

CONSTITUTION

The name of the association shall be the INDIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF G.B.

(1) AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

a) To organise the Indian Youth of G.B., in order to provide them with a sense of identity, a rich culture, a high degree of political - social consciousness, and a sense of participation in the general activities of the community.

b) To organise the Indian youth to promote their interests and fight against unemployment, racial discrimination and social prejudices; to promote better understanding of the diverse values and attitudes of different generations; and to undertake activities which encourage a close relationship with, the economic, social and political conditions of the country of origin;

c) To strengthen friendship and co-operation with the people belonging to other ethnic groups and progressive indigenous organisations to co-operate with their organisations.

d) To undertake social, welfare, cultural, sports and political activities towards the fulfillment of the above aims and objectives.

e) To encourage the Indian youth to participate in the trade union.

(2) FLAG (As amended in the 2nd National Conference held at Birmingham on 20th July 1980)

The flag of the Association shall be red, of which the length shall be one-and-a-half times its width, and in the centre of the flag there shall be a five horned white star. At the top of the star shall be the name - Indian Youth Association (G.B.) At the base of the star shall be the name of the branch.

(3) MEMBERSHIP

a) The ordinary membership of the Association would be confined to those Indians between 16 and 35 years of age.

b) Application for membership should be made to the local branch of the Association, every member shall accept the constitution and undertake to help in the implementation of the programme worked out by the central executive committee and the local branch committee.

c) A member can be recommended for expulsion or suspension by the local branch of the central executive committee if the local branch thinks the activities of the particular member are harmful to the association or he/she fails to carry out the duties of membership including payment of subscription, implementation of the policies and programme of the association, but the final decision shall be of the central executive committee.

d) Subscription for membership will be 50P for two years.

(4) NATIONAL CONFERENCE

a) National Conference - the highest body of the Association shall be convened by the central executive committee at least once in two years.

b) Every local branch will be entitled to send 2 delegates per 25 ordinary members, subject to a minimum of 2 delegates for those local branches with less than 25 members, to the national conference.

c) The national conference is empowered to make any change in the constitution with 2/3 majority of the present delegates and draw up the programme and policies of the Association, to scrutinise the account prepared by the central executive committee, and will elect a new central executive committee which will function as the highest body of the Association between two national conferences;

d) At least four weeks notice shall be given for the conference but an emergency meeting (which shall not elect a new committee) may be called at 7 days notice).

(5) CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a) The central executive committee will consist of 25 members, 21 of them will be elected at the national conference while the other four are to be co-opted by the central committee. The central committee shall have the power to fill vacancies arising in the central executive committee.

b) The office bearers, elected by the central executive committee in its meeting, shall be: President, two Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Asst. Gen. Secretary, Treasurer, Cultural secretary, Sports secretary, Welfare secretary. The nine office bearers shall be collectively called Secretariat.

c) The central executive committee shall have the power to allocate the duties and functions of its office bearers and other members, and to change the composition of the Secretariat.

d) The central executive committee should meet at least once in six months, while the secretariat shall meet at least once in three months.

e) The central executive committee shall be empowered to form sub-committees on specialised activities such as sports, culture, race relations and welfare.

f) At least one weeks notice will be necessary for the ordinary meetings of the Central executive committee, while an emergency meeting can be called at 24 hours notice. One third of the membership will constitute quorum; while 10 members will be empowered to requisition a meeting.

(6) LOCAL BRANCHES

a) Local branches would be constituted by, and act under the discipline and general guidance of the central executive committee;

b) A branch shall have at least 15 ordinary members. All ordinary members of the local branch shall constitute a general body which should meet at least once in two years. The general body shall elect a branch committee to operate for two years, (the branch elections shall be held under the supervision of the central executive committee) and shall elect the delegates to the national conference. At least seven days notice will be necessary for the meeting of the general body. One fourth of the members shall be empowered to call a requisition meeting, while one fourth of the membership of the local branch shall constitute quorum in a meeting. The general body also empowered to change the composition of the branch committee.

(7) LOCAL BRANCHES

a) A branch committee shall have a minimum of three office bearers, president, secretary and treasurer and a maximum of nine office bearers also (including 2 vice-presidents, cultural sec., Sports Sec., Asst. Sec., Welfare Sec.,) depending on the general body which should take into account the strength of the branch membership. Similarly the total strength of the branch committee shall vary between 5 and 25, depending on the decision by the general body.

FINANCE

a) 15p per member shall be submitted by the local branch to the treasurer the C.E.C., while the other 35p of the membership and any other collection e by the local branch shall go towards meeting the local expenses.

b) All cheques of the Indian Youth Association of G.B., shall be signed the treasurer and one other member of the C.E.C. nominated by the latter; ilarly, all the cheques of the local branches shall be signed by the local asurer and one other member of the branch committee nominated by the ter.

c) Audited accounts of expenses of the local branch should be placed by treasurer before the general body; similarly, audited accounts of the ences incurred by the C.E.C., shall be placed before the national ference.

. This constitution of the Indian Youth Association was adopted at the 1st National Conference held at Derby on 20th November 1977.