



Bharat Vikas Parishad

THE RULES

(As amended by National Council on 27.03.2022)

1. Definitions:

In these Rules, unless it is repugnant to the subject or context thereof, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given hereunder:

- (a) "Affiliated Body" shall mean a Public Trust, Charitable Institution, Non-profit Company, Society or any other Corporate Body registered under an act of a competent legislature and recognised as a legal person which has been duly enrolled as an Affiliated Body by the **National Core Committee** of the Parishad
- (b) **Affiliated Branch** shall mean an association of persons, whether registered under an act of a competent legislature or not, enrolled as an "Affiliated **Branch**" by the Parishad in the prescribed manner.
- (c) "Member" shall mean a person duly enrolled in the prescribed manner as an Individual or Honorary Member of the Parishad and who continues as such.
- (d) "Misbehaviour" shall mean any behaviour which is not in accordance with the social norms or standards of behaviour of the society.
- (e) "Misconduct" shall mean any conduct which is immoral or which is not in accordance with the values and norms of the society.
- (f) "Office Bearer" shall mean holder of an office mentioned in rule 7 of these Rules.
- (g) "Parishad" shall mean Bharat Vikas Parishad, registered as a society under registration number S-2272/63 having its registered office at Bharat Vikas Bhawan, BD Block, Behind Power House, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.
- (h) "Patron" shall mean the Patrons nominated under these Rules and shall include the existing Patrons.
- (i) "Prescribed" shall mean prescribed under these Rules and Regulations.
- (j) "Project functionary" shall mean member of a project committee constituted under the Rules or Regulations and shall include the Chairperson and any other office-holder of the committee.
- (k) "Regulations" shall mean the regulations framed under these Rules.
- (l) "Rules" shall mean the Rules of the Parishad as amended from time to time.

2. Membership:

Membership of the Parishad shall be of the following categories:

A INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

(i) Primary Member:

Any person capable of entering into a contract, having faith in the ideals, aims and objects of the Parishad and who agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Parishad and who agrees to become a Primary Member of an Affiliated Branch may be enrolled as Primary Member of the Parishad on the recommendation of any two members of the Branch, by the Executive Body of the Branch.

(ii) Associate Member:

(a) The spouse of a Primary Member shall be enrolled as an Associate Member subject to his/her fulfilling eligibility criteria for Primary Membership. Such Associate Membership shall be coterminous with the membership of the concerned Primary Member.

(b) At the request of the Primary Member his/her Primary Membership shall be interchanged with the Associate Membership of his/her spouse.

(c) An Associate Member shall have the right to participate in all programs, projects and activities of the Parishad but shall not be entitled to attend, participate or vote at the organizational meetings of the Parishad or contest elections or hold any office in the Parishad at any level, except as a project functionary.

(d) An Associate Member shall not be liable to pay any kind of fees or subscription to the Parishad.

(e) A Primary or Associate member shall not be entitled to take up membership in more than one Affiliated Branch either jointly or separately.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (i) above, the National Core Committee may in its discretion enroll any person having faith in the ideals, aims and objects of the Parishad and who undertakes to abide by the Rules of the Parishad as an Individual member considering his eminence and usefulness to the cause of the Parishad.

(iv) An Individual Member shall be liable to pay to the Parishad such admission and periodical fees/subscriptions as are prescribed from time to time by the prescribed authority.

B Honorary Members:

(i) The National Executive Committee of the Parishad may confer upon eminent persons, who have been, are or are likely to be helpful to the Parishad in carrying out its programs, projects, or activities, Honorary Membership of the Parishad.

(ii) A Honorary Member shall have a right to participate in all programs, projects and activities of the Parishad. However a Honorary Member shall not be entitled to attend, participate or vote at the organisational meetings of the Parishad or to contest election for any of the offices in the Parishad.

(iii) A Honorary Member shall not be liable to pay any kind of fees to the Parishad. He/she may however make voluntary payments, donations or contributions to the Parishad for its activities, if he/she so desires.

(iv) Honorary Membership shall be coterminous with the term of the Executive Committee granting it. However, an Honorary Member shall be eligible for being re-nominated again as Honorary Member by subsequent National Executive Committees.

3. Termination/Cessation of Membership

A. Membership shall terminate/cease on the occurrence of following events:

- (i)** Upon the Member's demise;
- (ii)** Upon ceasing to be a member of an Affiliated Branch
- (iii)** Upon resignation, accepted by the affiliated branch executive
- (iv)** Upon removal from membership, in the prescribed manner, by the prescribed authority in the following events:
 - (a)** Upon the prescribed authority finding, after an enquiry conducted in the prescribed manner, that the Member is suffering from such mental or physical incapacity that he is incapable of exercising his rights and discharging his duties as a Member of the Parishad;
 - (b)** Upon the prescribed authority finding that the Member has defaulted for a period of more than six months, in payment of subscription and/or other dues payable to the Parishad, any of its Affiliate Branches or any of its Affiliated Bodies and has not paid the dues even after a lapse of a period of fifteen days after service of notice in this behalf;
 - (c)** Upon the Member being found by the prescribed authority, after affording him proper and adequate opportunity of hearing, to have been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude by a Court of competent jurisdiction;
 - (d)** Upon the Member being found, after an enquiry conducted in the prescribed manner by the prescribed authority, to be guilty of misconduct, misbehaviour, indiscipline as defined by the Rules of the Parishad or of any other conduct which, in the opinion of the prescribed authority, is unbecoming of a member of the Parishad;
 - (e)** Upon disaffiliation of an Affiliated **Branch** in the prescribed manner by the prescribed authority, all members of such Affiliated **Branch** shall cease to be members of the Parishad.
Provided that the National Core Committee may grant such members six months' time to join any other Affiliated **Branch** for continuing their membership of the Parishad.

