

# **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

## **Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department – Implementation of Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP) - Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the State Health Agency-Approved - Orders issued.

# - HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( $\bowtie$ ) DEPARTMENT

## G.O.(Ms)No.83/2020/H&FWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21/05/2020

- Read 1 G.O.(Rt.)No.1739/2018/H&FWD dated 29.05.2018
  - 2 G.O.(Rt.)No.63/2019/H&FWD dated 11.01.2019
  - 3 G.O (Ms) No.03/2020/H&FWD dated 10.01.2020
  - 4 G.O (MS) No. 71/2020/H&FWD dated 24/04/2020

#### ORDER

The Government of India has recently announced the NHPS (National Health Protection Scheme) benefit package under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in the place of the present RSBY Scheme which aims to provide secondary and tertiary coverage upto Rupees 5 Lakh. As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above. Government have decided to implement Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- PMJAY) in the State with effect from 01.04.2019 as Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP) and had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Health Authority (NHA) on 1st November 2018, to implement Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in alliance with Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP). As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed, the State Government is responsible for setting up of a dedicated State Health Agency (SHA) or designate this function to any existing agency / trust / society / designated for this purpose. As per the Government Order read as 2nd paper above, CHIAK, the nodal agency for implementing RSBY/CHIS was designated temporarily as the State Health Agency for implementing AB- PMJAY KASP till an alternate arrangement is made. As per the National Health Authority's definition of State Health Agency (SHA), it should be formed under the Health & Family Welfare Department. Whereas CHIAK is a society under the jurisdiction of Labour & Skill Department. Accordingly Government have constituted a permanent State Health Agency for the implementation of Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP) as per the Government Order read as 3rd paper above and as per the Government order read as 4th paper above, approval was given for establishing the State Health Agency as Society under the Travancore - Cohin Literary Scientific & Charitable Societies Act, 1955.

The Special Officer, Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi submitted the proposal for the formulation of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the State Agency for the approval of the Government.

The Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to approve the Memorandum of Association and the Rules and Regulations of the State Agency (SHA) appended to this order.

(By order of the Governor)

RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAGADE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To

The Special Officer, Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi, Thiruvananthapuram The State Mission Director, National Health Mission, Thiruvananthapuram The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram

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The General Administration (SC) Department (Item No. -3995)

The Director, Information and Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department.

The Finance Department (Vide U.O Note No. 1055026/HLT-BI//2018-Fin dated 12.03.2020)

The Law Department.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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Section Officer

## DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

#### 1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be STATE HEALTH AGENCY, KERALA.

#### 2. OFFICE

The registered office of the Society shall be at Thiruvananthapuram.

## 3. AREA OF OPERATION

The area of operation of the Society shall be the whole of the State of Kerala.

#### 4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of Society is to undertake and support the implementation of projects/ programmes / schemes for the health care for the poor and their families in the State of Kerala generally and especially to those who are below the poverty line (BPL). In particular, the objectives are:

- (1) To provide health care cover to the BPL and their families under the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi and also in alliance with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Manthri Jan Arogya Yojana to those families including all its members figuring in the Socio –Economic Caste Census (SECC) database under the deprivation criteria specified or any additional categories as may be decided by Government of India from time to time under AB-PMJAY and will also include all members deemed eligible by the Government of Kerala on the parameters identified by them.
- (2) To provide health care cover to all existing enrolled RSBY beneficiaries.
- (3) To provide health care cover to all sections of the society under the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi announced by the State Government.
- (4) To identify and negotiate with consultants of repute for implementation of any project of the Central Government or the State Government towards minimizing heavy expenditure on medical care and hospitalization of the citizens which is a major insecurity leading to their poverty.

