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**CHARITY: Ramgharia Shahid Asthan
Nawan Quilla**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: To Be Applied For



I RAMGHARIA SHAHID ASTHAN

The name is “Ramgharia Shahid Asthan” Nawan Quilla, Dist: Jullandhar, Punjab, India.

II COMMUNITY

Shall mean the Ramgarhia Sikh Community (herein after called the community).

III OFFICE

The office shall be in “Ramgharia Shahid Asthan” Nawan Quilla, Dist: Jullandhar, Punjab, India.

IV SEALS

The Seal of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan shall be held by the Holding Trustees and its affixation witnessed by any three to five Holding Trustees.



V AIMS, OBJECTIVES and OBJECTION:

The main aim is for the community to worship at “Ramgharia Shahid Asthan” Nawan Quilla.

The object of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan shall be advancement of the Sikh Religion in particular among the Ramgarhia Sikh Community in Nawan Quilla and surrounding areas.

In furtherance of these objects but not further or otherwise the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan shall have the following powers: -

- A To provide a meeting place for members of the Community.
- B To provide educational facilities to enable the Sikh religion to be taught along with related subjects.
- C To hold services etc.
- D To perform marriages etc.
- E To create a religious atmosphere and infusing a spirit of service, fraternity and brotherhood amongst the community.
- F To engage and pay (Guranthi) and other persons to carry out and assist in carrying out the work of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan.
- G To create special efforts to promote goodwill and harmonise the relations between the host and immigrant communities.

OBJECTIONS:

1. No additional worship is allowed other than the historical and original three “Matis” that have been long established in the presence of Guru Granth Shahib.
2. No additional “Deva’s” are to be lit other than for the original three established in 1.
3. During any Service/s no more than three Guru Ka Langar plus one for Guru Granth Shahib are allowed to be withdrawn from the original Bhog of Guru Ka Langar after the Ardas.
4. No person/s are allowed to initiate a new “Mati” within the boundaries of Ramgarhia Shahid Asthan.
5. No person/s are allowed to worship any Sants, Gani’s other than the “Shahid”
6. No individual person/s are allowed to erect or dismantle any fabrics of the buildings without the permission of the Trustee and Management with written permission.
7. Any person/s not adhering to the above could be the subject of Legal Action enforced by the Trustee Management.
8. Alcohol and any other forms of drugs are totally prohibited from the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan. This will also include cigarettes etc.



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VI MEMBERSHIP

- A All persons of the Ramgarhia Sikh Community shall be eligible for membership.
- B All applicants for membership shall be approved by the Management Committee
- C All donations (except the first) shall be payable to the Ramgarhia Shahid Asthan two months prior to the start of the Mela.
- D If the conduct of a member, by word, deed or action, at any time or place be prejudicial to the interests of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan, he/she be suspended by the Trustees from his/her membership or the office pending the final decision of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting. This to be held within six weeks from the day of suspension. The member shall be given the opportunity to defend himself/herself in this meeting. If thereupon the majority of the members vote for the expulsion of him/her, that person shall cease to be a member of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan.

VII MANAGEMENT

- A The management of the Ramgarhia Shahid Asthan will consist of President, General Secretary, 3 to 5 Trustee, Treasurer and Store Keeper.
- B The total management of Ramgarhia Shahid Asthan is by 3 to 5 Trustees.
- C The major members of the Management Committee i.e. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers should be KESHA DHARI SSIKHS (KESHA DHARI means UNSHORN HAIR) and should be able to express themselves in Punjabi fluently.
- D The management shall re-appoint every two year following the procedures laid down within the constitution.
- E The Trustee/s shall hold a minimum of 5 years term unless otherwise decided in the General meeting. During the five year term, no more than 1 to 2 Trustees are allowed to apply for resignation to the Management Committee.

VIII OFFICE BEARERS;

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| 1. President. | 8. Storekeeper. |
| 2. Vice President.(optional) | 9. Assistant Storekeeper(optional) |
| 3. General Secretary. | 10. 5 Trustees. |
| 4. Assistant Secretary. 1 st .(optional) | 11. Building Supervisor. |
| 5. Treasurer. | |
| 6. Assistant Treasurer. (optional) | |
- B THE PRESIDENT shall:
Bear full control and responsibility for the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan. Conduct meetings and ensure prompt action on directions of the committee. Be representative head of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan at meetings of other bodies or Societies if called upon to do so.
- C THE VICE PRESIDENT shall:
Assist the President in discharging his duties and in his/her absence, act as President.
- D THE GENERAL SECRETARY shall:
Implement the policy matters of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan, conduct the general correspondence, convene meetings and record minutes and give effect to the resolutions passed. Be responsible for the safe custody of the Documents and prepare reports for presentation to the meeting.
- E THE JOINT SECRETARY shall:
Assist the General Secretary in carrying out his/her duties and act on his/her behalf in his/her absence.
- F THE TREASURER shall:
Be responsible for the collection of subscriptions, donations, raising funds, looking after investments, payments of accounts and wages. Keeping up to date records and preparing financial reports. The report must be made available to committee and members within three months finishing of the Mela.
- G THE ASSISTANT TREASURER shall:
Assist the Treasurer and act on his/her behalf in his/her absence.
- H THE STORE KEEPER shall:
Be responsible for the outgoing and incoming utensils, and other removable property of the Association, and shall be responsible for all inventories.
- I THE ASSISTANT STOREKEEPER shall:

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behalf in his/her



Storekeeper on his/her
absence.