4. Organisational Structure:

For administrative convenience the organizational structure of the Parishad shall be divided into **four** levels viz. (1) National Level, (2) Regional Level, (3) Prantiya Level **and (4) Affiliated Branch Level**

- (i)** The National Executive Committee shall divide the geographical area of the country into Regions, give them appropriate names for the purpose of identification and define their geographical limits from time to time. The National Executive Committee, subject to approval of National Council, shall have the power to increase or reduce the number of Regions based on the spread of Parishad work as and when required provided that the number of regions shall not be less than five and more than eleven at any particular time.

(ii) The National Executive Committee shall divide the geographical areas included in the Regions in to Prants, give them appropriate distinctive names and define their geographical limits from time to time.

(iii) All members residing within the geographical area of a Prant and the Affiliated **Branches** operating in the geographical area of a Prant shall be deemed to be associated with that Prant.

5. Organizational Bodies:

The organisational structure of the Parishad shall consist of the following bodies at the National, Regional and Prantiya levels:

I. National Level:

(A) National Council:

National Council shall be the General Body of the Parishad and all powers of the Parishad shall vest in it. All other bodies of the Parishad at all levels shall be subordinate to and shall function under the control, supervision and guidance of the National Council in accordance with these Rules.

National Council shall be constituted of the following:

(i) National Patrons;

(ii) Office Bearers and members of the National Executive Committee;

(iii) National Auditor General

(iv) Project Functionaries: Not more than ten project functionaries, other than chairpersons of National Project Committee, nominated by the National Core Committee for a particular meeting;

(v) Regional Joint General Secretaries & Regional Finance Secretaries of all the Regions;

(vi) Presidents, General Secretaries and Finance Secretaries of all the Prants;

(vii) Representatives of Affiliated Bodies: Not more than ten functionaries of the Affiliated Bodies selected by the National Core Committee for a term of one/two years.

(viii) Former National Presidents;

(ix) Former National Working/Executive Presidents;

(x) Former National Secretaries General;

(xi) Former National Finance Secretaries;

(xii) Not more than ten Special Invitees nominated in the prescribed manner by the National Core Committee for a particular meeting.

(B) National Executive Committee:

National Executive Committee shall be the main executive body of the Parishad which shall be responsible for execution of all the decisions of the National Council. It shall work under the control, supervision and guidance of and shall be answerable to the National Council in all matters.

National Executive Committee shall be constituted of the following office bearers and members of the Parishad:

- (i) National President
- (ii) National Executive President (if the post is filled);
- (iii) National Vice Presidents
- (iv) National Secretary General;
- (v) National Finance Secretary;
- (vi) National Organising Secretary;
- (vii) National Additional Secretaries General;
- (viii) Chairpersons of the National Project Committees
- (ix) Regional Presidents
- (x) Regional General Secretaries
- (xi) Special invitees: Not more than ten Members of the Parishad or other distinguished persons as may be nominated by the National Core Committee may be invited as Special Invitees, without voting rights for a particular meeting.

(C) National Core Committee:

National Core Committee shall be responsible for the smooth running of the organisation and shall exercise all the powers and discharge all functions assigned to it under the rules. In case of urgency, the National Core Committee shall exercise the necessary powers of the National Executive Committee and place the matter for approval before the next meeting of the National Executive Committee. All other decisions taken by the National Core Committee shall also be reported to the National Executive Committee in its next meeting.

National Core Committee shall be constituted by the following office bearers:

- (i) National President;
- (ii) National Executive President; (if the post is filled)
- (iii) National Vice Presidents
- (iv) National Secretary General;
- (v) National Finance Secretary
- (vi) National Organising Secretary
- (vii) Special invitees without voting rights (not more than two) as may be nominated by National President for a particular meeting).

(D) National Project Committees:

The National Executive Committee may in the prescribed manner constitute National Project Committees headed by Chairpersons for planning and implementation of various projects of the Parishad.

II. Regional Level:

(A) Regional Council:

There shall be a Regional Council in every Region constituted by the following office bearers and persons:

- (i) Regional Patrons;
- (ii) All the members of the Regional Executive Committee;
- (iii) Not more than two representatives of each of Affiliated Bodies having their head office in the Region deputed by the Board of Directors/Managing Committee/Board of Trustees or any other competent body of the Affiliated Body concerned.
- (iv) All the Presidents, General Secretaries, Finance Secretaries and Organizing Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Mahila Sanyojika of the Prants falling under the Region;

(B) Regional Executive Committee:

There shall be a Regional Executive Committee consisting of:

- (i) Regional President
- (ii) Regional General secretary
- (iii) Regional Finance Secretary
- (iv) Regional Joint General Secretaries
- (v) Regional Secretaries (Projects)
- (vi) Members of the National Core Committee residing in the region shall be permanent invitees to the regional executive.