- (5) To identify, formulate health benefit packages, implement and support implementation of all projects aimed at the welfare of people in Kerala as decided by the Government of Kerala.
- (6) To forge collaborations with organization, experts, academia and research institutions to for better implementation/policy and operations assistance of any project of the Central Government or the State Government towards minimizing heavy expenditure on medical care and hospitalization of the citizens which is a major insecurity leading to their poverty.
- (7) To provide technical, financial or other assistance for the formulation of programmes meant for health care delivery of the people.
- (8) To co-ordinate with various Departments and agencies of the Central or State Government, Financial Institutions, Health Insurance Providers, Health Service Providers, Cooperatives or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for implementation of any project meant for the health care cover of the people of the State as decided by the Government of Kerala.
- (9) To undertake or sponsor training programmes, seminars, workshops etc.
- (10) To utilize CSR/Philanthropic funding for specific health issues which are uncovered by Ayushman Bharat -Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP).
- (11) To do such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

# 5. GOVERNING BODY

The names, designation, address and occupation of the first members of the Governing Body of the society to which the management of its affairs is entrusted are as follows:-

SI.No Name	Designation	Address		
. 1	Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare			
	(Chairman/Chairperson)			
2	Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department-			
	Member			
3	Secretary, Local Self Government Department-			
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4	Secretary, Finance (Expenditure) Department. –			
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5	Secretary, Labour & Skills Department-Member		
6	Special Officer, Karunya Aarogya Suraksha Padhathi-		
	Member		
7	State Mission Director, National Health Mission-		
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8	Executive Director, Kudumbashree-Member		
9	Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram-		
E	Member		
10	Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram-		
	Member		
11	Representative of NHA- Special Invitee-Member		
12	Executive Director, State Health Agency- Member		
	Secretary		

# 6. CERTIFICATION BY THE MEMBERS:-

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Society certified to be the true copy, by three members of the Governing Body is filed with the District Registrar, Thiruvananthapuram along with the Memorandum of Association.

## 7. DECLARATION

In all circumstances this society will be functioning in accordance with the provisions of the Travancore-Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (Act XII of 1955) and all provisions of the said Act will be applicable to the Society.

We, the several persons whose names and address are given below having associated ourselves for the purpose described in the Memorandum of Association do hereby subscribe our name to this Memorandum of Association and set our hands form ourselves into a society under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (Act XII of 1955), on this the...... day of ........, 2020.

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# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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#### 4. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

(1). The aims and objectives of the Society is to undertake and support the implementation of projects/ programmes/ schemes for the upliftment of the beneficiaries.

# (2). In particular the objectives are:

- (a) To provide health care cover to the BPL and their families under the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi and also in alliance with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Manthri Jan Arogya Yojana to those families including all its members figuring in the Socio –Economic Caste Census (SECC) database under the deprivation criteria specified or any additional categories as may be decided by Government of India from time to time under AB-PMJAY and will also include all members deemed eligible by the Government of Kerala on the parameters identified by them.
- (b) To provide health care cover to all existing enrolled RSBY beneficiaries.
- (c) To provide health care cover to all sections of the society under the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi announced by the State Government
- (d) To identify and negotiate with consultants of repute for implementation of any project of the Central Government or the State Government towards minimizing heavy expenditure on medical care and hospitalization of the citizens which is a major insecurity leading to their poverty.

- (e) To identify, formulate health benefit packages, implement and support implementation of all projects aimed at the welfare of people in Kerala as decided by the Government of Kerala.
- (f) To forge collaborations with organization, experts, academia and research institutions to for better implementation/policy and operations assistance of any project of the Central Government or the State Government towards minimising heavy expenditure on medical care and hospitalization of the citizens which is a major insecurity leading to their poverty.
- (g) To provide technical, financial or other assistance for the formulation of programmes meant for health care delivery of the people.
- (h) To co-ordinate with various Departments and agencies of the Central or State Government, Financial Institutions, Health Insurance Providers, Health Service Providers, Cooperatives or Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for implementation of any project meant for the health care cover of the people of the State as decided by the Government of Kerala.
- (i) To undertake or sponsor training programmes, seminars, workshops etc.
- (j) To utilize CSR/Philanthropic funding for specific health issues which are uncovered by Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASP).
- (k) To do such other things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

