

**CHAPTER 418**

**SIRI ANURADHAPURA BASTIAN PILGRIMS REST**

*Law* A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE SIRI ANURADHAPURA BASTIAN PILGRIMS REST  
 No. 15 of 1975. MANAGEMENT SOCIETY.

[17th March. 1975.]

Short title. **1.** This Law may be cited as the Siri Anuradhapura Bastian Pilgrims Rest Management Society Law.

conduct Buddhist activities with a view to instilling a sense of charity in the hearts of all those who visit the said Pilgrims Rest;

Incorporation. **2.** From and after the date of commencement of this Law, such and so many persons as now are members of the Siri Anuradhapura Bastian Pilgrims Rest Management Society, (hereinafter referred to as "the Society ") or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") with perpetual succession under the style and name of "The Siri Anuradhapura Bastian Pilgrims Rest Management Society ", and by that name shall and may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and alter the same at its pleasure.

(d) to participate and assist with the consent of the majority of the Committee in the performance of meritorious deeds, such as alms-givings and Buddhist meetings and functions in Anuradhapura.

**4.** (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation as hereinafter provided, be administered by a Committee to be elected in accordance with the rules for the time being of the Corporation.

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

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

(a) to efficiently maintain and manage, with the assistance of Buddhists, the Siri Anuradhapura Bastian Pilgrims Rest in accordance with the aims and objects for which the Pilgrims Rest was founded and to ensure the practical observance of the fundamental principles of Buddhism which has been the basis on which the said Pilgrims Rest has been maintained for the past fifty years;

**5.** (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting of the members and by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and qualified to vote at such meeting, to make rules 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 cancelled, subject, however, to the requirements of subsection (2).

(b) to vest in the Committee the control and management of the affairs of the Corporation;

(2) No rule of the Corporation for the time being in force nor any rule which may hereafter be passed shall be altered, added to, amended or cancelled, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and

(c) to afford all facilities to Buddhist monks and pilgrims who visit the Pilgrims Rest and to organize and

qualified to vote at a general meeting of the Corporation and unless at least two weeks' prior notice of such alteration, addition, amendment or cancellation shall have been given to the members.

members of the Committee 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.

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

**8.** The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, by right of 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 for the time being of the said Corporation, with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold property, movable and immovable.

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

**9.** 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.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

Debts due by and payable to the Corporation.

**6.** All debts and liabilities of the Society 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 and contributions payable to the Society, shall be paid to the Corporation.

Procedure for affixing the seal of the Corporation.

**7.** The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two of the