III. Prantiya Level:

(A) Prantiya Council:

There shall be a Prantiya Council in every Prant which shall be constituted of the following office bearers and persons:

- (i) Prantiya Patrons;
- (ii) All the members of the Prantiya Executive Committee;
- (iii) Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of all the Affiliated **Branches** falling within the geographical area of the Prant;
- (iv) Representatives of Affiliated **Branches** falling within the geographical limits of the Prant having more than the prescribed number of members as provided by the Regulations.

(v) Not more than ten Project Functionaries selected by the elected office bearers of the Prant to represent projects of the Parishad being carried out in the Prant.

(vi) Not more than two functionaries of each of the Affiliated Bodies having their head offices in the Prant selected by the elected office bearers of the Prant.

(vii) All Past Prantiya Presidents and Prantiya General Secretaries who completed their terms and were not removed from office and who continue to take part in the activities of the Parishad as members of any Affiliated member within the Prant Area.

(vii) All the members of the National Executive Committee residing within the geographical area of the Prant

(viii) All the members of the Regional Executive Committee residing within the geographical area of the Prant

(B) Prantiya Executive Committee:

There shall be a Prantiya Executive Committee in a Prant constituted of the following office bearers and persons:

(i) Prantiya President;

(ii) Prantiya Vice Presidents;

(iii) Prantiya General Secretary;

(iv) Prantiya Finance Secretary;

(v) Prantiya Organizing Secretary;

(vi) Prantiya Mahila Sanyojika

(vii) Members of the National and / or Regional Executive Committee, not more than two, as may be nominated by Regional Executive Committee of the Parishad residing within the Prant Area. These nominees shall have no voting rights at Prantiya Executive Committee.

(viii) Two Members nominated in the prescribed manner, by the elected office bearers of the Prantiya Executive Committee

(ix) Immediate Past President and General Secretary of the Prant who completed their term and were not removed from office and who continue to take part in the activities of the Parishad as members of an Affiliated member Branch.

IV. Auxiliary Bodies:

Besides the main organisational bodies of the Parishad, following bodies may also be set up for efficiently carrying out Parishad activities:

(A) District Coordination Committees:

The Prantiya Executive Committee may establish District Coordination Committees for areas covered by Districts falling within its jurisdiction for efficiently carrying on the Parishad activities in that District. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Affiliated **Branches** falling in the District shall be the members of the District Coordination Committee. The Prantiya executive shall appoint a senior member to be the coordinator and another member to be the co-coordinator of the district coordination committee. The Prantiya Office Bearers residing in the district shall be the permanent invitees at the meetings of the District Coordination Committee.

(B) City/Town Coordination Committees:

The Prantiya Executive Committee may establish City Coordination Committees for areas covered by Cities falling within its jurisdiction for efficiently carrying on the Parishad activities in those Cities. Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Affiliated Branches falling in the City shall be the members of the City Coordination Committee.

The Prantiya executive shall appoint a senior member to be the coordinator and another member to be co-coordinator of the city coordination committee. The Prantiya Office Bearers residing in the city shall be the permanent invitees at the meetings of the city Coordination Committee.

6. Patrons:

(i) National Patrons:

The National Executive Committee may nominate eminent persons as National Patrons of the Parishad for providing guidance, inspiration and encouragement to the members of the Parishad. The total number of National Patrons shall not be more than ten at a particular time.

(ii) Regional Patrons:

The National Executive Committee may, on the recommendation of the concerned Regional Executive Committee, nominate eminent persons residing in the Region to be the Regional Patrons of the Parishad for providing guidance, inspiration and encouragement to the members of the Parishad in the Region. The total number of Regional Patrons shall not be more than three at a particular time.

(iii) Prantiya Patrons:

The Regional Executive Committee may, on the recommendation of the concerned Prantiya Council, nominate eminent persons residing in the Prant to be the Prantiya Patrons of the Parishad to provide guidance, inspiration and encouragement to the members of the Parishad in the Prant. The total number of Prantiya Patrons shall not be more than two at a particular time.

(iv) The functions and protocol of the National, Regional and Prantiya Patrons shall be as may be prescribed.

(v) A Patron shall have a right to participate in all programs, projects and activities of the Parishad except National Council. However a Patron shall not be entitled to contest election for any of the offices in the Parishad.

7. Office Bearers:

The Parishad shall have the following office bearers at various levels:

(A) National Level:

(i) National President:

The National Council shall elect in the prescribed manner a person of National Stature and reputation in any of the activities useful to the society, who is eligible for the individual membership of the Parishad, to be the National President of the Parishad.

(ii) National Executive President:

The National Executive Committee may at the request of the National President appoint a person who has been a member of the Parishad continuously for a period of more than ten years and who has been a National Office Bearer of the Parishad for at least one term to be the National Executive President to discharge duties and functions assigned to him/her under these Rules and to discharge such of the functions of the National President as are assigned to him by the National President by a general or special order from time to time. The National Executive President shall, in the absence of the National President, preside over the meetings of the National Council, the National Executive Committee, the National Core Committee and any other bodies to be presided over by the National President.