### 5. DEFINITIONS

In these rules and regulations unless there be anything repugnant to or inconsistent with subject or context -

- (a) 'Chairman' ineans the Chairman of the Governing Body or the Executive Committee as the case may be;
- (b) 'Committee' means the Executive Committee of the Society;
- (c) 'Eligible beneficiaries' means BPL and their families under the Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi and also in alliance with Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Manthri Jan Arogya Yojana to those including all its members

figuring in the Socio –Economic Caste Census (SECC) database under the deprivation criteria specified or any additional categories as may be decided by Government of India from time to time under AB-PMJAY and will also include all members deemed eligible by the Government of Kerala on the parameters identified by them including RSBY enrolled beneficiaries and any other categories entitled to get benefits on the basis of the new schemes to be made by the Government from time to time.

- (d) 'Executive Director' means the Executive Director of the Society appointed by the Government;
- (e) 'Government' means the Government of Kerala;
- (f) 'Governing Body' means the Governing Body of the Society;
- (g) 'Society' means the State Health Agency;
- (h) 'Health Care Provider' means the agency, company or corporation which has undertaken to provide medical care cover under a contract;
- (i) 'Health Service Providers' means the hospitals or other agencies both in the public, private and co-operative sector which have agreed to provide medical/surgical interventions, hospitalization and/or day care services to beneficiaries under a medical care cover;
- (j) 'Medical care Cover' means coverage given to a eligible beneficiary and his family for meeting expenses of hospitalization or day-care treatment under any scheme by a Health Service Provider on agreed terms and conditions;
- (k) 'Member' means any of the members forming the Governing Body;
- (l) 'Scheme' means any scheme formulated for the welfare of the beneficiaries and those who opt to it;

#### 6. POWERS

For effectively carrying out the objectives laid down in the Memorandum of Association, the Society shall have powers:-

(a) accept donations, grants, contributions or financial assistance from governmental, quasi-governmental or non-governmental agencies, or any other sources with a view to fulfil all or any of the above objects,

- (b) affiliate and operate, if necessary, with other similar institutions, associations or bodies,
- (c) acquire, hold and receive property of any kind including securities and negotiable instruments,
- (d) manage the property, utilize and apply the incomes and earnings of the Society towards the promotion of the aim and objectives of the Society as set forth in the Memorandum of Association.
- (e) appoint persons by deputation or on contract basis on consolidated pay for furthering the objectives of the Society,
- (f) sanction incentives, honoraria or allowance to those persons other than its own employees whose services are utilized for carrying out the affairs of the Society,
- (g) enter into contracts/MOUs and/or legal actions for and in connection with the declared objects of the Society,
- (h) raise funds by way of loans and grants and invest them in such manner as may be deemed fit on behalf of the Society and to utilize the income derived there from for maintaining the Society, as per existing Government Rules from time to time.

#### 7. GOVERNING BODY

The control, administration and management of the affairs of the Society shall vest in the Governing Body in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Society.

## 8. RIGHTS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

- (1) The business and affairs of the Society shall be carried on and managed by the Governing Body.
- (2) The Governing body shall have all such powers and shall perform all such functions as are necessary or proper for the achievement and in furtherance of the objects of the Society.
- (3) Chairman of the Governing Body shall preside over the meeting of the Governing Body. In the absence of the Chairman, a person elected from

- among the members of the Governing body shall preside over the meetings of the Governing Body.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the Governing Body shall have the following powers and rights, namely-
  - (a) to purchase or otherwise acquire lands, buildings or other immovable properties in accordance with extant procedures laid down by Government and instructions issued from time to time,
  - (b) to select Health Care Providers, Third Party administrators and Health Service Providers under the medical insurance Karunya Arogya Surkasha Padhathi scheme and such other health care cover as decided by the Government of Kerala from time to time,
  - (c) to raise funds for the Society, by way of loans, gifts, donations or otherwise,
  - (d) to receive funds, securities, instruments and /or any other movable property for and on behalf of the Society, as per existing Government Rules from time to time,
  - (e) to enter into contract/MOU for and on behalf of the Society,
  - (f) to sue and defend all legal proceedings on behalf of the Society,
  - (g) to grant receipt, to sign and execute instruments and to endorse or discount cheques or other negotiable instruments through its accredited agents,
  - (h) to make, sign and execute all such documents and instruments as may be necessary of proper for carrying on the management of the property or affairs of the Society,
  - (i) to invest the monies and funds of the Society and to vary the instruments as and when it may deem necessary or proper, keeping in mind the instructions on parking of funds/investment of surplus funds issued by Government of India and Government of Kerala from time to time,

