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SRI PUNNIYAWARDHANA SAMITHIYA OF MATALE

Act  
No. 14 of 1955.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE SRI PUNNIYAWARDHANA SAMITHIYA OF MATALE.

[12th April. 1955.]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matala Act.

the corporation elected to that committee in accordance with the rules in force for the time being of the corporation.

Incorporation of Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matala.

2. The members for the time being of the association known as Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matala shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation") with perpetual succession, a common seal, and the name " Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matala ". The corporation may sue and be sued in such name.

(2) The first committee of management shall consist of the following :—

(a) Office-bearers:—

(1) S. P. Wijayatilake, Esquire, President, (2) W. Giragama, Esquire, Vice-President, (3) K. A. Uparishamy, Esquire, Vice-President, (4) M. K. B. Attanayake, Esquire, Vice-President, (5) W. P. Wimala Waidiyadasa, Esquire, Honorary Secretary, (6) U. B. Dissanayake, Esquire, Honorary Assistant Secretary, (7) V. P. H. Appuhamy, Esquire, Honorary Treasurer, (8) M. O. Abeyssekera, Esquire, Manager of Sunday Schools.

General objects of the corporation.

3. The general objects of the corporation shall be—

(b) Ordinary members of the committee of management:—

- (a) to impart and promote the study of Buddhism,
- (b) to encourage the practical observance of the teachings of the Buddha, and thus enable the members of the corporation and through them as many others as it may be possible, to acquire merit,
- (c) to propagate the teachings of the Buddha, and
- (d) to advance the physical, intellectual and social welfare of the members of the corporation.

(1) J. E. Gunasena, Esquire, (2) K. A. Arnolis Appuhamy, Esquire, (3) H. M. Upasena, Esquire, (4) P. B. Udupihilla, Esquire, (5) Edwin Wijeratne, Esquire, (6) E. K. Karunaratne, Esquire, (7) A. Somapala, Esquire, (8) L. W. S. Peries, Esquire, (9) K. A. Somapala, Esquire, (10) Victor Ekanayake, Esquire, (11) M. A. Simon Silva, Esquire, (12) H. S. Wickremasinghe, Esquire, (13) K. D. Alwis, Esquire, (14) K. M. Tikiri Banda, Esquire, (15) D. Punchi Banda, Esquire, (16) R. Karunadasa, Esquire, (17) R. M. T. Banda, Esquire, (18) D. M. Abaranhamy, Esquire, (19) K. H. A. Jayaweera, Esquire, (20) W. H. Soysa, Esquire, (21) S. W. William, Esquire, (22) C. B. Ellepola, Esquire.

Committee of management.

4. (1) The affairs of the corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the corporation, be administered by a committee of management consisting of the president, three vice-presidents, the honorary secretary, the honorary assistant secretary, and the honorary treasurer of the corporation, the manager of the Sunday schools conducted by the corporation, and not less than twenty-two other members of

Rules.

**5.** (1) The corporation, with the approval of the committee of management and of two-thirds of the members of the corporation present at a general meeting of the corporation, may—

- (a) make rules for the admission or expulsion of members of the corporation, for the performance of the duties of the committee of management and of the officers, servants and agents of the corporation, for the procedure in the transaction of business, and generally for the management of the affairs of the corporation and the accomplishment of its objects, and
- (b) amend or rescind any of the rules of the corporation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the rules set out in the Schedule\* to this Act shall be the rules of the corporation.

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

Debts due from and payable to the Samithiya.

**6.** All debts and liabilities of the said Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matale, existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Act, shall be paid or discharged by the corporation, and all debts due, and subscriptions and contributions payable, to the said Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matale shall be paid to the corporation.

How the seal of the corporation is to be affixed.

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

members of the committee of management of whom two shall be the president or vice-president and the honorary secretary and 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.

**8.** The corporation may acquire and hold any movable or immovable property by right of purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition, or otherwise and, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the corporation, may sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property of the corporation :

The corporation may hold property, movable or immovable.

Provided, however, that the corporation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise alienate (save and except by way of such lease for not more than one year at one time as is to the advantage and benefit, and in pursuance of the objects, of the corporation) the premises of the said Sri Punniyawardhana Samithiya of Matale, now bearing assessment No. 24, Gongawala Road, and situated in the town of Matale, for any reason or purpose whatsoever;

Provided further that, if that corporation acquires and obtains possession of other premises which meet the requirements of the corporation better than the said premises No. 24, Gongawala Road, the corporation may sell, mortgage, or otherwise alienate the said premises No. 24, Gongawala Road.

**9.** Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or any body politic or corporate, or any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

\* Schedule omitted.—Private enactment.