(iii) National Vice Presidents:

The **elected National Office Bearers shall appoint** a required number of persons who have been member of the Parishad continuously for a period of more than ten years and who have been National Office Bearer for at least one term to be the National Vice President of the Parishad to discharge the functions assigned to him/her by these Rules and by the National President by general or special order from time to time. The National Vice President nominated by the National President shall, in the absence of the National President and National Executive President, preside over the meetings of the National Council, the National Executive Committee, the National Core Committee and any other bodies to be presided over by the National President.

(iv) National Secretary General:

The National Council shall elect in the prescribed manner, a person who has been a National Office Bearer continuously for the last five years or more, to be the National Secretary General.

(v) National Finance Secretary:

The National Council shall elect in the prescribed manner a person, well versed in financial matters, who has been a National Office Bearer continuously for the last five years or more to be the National Finance Secretary.

(vi) National Organising Secretary:

The elected **National Office Bearers** shall nominate a person who has either been a National Office Bearer of the Parishad continuously for not less than last five years or a person who has been a whole-time social worker in a social/cultural Organisation whose aims and objects are similar to the aims and objects of the Parishad to be the National Organising Secretary.

(vii) National Coordinator:

National Core Committee shall, in order to coordinate, promote and propagate the ideals of Bharat Vikas Parishad and support in spread of the Parishad within the country and outside, nominate a person to be the National Coordinator for a term of two years. The National Coordinator shall be the permanent invitee on all Nation Level Organisational bodies and on such other committee / bodies as may be specified by the National Core Committee, from time to time.

(viii) National Auditor General:

The National Executive Committee may nominate in the prescribed manner a chartered accountant who has been a Member of the Parishad continuously for the last five years or more, to be the National Auditor General.

(ix) National Additional Secretary General:

The **National Core Committee** may nominate in the prescribed manner one or more persons who have been Members of the Parishad continuously for the last five years to be the National Additional Secretary Generals.

(x) National Additional Finance Secretary

The **National Core Committee** may nominate in the prescribed manner a persons who have been Members of the Parishad continuously for the last five years to be the National Additional Finance Secretary.

(xi) Chairpersons of the National Project Committees:

The **National Core Committee** may appoint in the prescribed manner persons who have been members of the Parishad continuously for the last five years to be chairpersons of the National Project Committees.

(xii) National Project Secretary/ies

The **National Core Committee** may appoint in the prescribed manner persons who have been members of the Parishad continuously for the last five years to be the National Project Secretaries.

(B) Regional Level:

There shall be following Office Bearers at the Regional Level:

- (i) Regional President:** The National Core Committee shall nominate a person who has been a member of the Parishad for more than five years to be the Regional President of the Region.
- (ii) Regional General Secretary:** The National Core Committee shall nominate a person who has been a member of the Parishad for more than five years to be the Regional General Secretary of the Region.
- (iii) Regional Finance Secretary:** The National Core Committee shall nominate a person who has been a member of the Parishad for more than five years to be the Regional Finance Secretary of the Region.
- (iv) Regional Joint General Secretary/ies:** The National Core Committee shall nominate a required number of persons who have been a member of the Parishad for more than five years to be the Regional Joint General Secretary/ies of the Region.
- (v) Regional Secretary/ies Projects:** The National Core Committee shall nominate a required number of persons who have been member of the Parishad for more than five years to be the Regional Secretary/ies Projects
- (vi) Prantiya Mahila Sanyojika:** Prantiya Executive Committee may appoint any female, who has been the office Bearers of an Affiliated Branch falling within the area of Prant for at least one term, to be the Prantiya Mahila Sanyojika.

(C) Prantiya Level:

There shall be following Office Bearers at the Prantiya Level:

- (i) Prantiya President:**
Prantiya Council shall elect in the prescribed manner a person who has been an Office Bearer of an Affiliate Member falling within the Prant for at least one term to be the Prantiya President.
- (ii) Prantiya Vice President/s:**
Prantiya Executive Committee may appoint the prescribed number of persons, who have been the office Bearers of an Affiliate Member falling within the area of Prant for at least one term, to be the Prantiya Vice President/s.
- (iii) Prantiya General Secretary:**
Prantiya Council shall elect in the prescribed manner a person who has been an Office Bearer of an Affiliate Member associated with the Prant for at least one term, to be the Prantiya General Secretary.
- (iv) Prantiya Finance Secretary:**
Prantiya Council shall elect in the prescribed manner a person who has been an Office Bearer an Affiliate Member for at least one term, to be the Prantiya Finance Secretary.

(v) Prantiya Organising Secretary:

Regional Executive Committee, after considering the recommendation of the Prantiya Executive Committee, shall nominate in the prescribed manner a person who has been an Office Bearer of an Affiliate Member / Affiliated Body associated with the Prant for at least one term, to be the Prantiya Organising Secretary.

8. Duties and responsibilities of the National, Regional and Prantiya Office Bearers

(i) National President

(a) To provide general directions to the office bearers and members of Bharat Vikas Parishad for promotion / advancement of its activities in furtherance of its aims and objects.