- (j) to manage, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable property of the Society with the prior approval of the Government,
- (k) to assign from time to time such functions and duties and delegate such powers as it may deem fit to the Executive Committee or Executive Director (SHA),
- (I) to consider and approve the annual report, annual budget and audited annual accounts of the Society presented to it by the Committee,
- (m)to appoint qualified auditors (Chartered Accountant) for auditing the accounts of the Society every year and consider the reports of auditors.

  Any expenditure incurred in connection with such audit shall be payable by the SHA to the Auditors,
- (n) to make, repeal, amend or modify bye-laws in respect of the following matters after obtaining the approval of the Government namely:
  - i. management of the properties, funds, affairs and work of the Society,
  - ii. procedure for transaction of business by circulation, proxy or otherwise, as may be deemed fit,
  - iii. delegate/assign powers, functions and duties of the officers ofthe Society,
  - iv. such other purposes as may be found necessary.
- (o) to collect data for implementing any project of the Society either directly or through any other agency or agencies,
- (p) to delegate all or any of its powers to the Executive Committee or Executive Director, SHA; and
- (q) to perform all such acts and to do all such things as may be necessary for the proper management of the properties and affairs of the Society.
- (5) The Governing Body shall have the power to modify the Memorandum of Association. The Memorandum so modified shall come into force only after getting approval from the Government.

## 9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Society shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the following namely:-

- i. ACS/Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department (Chairman)
- ii. Secretary(Expenditure), Finance Department- Member
- iii. ACS/Prl. Secretary/Secretary, LSGD-Member
- iv. Special Officer, KASP-Member
- v. State Mission Director, National Health Mission-Member
- vi. The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram-Member
- vii. The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram-Member
- viii. The Executive Director, Kudumbashree, Thiruvananthapuram-Member
- ix. Executive Director, SHA (Convenor).

# 10. POWERS, RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subject to the provisions of these rules and regulations, the Committee shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely,

- (a) Chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside over the meeting of the Committees. In the absence of the Chairman, a person elected from among the members of the Committee shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- (b) appoint persons to posts duly sanctioned by Government on scale of pay or on consolidated pay through transparent recruitment process using procedures laid down by Government of Kerala.
- (c) exercise control and discipline over the employees of the Society,
- (d) propose Rules and Regulations for any of the matters for which they may be made, for consideration and approval by the Governing Body,
- (e) purchase all articles including computers and accessories and materials necessary for the functioning of the Society with due regard to economy and propriety, relevant rules and procedures and subject to the provisions of the approved budget.
- (f) give advertisement for selection by tender procedures or for giving publicity of schemes implemented through Society,

- (g) To authorise Executive Director (SHA) to open and operate bank accounts on behalf of the Society
- (h) initiate action to recover any amount due to the Society,
- (i) appoint from time to time, such committees as may be needed and to assign or delegate thereto such powers duties and functions as it may deem fit,
- (j) arrange for the audit of the Society annually,
- (k) do all steps necessary for keeping the list of eligible beneficiaries,
- (l) present every year in proper time to the Governing Body, an annual report, an annual budget and audited annual accounts for its consideration and approval,
- (m)perform all such acts and duties and exercise all such powers as may be delegated or assigned to it by the Governing Body and
- (n) delegate any or all of its powers to the Executive Director, SHA for furtherance of the objectives of the Society, subject to such restrictions as impossed.