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IX HOLDING TRUSTEES

- A Holding Trustees are for the purpose of holding the land specified in the said schedule and for any other property from time to time belonging to the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan. There shall be a body of five persons being members of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan and shall have been a **Life Member for five years** prior to the election, who shall be known as **HOLDING TRUSTEES**.
- B The above persons, being the persons in whose names the said land is vested as at the date hereof, shall be the first holding trustees under the scheme and subject as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled to hold the office for life.
- C Any holding trustees may be discharged by resolution by the members of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan in the General Body meeting.
- D Any member/s of the management may be discharged by the members of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan in the General Body meeting held by the Trustees.
- E The Holding Trustees shall deal with the property of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan as directed by the Committee.
- F In the event of death, resignation, transfer or removal of a Holding Trustee from the Office, the Committee will call a meeting of the General Body to discuss and, if necessary, to elect a new Holding Trustee.
- G If any Holding Trustee, being removed from office, refuses or neglects to assign or transfer any liability of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan as the General Body may direct by resolution, such Holding Trustees shall cease to have any claim on the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan without prejudice to any liability to prosecution.

X MEETINGS

- A The Committee shall meet twice a year to conduct the affairs of the Association before and after the Mela.
- B The minutes taken at these meetings shall be open for inspection to any member of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan.
- C General Meeting of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan should be called once a year eight weeks before the Annual celebration of the "Mela".
- D The following business shall be transacted at the General Meeting:
- i. Report by the General Secretary, balance sheet and statement of income expenditure for the preceding financial year by the Treasurer.
 - ii. Resignation by the outgoing office bearers.
 - iii. Election/re-election of the office bearers and appointing an auditor for the ensuing year.



iv. To discuss resolutions received members.

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resolutions shall reach the Annual General Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

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XI VOTING

- A Every member shall have one vote.
- B The Chairman shall the casting vote in addition to his personal vote.
- C The voting shall be by ballot.
- D The Management Committee shall powers to make regulations for proxy voting.

XII QUORUM

- A Seven members of the committee to have a management meetings.
- B If there is no quorum in the first meeting, a second meeting will be called and the meeting will continue to function according to the agenda, irrespective of the quorum.

XIII GENERAL

- A All correspondence relating to the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan shall be directed to the General Secretary.
- B Any amendments to the Constitution shall require two thirds majority of the members present in the Annual General Meeting.
- C All disputes relating affairs of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan shall be referred to the management Committee.
- D Smoking, alcoholic drinks and serving meat dishes shall be prohibited in and within the vicinity of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan.
- E No vendors or street hawkers shall be allowed to carry out any kind of business within or within the vicinity of the Ramgarhia Shahid Asthan
- F To translate the copies of the Constitution in Punjabi in case of legal action English copy stands.



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23th June 2000

Dear Worshippers Ji,

“Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa
Wahe Gure Ji Ki Fateh”

A short discussion was held on Thursday 22th June 2000 between some of the long established worshippers of the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan and new worshippers. The aim of the meeting was to air concerns over several issues arranging from management, service and constitution of our Ramgharia Shahid Asthan Ramgharia Shahid Asthan in Punjab India. The underlying conclusion was the lack of constitution and this should be collectively drawn up as matter of priority.

I am writing this letter with a plea that you take this opportunity to raise any items, issues, amendments, omissions, from this draft constitution which has been drawn up as a starting point. Your ideas are of great value to this constitution, so please read it carefully and your contribution is much appreciated.

To speed up the process, a draft copy of the constitution is enclosed with this letter. The constitution will be discussed in detail and will be the main agenda item on the meeting arranged for:

Date: 23rd July 2000

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Sikh Temple Ramgarhia Association
Mason Community Centre
Masons Hill
Woolwich
London SE18 6EJ

We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Yours truly,

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Jalandhur, Punjab
India

“Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa
Wahe Gure Ji Ki Fateh”

Dear President,

We the overseas residents in England held a meeting on 23rd July 2000, 11:00am at Sikh Temple Ramgharia Association, Mason Community Centre, England regarding the Constitution document relating to Ramgharia Shahid Asthan, Nawan Quilla. The members were invited to discuss the draft Constitution and vote to implement a full working Constitution document. A copy of the members who attended the meeting is enclosed with this letter. We agreed at the meeting that I Mr. Piara Singh Chana would act as the Chair and that Mr. Charan Singh Chana will act as the Vice Chair of any matters relating to Ramgharia Shahid Asthan in England UK. Please find enclosed the following copies of the Constitution for the committee to implement.

1. Constitution in English
2. Constitution in Pungabi

As this document is legal, I would appreciate if you would take appropriate action to register this Constitution under the Indian Legal System. I would suggest you take the Constitution to Mr. Narish Kumar son of Jagannath, Shahkot, Punjab for his comments.

In order to enhance the Ramgharia Shahid Asthan, Nawan Quilla, I have requested all overseas members to write to me with their suggestions, which I will discuss with you at a later date.



Further, it is also imperative appropriate action to select and send me the details with as listed in the document and me and copy to Mr. Charan Singh Chana.

that you take the committee in India names of Office Bearers forward the original to

Should you have any queries or matters you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to write at the above address.

Yours truly,

Mr. Piara Singh Chana