(b) To be overall head of the organization and to see that the organization functions in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

(c) To preside over the meetings of National Core Committee, National Executive Committee, National Council and such other meetings as are called and convened at National Level.

(ii) National Executive President

(a) To preside over all meetings at national level and all such other meetings in the absence of the National President.

(b) To function as National President in the absence of the National President and do all such acts as may be required to be done by National President.

(c) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the National President from time to time.

(iii) National Vice President

(a) To assist the National President / National Executive President in smooth functioning of the organisation at all levels.

(b) To preside over all meetings at national level and all such other meetings in the absence of the National President / National Executive President on the directions of the National President.

(c) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the National President / National Executive President from time to time.

(iv) National Secretary General

(a) To organise meetings including issuance of notice and convening of meetings of National Council, National Executive Committee, National Core Committee, National Convention and such other meetings as may be required to be convened at national level of the organisation.

(b) To be responsible for day-to-day functioning of Bharat Vikas Parishad and to coordinate and correspond with dignitaries and high level office bearers of other organizations.

(c) To implement the decisions arrived at various meetings at National Level.

(d) To prepare, maintain and keep the minutes of all meetings of the organisation at National Level.

(e) To look after the general administration and monitor the progress of various activities of the Bharat Vikas Parishad.

(g) To ensure compliance of legal and regulatory provisions including filing of returns and documents with Govt. authorities concerning the Parishad.

(h) To take up all matters relating to admission of member, granting of affiliation to branches / bodies, resignation and removal of members and do all that is required to comply with the Rules and Regulations in this respect.

(i) To coordinate and take report on organisational matters from National, Regional and Prantiya office bearers.

(j) To do all such acts as may be required by National Core Committee and / or National Executive Committee.

(v) National Finance Secretary

(a) To ensure collection of membership and affiliation fees from all branches / bodies.

(b) To prepare policy and procedure, define authority levels for collection and payments including the signing of cheques and issue of receipts.

(c) To coordinate with National Additional Secretary-Finance, National Auditor General, National Secretary (Finance, Accounts & Audit), Regional and Prantiya Finance Secretaries and to prepare the budget (including various projects) of the Parishad for each of the financial year.

(d) To raise and manage the funds of Parishad through subscription, donations, Jan Kalyan Nidhi, Vikas-Ratna, Vikas-Mitra, Sponsorship, advertisements or any other means as may be authorised by National Executive Committee.

(e) To ensure proper maintenance of accounts of Parishad, get the same audited, have approved and signed and filed with appropriate authorities in accordance with the legal requirements.

(f) To organise workshops / training programs for the persons dealing with finance and accounts at all levels of organisation to support and guide them on financial and accounting matters.

(vi) National Organising Secretary

(a) To be overall in charge of the organisational matters mainly to promote and propagate the ideals of Bharat Vikas Parishad and thereby increase the number of affiliated branches and spread of the Parishad within the country and outside.

(b) To organise workshops at various levels mainly to train the office bearers on functioning of Parishad activities.

(c) To develop reporting system at all levels.

(d) To identify and recommend suitable candidates for the various responsibilities within the organisation to achieve the aims and objects of Parishad.

(e) To undertake such other role as may be assigned to him by the National President / National Executive President.

(vii) National Coordinator

(a) To promote and propagate the ideals of Bharat Vikas Parishad and support in increasing the number of affiliated branches and spread of the Parishad within the country and outside.

(b) To assist National President/National Working President and undertake any work as may be assigned to him by the National President/National Working President for coordination of Bharat Vikas Parishad in various regions.

(viii) National Auditor General

- (a) To review policy, procedure and processes to ensure that adequate checks and control exists for receipts and payments at all level.
- (b) To ensure timely completion of accounts and their audit at all levels wherever the accounts are maintained and provide guidance on accounting and financial matters.
- (c) To ensure that consolidated accounts of Parishad are properly consolidated and consolidated accounts duly audited by statutory auditors are approved by National Council and filed with appropriate authorities within prescribed period.
- (d) To organize and conduct workshops / training programmes for the office bearers dealing with accounts and audit, under the guidance of national Finance Secretary.
- (e) To get examined, inspected, re-audited, investigated such matters as he considers it necessary or for which specific request is made by the National Executive Committee or National Core Committee.
- (f) To periodically examine or get examined adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls existing at various levels and make recommendations for their improvement.

(ix) National Additional Secretary General-

- (a) To assist National Secretary General in all the matters related to Central Office.
- (b) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the National Secretary General/National Core Committee from time to time.

(x) National Additional Finance Secretary

- (a) To assist National Finance Secretary in all the matters related to Central Office.
- (b) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the National Finance Secretary/National Core Committee from time to time.

(xi) Chairman

A. National Project Committee:

- (a) To chair the meetings of project committee entrusted to him and provide guidance in conduct and execution of projects at all levels of the organisation.
- (b) To be overall in-charge of the entrusted National Projects for "Sewa", "Sanskar", "Bharat Ko Jano", "National Group Song Completion", "Gram Vikas", "Mahila and Bal Vikas", "Sampark", "Central Office", "Trusts & Properties" and such other committee /s as may be constituted by National Executive Committee.