# 11. OFFICE BEARERS

- (a) The office bearers of the Society shall be, Chairman The Secretary to the Government of Kerala, Health & Family Welfare department, shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Society. (Chairman of Executive Committee)
- (b) Member Secretary There shall be an Executive Director, appointed by the Government, who will perform as the Member Secretary, of the Governing Body and the Committee.

# 12. RIGHTS, DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE OFFICE BEARERS

- (1) The Chairman of the Society shall have the following rights, duties, and powers, namely,
  - a. To preside over the meeting of the Executive Committee,
  - b. To guide and supervise in general the working of the Society and
  - c. To exercise such rights and powers as provided by the regulations of the Society.
- (2) The Members Secretary of the Society shall have the following rights, duties, and powers, namely,-
  - (a) To issue notice for all meetings of the Governing Body and Committee,

- (b) To prepare, maintain and keep the minutes of the Governing Body meetings and the Committee meetings, and also to act as Secretary of the Governing body and Committee.
- (c) To sign all documents and correspondence for and on behalf of the Society,
- (d) To maintain all records of the society, to make all disbursements on proper vouchers and to receive all monies on proper receipts for and on behalf of the Society,
- (e) To open and operate bank accounts on behalf of the Society as authorised by the Committee,
- (f) To purchase all articles including computers and accessories and materials necessary for the functioning of the Society with the approved budget,
- (g) To perform all such acts and duties and exercise all such powers under these rules and regulations of Society and also those which may be delegate or assigned to him by the Governing Body and the Committee from time to time,
- (h) To assign from time to time such functions and duties and delegate such powers as he may deem necessary to his subordinate officers whom the committee may consider fit for the proper working of the Society and
- (i) To perform such other acts and duties and such other powers in the interest of the proper working and effective achievement of the objective of the Society.
- (3) The rights, duties, and powers exercised by the Chairman and the Member Secretary of the Society shall be ratified in the subsequent meeting of the Governing Body or the Committee, as the case may be.

#### 13. MEETINGS

- (1) All the meetings of the Governing Body shall ordinarily be held at Thiruvananthapuram.
- (2) The meeting of the Committee may be held at Thiruvananthapuram or such other places in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.
- (3) The Meetings of the Governing Body and the Committee shall be convened by the Executive Director, as per the direction of Chairman.
- (4) The Governing Body shall meet as often as required but not less than twice in a year.
- (5) The Executive Committee met at least four times in a year.

(6) Chairman of the Governing Body or the chairman of the Executive Committee shall preside over the meeting of the Governing Body or the Committee respectively. In the absence of the Chairman, a person elected from among the members of the Governing body or the Executive Committee as the case may shall preside over the meetings of the Governing Body, or the Committee.

# 14. QUORUM

- (1) Quorum for a meeting of the Governing Body shall be Five.
- (2) Quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be five including the Chairman.

#### 15. MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The membership of the Society is restricted to the members of the Governing Body and to any other persons as decided by the Government from time to time. The Society shall maintain a roll of members of the Governing Body and the Committee from time to time. The up to date lists shall be furnished by the Executive Director to Government of Kerala as provided under law.
- (2) If a member of the Governing Body changes his address, he shall notify the new address to the Executive Director and the entry in the roll of members will accordingly be changed.

#### 16. FUNDS AND BUDGET

- (1) The funds of the Society shall consist of the following:-
  - (a) Grants or financial assistance from the Government of Kerala and the Government of India,
  - (b) Grants, donations, contributions or other financial assistance from Quasi-Governmental or Non-Governmental agencies or any other legal sources,
  - (c) Loans from the Government and other Financial Institutions,
  - (d) Income derived from the management of its properties and investment of its funds.

