby to establish 'Ambedkar Centre for Excellence' hereinafter referred to as the Society with its Registered Office at the Cultural Research Institute at P-1/4, CIT, VII/M, VIP Road, P.O.- Kankurgachhi, Kolkata-700 054.

1. The aims and objects of the Society shall be:

- (a) To perpetuate the memory of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar through upliftment of the people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes throughout the State of West Bengal, who have remained downtrodden and subjected to discrimination and injustice for decades.
- (b) To impart material, educational, cultural and professional knowledge to the needy and indigent but able persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
- (c) To bring together all the skills and resources dedicated to the empowerment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
- (d) To involve people who may be voluntarily interested to aid and assist the Society for augmenting its proposed plans and programmes.
- (e) To set up institutions, having professional expertise to guide and steer young boys and girls in the pre and post matric standards to bring out the academic excellence.

- (f) To establish, run and maintain educational institutions, training institutes for eradicating illiteracy and spreading education.
- (g) To conduct job-oriented training courses for the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
- (h) To foster growth of cultural excellence in various traditional forms of music, art, craft, painting, literature and other performing skills among the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.
- (i) To provide educational, vocational and other assistances to the graduates and post-graduates pursuing higher education, so as to enable them to excel in life.
- (j) To disseminate fruitful information and knowledge, establish and run library therefor.
- (k) To arrange and organize lectures, meeting, conference, discussions, debates, seminars, excursions and exposure programmes etc.
- (l) To publish or cause to be published useful literature, papers, magazines, periodicals, leaflets, books etc.
- (m) To perform works of society on no profit no loss principles.
- (n) To raise, collect and accept donation, subscriptions, gifts, grants from members, individuals, institutions, associations, of persons, companies, body corporate, trade unions, autonomous body, State and Central Govt.
- (o) To do all such acts and deeds as may be deemed necessary, beneficial or conducive to attain the objects of the Society.

2. The following shall be the authorities of the Society:

A. General Council and B. Executive Council.

3. General Council:

3.1 The General Council shall initially consist of not more than 21 members to be nominated in the following manner:

- (a) Chairperson – (to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department)
- (b) Vice-Chairperson – (to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department)
- (c) One Officer appointed by the State Government on deputation – Member-Secretary.
- (d) Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, West Bengal – Ex-officio Member
- (e) Director, Cultural Research Institute – Ex-officio Member.
- (f) District Welfare Officer, Backward Classes Welfare, Kolkata – Ex-officio Member
- (g) Project Officer (H.Q.), Backward Classes Welfare, West Bengal – Ex-officio Member
- (h) Managing Director, W.B.S.C. & S.T. Dev. & Fin. Corporation – Ex-officio Member
- (i) Other members to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department.

3.2. Meeting of the General Council:

The General Council shall ordinarily meet at least twice a year on date, time and place to be fixed by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson and shall:

- (a) Adopt the Annual Report of the preceding year.
- (b) Pass the audited accounts and Budget estimates.
- (c) Transact any business as well be placed in the agenda suggested by the Executive Council.

3.3. Extra-ordinary meeting:

An extra-ordinary meeting of the General Council may be called by the Secretary, in consultation with the Chairperson and at the advice of the Executive Council when needed to transact any special business or at the requisition signed by at least 7 members of the Council. The Chairperson shall convene the requisitioned meeting within 30 days from the date of the receipt of the requisition. If the requisitioned meeting fails to attain quorum, it will not be adjourned and will be treated as failed.

Notice of the place, date and hour of any meeting and of the business to be transacted shall be issued to be members of the Council at least 7 days before the fixed date.

3.4. The following procedures shall be applicable to all the meetings of the General Council:

- (a) One-fifth of the members shall constitute the quorum; if there be no quorum, the meeting shall stand postponed to a date to be fixed by the Chairperson. A fresh notice shall be issued and if there be no quorum again those present shall be competent to transact business.
- (b) The Chairperson or in his absence the Vice-Chairperson shall take the Chair. If neither the Chairperson nor the Vice-Chairperson be present the members present shall nominate a President for the meeting from amongst them and transact the business.