B. Prakashan:

- (a) To be overall in charge of all Publications to be brought out by the Parishad as Editor and to bring out Parishad's publications and reports.
- (b) To undertake all editorial and administrative work in connection with bringing out Gyan Prabha.
- (c) To promote and increase the membership of Gyan Prabha.
- (d) To coordinate with National Finance Secretary to secure advertisements for the publications.
- (e) To maintain updated list of members and arrange for posting / circulation of publications from time to time as may be required.
- (f) To prepare the budget of publication / Prakashan and submit for approval of National Finance Secretary / National Core Committee.

(g) To maintain and update the websites in the name of Parishad and ensure that these are kept updated and accessible to members.

(xii) National Project Secretary/ies :

(a) To coordinate, organise, guide and be in charge of administration and execution of the project / services at National Level

(b) To prepare action plan and literature for the project in consultation and as may be directed by the Project / Services Committee.

(c) To arrange and conduct meetings to impart expertise, guide, monitor, oversee progress of the Project / Services at all levels.

(d) To chair the meetings of the Committees relating to Project / Services in the absence of the National Chairman for Project or Services, as the case may be.

(e) To record the proceedings of the meetings of Committee for Project or Service areas and to send a copy of the same to the National Secretary General, National President and or Chief Editor of 'Niti' for publication.

(f) To coordinate, assist and report the Committee in discharge of his duties and to perform such functions, as may be assigned to him by the Chairman of the Committee for Project / Services.

(xiii) Regional President

(a) To chair the meetings of Regional Council, Regional Executive and all such other meetings convened and held by Regional Executive Committee.

(b) To be overall in charge of the Region and provide directions and guidance to Regional team in their role as Regional Office bearers and for furtherance of BVP within the Region.

(xiv) Regional General Secretary

(a) To preside over all meetings at Regional Level and all such other meetings in the absence of the Regional President.

(b) To call, convene, coordinate and hold meetings may be required from time to time, to prepare the minutes of the meetings, initiate process to implement the decisions and to report the progress of the Parishad within the Region to National Secretary General.

(c) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the Regional President or National Executive Committee from time to time.

(d) To guide, support, coordinate and correspond with project in-charge (Regional Secretaries-Projects) within the Region and ensure that projects are well executed.

(e) To guide, coordinate and obtain report on the working of Parishad from Regional Additional General secretaries.

(xv) Regional Finance Secretary

(a) To guide and supervise Prantiya Finance Secretaries in all matters of finance and more specifically for preparation of budget, balance sheet and timely submission of the same to central office.

(b) To guide and support Prantiya Finance Secretaries in timely collection of Central Share from the Affiliated Branches and transferring the same to central office.

(c) To work under the overall guidance of Regional President/ Regional General Secretary and discharge all such functions as may be assigned to him by the Regional President/Regional General Secretary.

(d) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the National Finance Secretary/National Core Committee from time to time.

(xvi) Regional Joint General Secretary

(a) To assist Regional General Secretary and the organization in all matters with respect to membership, projects and other activities within the geographical area to which they represent.

(b) To coordinate and collect information regarding the organization matters from the Prants on regular basis and provide regular feedback / report to the National Organisation Secretary.

(c) To coordinate and assist National Organizing Secretary in all organizational matters.

(d) To guide and coordinate with the Regional Secretaries Projects in effective implementation of their projects and obtain reports from them.

(xvii) Regional Secretaries- Projects

(a) to work for a specific project as may be assigned, under the guidance of concerned Regional Joint General Secretary.

(b) To help and support National Chairman / National Project Secretaries in effective implementation of National Projects at Region and Prant Level.

(c) To assist Prant Organisation in setting up project organsition team, to organise meetings of project organsition team at Regional Level, provide instructions, guidance, help and monitor implementation and progress by the Prant project team

(d) To organise, supervise and monitor National projects at Regional level and to coordinate with Prant and Center for all National Projects wherever it is desired / planned to be organized at Regional Level, such as NGSC, BKJ etc.

(e) To do such other work as may be assigned to him by National Project Secretaries from time to time.

(xviii) Prantiya President

(a) To chair the meetings of Prantiya Council, Prantiya Executive and all such other meetings convened and held by Prantiya Executive Committee.

(b) To be overall in charge of the Prant and provide directions and guidance to Prantiya team in their role as Prantiya Office bearers and for furtherance of Parishad ideals and work within the Prant.

(xix) Prantiya Vice President

(a) To chair the meetings of Prantiya Council, Prantiya Executive and all such other meetings convened and held by Prantiya Executive Committee in the absence of Prantiya President.

(b) To function as Prantiya President and do all such acts as may be required to be done by Prantiya President in his absence.

(c) To discharge such functions as may be assigned to him by general or special order by the Prantiya President or Prantiya Executive Committee from time to time.

(d) To guide, support, coordinate and correspond with project in-charge within the Prant and ensure that projects are well executed.

(xx)Prantiya General Secretary

(a) To preside over all meetings at Prantiya Level and function as Prantiya President in the absence of the Prantiya President/ Prantiya Vice President.