- (2) The Committee shall frame a budget in respect of the financial year next ensuing showing the estimated receipt and expenditure of the Society not later than February every year and place it before the Governing Body at next meeting for consideration and approval.
- (3) The accounts of the Society for every year shall be audited by auditors appointed for the purpose. These accounts shall be subject to second audit to be undertaken by AG, Kerala State at his discretion.
- (4) The audited statement of accounts of each year together with the auditors' comments shall be placed before the Governing Body on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year.
- (5) A copy of the Annual accounts along with the Auditors report thereon and the annual administration report and observation of Governing Body shall be sent to Government of Kerala within two months of the meeting which considered the audited accounts.
- (6) An Audited record of all assets acquired by the Society shall be maintained. No asset shall be disposed of or encumbered without the prior sanction of the Government nor shall they be utilized for purposes other than those for which assistance was given by the Government. Should the Society cease to exist at any time, all the assets shall revert to the Government of Kerala.
- (7) The Society shall submit a copy of the audited accounts of the Society to the Finance Secretary, Government of Kerala every year.
- (8) The accounts and works of the Society are liable for inspection including surprise inspection by the Finance (Inspection wing) Department.

#### 17. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these rules and regulations and/or the Memorandum of Association may be made by the Governing Body by a two-third of the members present and voting in the meeting convened for the purpose, provided that the members voting in favour of amendment shall not be less than half the total number of members of the Governing Body in the time.

# 18. REMOVAL AND RE-APPOINTMENT

(1) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, if the Government is satisfied at any point of time that the member or members of the Governing Body or the member or members of the Committee persistently makes default or is negligent in the

performance of duties imposed on it, members not attending to 3 consecutive meetings without permission or commits—any action that is prejudicial to the interest of the Society or wilfully fails to comply with any orders or directions issued under the Rules and Regulations, the Government may, after giving the member or members of the Governing Body or the member or members of the Committee, as the case may be an opportunity to state its objections, if any, by order in writing remove the member or members of the Governing Body or the member or members of the Committee.

## (2) On such removal,

- (a) the Government may appoint a new member in the Governing Body

  Committee if one or more members are removed
- (b) the Government may appoint a new Governing Body and /or the Committee consisting of such members as the Government may decide if all the members are removed
- (c) Appoint one or more administrators to assume all the powers and perform functions of the Governing Body and/or the Committee or all activities of the Society. Conduct and manage the affairs of the Society for such period as may be specified by the Government from time to time.

## 19. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Government may, from time to time issue such directions or instructions as the Government may consider necessary in regard to the conduct of the affairs of the Society or regarding any other matter pertaining to the management or administration of the Society. The Government may in like manner vary or annul any such directions or instructions and the Society, the Governing Body and the Committee shall comply with such directions or instructions.
- (2) Any casual vacancy among the members of the Governing Body or the committee shall not in any way invalidate the decisions and actions taken by the Governing Body or the Committee.
- (3) No portion of the income or property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise, howsoever by way of profits

to the person who may at any time be or has been member of the Society or any person claiming through them, provided that nothing contained herein shall prevent payment in good faith, of remuneration in return for any service rendered to the Society or reimbursement of expenditure on travel and conveyance in connection with the official business of the Society.

- (4) If on winding up or dissolution of the Society, there shall remain after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among members of the Society or any of them, but shall be dealt with in the manner provided in the Travancore —Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955.
- (5) The Chairman of the Governing Body shall have the powers to invite any persons, not being members of the Governing Body to attend the meeting of the Governing Body, but such invitees shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting.

#### 20. DISSOLUTION

The Society shall be dissolved if, not less than three- fourth of the members of the Society determine by resolution that it shall be dissolved, and thereupon it shall be dissolved with the consent of the Government and all necessary steps shall be taken for the disposal and settlement of the properties of the society, its claims and liabilities according to the rules and regulations of the Society.

#### 21. DECLARATION

In all circumstances this Society shall function in accordance with the provisions of the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955 (XII of 1955) and all provisions of the said Act will be applicable to the Society.

We, the undersigned of the Governing Body of the Society hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the Rules and regulations of the Society.

Name, address and occupations of members Signature.