3.5. The **power and duties of the General Council** shall be as follows:

- (a) To provide guidelines of the activities of the Council in conformity with the objects defined.
- (b) To consider and adopt Annual Report of the Council.
- (c) To consider and approve the audited accounts and the Budget Estimates.
- (d) To appoint Auditor for auditing the annual accounts.

4. Executive Council:

4.1 The Executive Council consisting of not more than 9 members shall be constituted as following by the Govt. from amongst the members of the General Council.

- (a) Chairperson — (to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department)
- (b) Vice-Chairperson — (to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department)
- (c) One Officer appointed by the State Government on deputation — Member Secretary.
- (d) Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, West Bengal — Ex-officio Member
- (e) Director, Cultural Research institute — Ex-officio Member.
- (f) Managing Director, W.B.S.C. & S.T. Dev. & Fin. Corporation — Ex-officio Member
- (g) Remaining 3 members to be nominated by the State Government in the BCW Department from amongst the members of the General Council.

Provided that the State Government in the BCW Department may nominate such other persons, as it may consider necessary for proper functioning of the Council members of the Executive Council, who will also be members of the General Council.

4.2. Meeting of the Executive Council:

- (a) The Executive Council shall ordinarily meet four times in a year and the quorum of such meeting shall be 5.
- (b) An extra — ordinary meeting of the Executive Council may be called at the requisition of at least 3 members of the Executive Council to transact any special business. The requisitioned meeting shall be convened within 15 days from the date of receipt of the requisition. If the requisitioned meeting fails to attain quorum, it will not be adjourned and will be treated as failed.
- (c) Notice of all meetings of the Executive Council shall be issued at least 7 days before the date fixed for such meeting.

4.3. The power and duties of the Executive Council shall be as follows:

- (a) To manage the affairs of the Society and for this purpose to constitute committees and / or sub-committees of the members of the Society and to frame and adopt such regulations, bye-laws and pass such orders as may appear conducive to and necessary for the efficient administration of the Society provided that such regulations shall not be repugnant to these Regulations and shall be reported to the General Council. The Executive Council will constitute a committee/sub-committee to be headed by the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson for overall development of the Society.

- (b) To prepare and place before the General Council and annual report, the audited accounts and the Budget Estimates.
- (c) To manage all the moveable and immoveable properties belonging to the Society.
- (d) To acquire and accept any property (moveable & immoveable), articles, donations and gifts, in the name of the society.
- (e) To keep accounts audited and the Budget estimate prepared, to do all other acts and deeds as shall be necessary and relevant in furtherance to the objects of the Society.
- (f) To pay out of funds of the Society or out of any particular part of such fund, the expenses incurred by the Society from time to time including expenses for the formation of the Society and management of administration of the foregoing objects, including all rent, rates and taxes, outgoing and salaries, allowances including fringe benefits of the employees. The fringe benefit of the employees will be fixed in consultation with the Government.

4.4 The Executive Council shall exercise the power as mentioned above subject to the directives as issued by the State Government in BCW Department from time to time.

4.5. All the properties belonging to the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Executive Council but should be referred to as the properties of the Society.

5. The State Government may consider creating required Head of Account under the BCW Department to make provision of fund for providing financial assistance to the Society.

6. Term of Office :

The non-Government members may be nominated for a period of three years and their term will automatically expire on completion of three years. However, there is no bar to renominate any or all members for a further term or more.

7. Any member who is not a member in the ex-officio capacity shall cease to be a member of the Council if he/she fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the General Council.

8. Dissolution of Society:

The Society may be dissolved in accordance with the provisions under Section 24 and 27 of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961. In the event of dissolution after satisfaction of all liabilities, all the assets including moveable and immovable properties whatsoever that remain, shall vest in State Government who shall decide the future usage of them.

9. All the provisions under all the Sections of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 shall apply to this Society.

10. All matters related to Governing the Society will be governed & guided by terms and conditions as laid down in the "Memorandum of Association" & "Regulations of the Society"

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the "Kolkata Gazette" & be circulated to all concerned.

By order of the Governor,

S. K. THADE,
Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.