(b) To organise meetings including issuance of notice and convening of meetings of Prantiya Council, Prantiya Executive Committee, Prantiya Convention and other meetings including sub committees, as may be required to be convened at Prantiya level of the organisation.

(c) To implement the decisions arrived at various meetings at Prantiya Level.

(d) To prepare, maintain and keep the minutes of all meetings of the organisation at Prantiya Level.

(e) To look after the general administration and monitor the progress of various activities of Parishad at Prantiya Level.

(f) To ensure general compliance of legal and regulatory provisions including maintaining of Accounts, getting them audited and forwarding to National Secretary Finance / National Auditor General for consolidation.

(g) To look after all matters relating to creation of new branches, granting of affiliation to branches and do all that is required to comply with the Rules and Regulations in this respect at Prant Level.

(h) To coordinate with Regional organisation and provide necessary support and information as may be required from time to time.

(i) To discharge such functions as may be assigned from him by general or special order by the Prantiya / Regional President from time to time

(j) To guide, support, coordinate and correspond with project in-charge (Chairman / Secretary/ Conveners) at Prant and Affiliated Branch level and ensure that projects are well executed.

(k) To coordinate, assist, guide, support and monitor the activities and projects being carried out by the Affiliated Branches.

(l) To arrange and ensure execution of all projects decided at National / Regional / Prant and Affiliated Branch level.

(m) To provide brief of the projects and activities to Chairman Prakashan or to such other person for publication.

(xxi)Prantiya Finance Secretary

(a) To ensure collection of membership and affiliation fees from all members affiliated branches / bodies within the Prant.

(b) To follow and support policy and procedure defined by National Finance Secretary for collection and payments including maintenance of bank account, signing of cheques and issue of receipts.

(c) To prepare the budget of Income and Expenditure including that of projects to be undertaken by Prants and coordinate with Regional Finance Secretary for preparing the consolidated Budget at National Level.

(d) To ensure maintenance of accounts of Parishad, get the same audited, have approved and signed and submitted to National Finance Secretary or as per directions and guidance provided in that respect.

(e) To raise and manage the funds of Parishad through subscription, donations, Vikas-Ratna, Vikas-Mitra, Sponsorship, advertisements or any other means as may be authorised by National Executive Committee within Prant level.

(f) To organise workshops / training programs for the persons dealing with finance and accounts at Affiliated Branch Level of organisation and to support and guide them on financial and accounting matters.

(xxii) Prantiya Organising Secretary

(a) To promote and propagate Parishad's ideals and its projects.

(b) To promote and increase membership of Parishad by identifying the area / persons, preparing group and opening new branches and enrolling them as Affiliated Branches of Parishad within the geographical area of the Prant.

(c) To coordinate with team and develop newly formed branches and support them in carrying out projects and activities.

(d) To call and convene the Meetings of District and City Coordination Committee Meetings.

(e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the organisation at Prantiya / Regional Level.

(xxiii) Prantiya Mahila Sanyojika:

(a) To promote and propagate Parishad's ideals and its projects amongst the Mahila members.

(b) to promote active participation of Mahila members in all the activities of the Parishad

(c) To ensure the execution of various projects of Mahila & Bal Vikas project committee

(d) To guide and coordinate the functioning of Branch Mahila Sanyojikas

(e) To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the organisation at Prantiya / Regional Level.

9. Disqualification for Office-bearers:

No person shall be eligible to be elected or nominated or to continue as an Office Bearer at any level:

(i) If he/she has ceased to be a member of the Parishad or member of any affiliated **branch**.

(ii) If he /she is holding an office in a Political Party. If an office bearer of the Parishad becomes an office bearer in a Political Party after his election / nomination, he/she shall be deemed to have vacated the office in the Parishad with effect from the date of his becoming an office bearer in the Political Party.

(iii) If he/she has completed Seventy Five years of age.

(iv) If he/she is disqualified under any other provisions of Rules as amended from time to time.

(v) If he/she found guilty of committing financial irregularities at any level of the organisation;

(vi) If he/she is guilty of not handing over charge or not rendering accounts as an office bearer at any level of organisation.

(vii) If he/ she is addicted to any intoxication.

10. Functions, Duties, Tenure and Removal of Office Bearers etc.:

(i) Functions and duties of various Office Bearers shall be as stated in these Rules and as prescribed by the Regulations.

(ii) Tenure of All Office Bearers:

(A) Tenure of all the office bearers at National Level shall be of two years. The maximum term for National office bearers shall be two

(B) Tenure of all the Office Bearers, at other levels shall be of one year coterminous with the tenure of the organisational body to which they belong. The maximum term for all office bearers except National office bearers shall be four. If an Office falls vacant during the term, it shall be filled in by nomination by the Executive Committee of the Level to which the Office belongs, for the remaining period of the term.

(iii) Resignation of an Office-bearer:

An Office-bearer may resign from his/her office in the prescribed manner following the prescribed procedure.

(iv) Suspension / Removal of a National, Regional and Prantiya Office-bearer:

The National Executive Committee may suspend/remove a National, Regional Office-bearer for a prescribed reason after following the prescribed procedure. Before removal of an office-bearer he/she shall be provided an adequate opportunity of hearing in accordance with the principles of Natural Justice.

The Regional Executive Committee may suspend/remove a Prantiya Office-bearer for a prescribed reason after following the prescribed procedure. The concerned office-bearer shall have right to appeal to National Executive Committee against his removal.

11. Vacating Office by Office Bearers:

An Office shall be deemed to have been vacated by an Office Bearer in the following contingencies:

(i) Upon demise of the office bearer.

(ii) Upon ceasing to be a member of the Parishad or of an Affiliate **Branch**/Affiliate Body of the Parishad.

(iii) Upon acceptance of resignation submitted in writing by the Office Bearer to the respective Executive Committee to which he/ she belongs.

(iv) Upon removal of the Office Bearer from office in the prescribed manner for proved misconduct after enquiry conducted in the prescribed manner.

- (v) Upon suspension or supersession of the organisational body of which he/she is an office-bearer.
- (vi) Upon acceptance of an office in any political party.
- (vii) Upon assuming charge of a new office in the Parishad to which he/she is elected/nominated.

12. Suspension and supersession of Regional and Prantiya Executive Committees and other Committees:

- (i) The National Executive Committee may suspend and/or supersede any Regional or Prantiya Executive Committee pending the enquiry or after an enquiry conducted in the prescribed manner into the causes of supersession.
- (ii) The Office-bearers of the suspended/superseded executive committee shall cease to hold their respective offices immediately on passing of the order of suspension/supersession.
- (iii) The National Executive Committee shall nominate a person or a committee of persons to discharge the functions of and to look after the affairs of an Executive Committee suspended or superseded by it.
- (iv) The Person or Committee of Persons appointed to discharge the functions and to look after the affairs of a suspended or superseded Committee shall continue to function till the suspension/supersession is revoked or the term of the suspended/superseded Committee or Body comes to an end or a new Body / Committee is reconstituted / re-elected, as the case may be.
- (v) The National Executive Committee may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, dissolve a National Project Committee and reconstitute it.

13. Regulations:

- (A) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to make Regulations for the purpose of effective implementation of these Rules and for the purpose of achieving the aims and objects of the Parishad.
- (B) Without prejudice to the generality of the aforesaid Regulation making power, the National Executive Committee shall have the power to make Regulations on the following subjects:
 - (i) Enrolment/Affiliation of Members, Membership/Affiliation fees and contributions from members, Procedure of disciplinary action against members/affiliates, Termination of membership/affiliation, Suspension and Removal of Members/Affiliates and Office Bearers.
 - (ii) Donations received and given by the Parishad.
 - (iii) Functions and protocol of the Patrons at various levels.
 - (iv) Election/Nomination of Office Bearers, their removal from office and procedure for disciplinary action against them.
 - (v) Functions and Duties of Office Bearers.
 - (vi) Procedure for Suspension and Supersession of various organisational bodies.
 - (vii) Functions and Duties of various organisational bodies of the Parishad.
 - (viii) Authority, Period of Notice, Quorum and Procedure of calling and conducting meetings of various organisational units of the Parishad.

(ix) Formation of Committees, Sub-committees, study-groups etc. and their functions, meetings and procedure.

(x) Creation and Demarcation of geographical limits of Regions, Prants, Districts, Cities/Towns and Local Areas for the purpose of the Parishad.

(xi) Financial Rules in relation to keeping of accounts, audit of accounts, allocation of funds to National, Regional, Prantiya and auxiliary Units of the Parishad, National, Regional and Prantiya Budget, Travelling Allowance and other incidental Allowances to the employees, Office Bearers and Members of the Parishad.

14. Quorum for Meetings:

For the meetings of various organisational bodies quorum requirement shall be as follows:

(A) National Council:

One third of the total number of members of the National Council entitled to vote at the meeting shall be the quorum at its meetings. If the required numbers of members are not present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting may commence thereafter without requirement of the quorum to transact the business on the agenda.

(B) National Executive Committee:

One third of the total number of members of the National Executive Committee shall be the quorum at its meetings. If the required numbers of members are not present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting may commence thereafter without requirement of the quorum to transact the business on the agenda provided that at least ten members are present.

(C) Regional Council:

One third of the total number of members of the Regional Council entitled to vote at the meeting shall be the quorum at its meetings. If the required numbers of members are not present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting may commence thereafter without requirement of the quorum to transact the business on the agenda.

(D) Regional Executive Committee:

Quorum for the meeting of Regional Executive Committee shall be 50 Fifty percent of its members.

(E) Prantiya Council:

One third of the total number of members of the Prantiya Council entitled to vote at the meeting shall be the quorum at its meetings. If the required numbers of members are not present at the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. The adjourned meeting may commence thereafter without requirement of the quorum to transact the business on the agenda provided that at least ten members are present.

(F) Prantiya Executive Committee:

Quorum for the meeting of Prantiya Executive Committee shall be 50% Fifty percent of its members.

Note: In determination of the quorum requirement fraction of a number shall be rounded off to the next higher number.

15. General Provisions regarding meetings of Organisational Units:

(A) National Council:

(i) A Meeting of the National Council shall be convened every year by the National Secretary General on the dates and time decided by the National Core Committee to approve the accounts of the year, to present and approve the budget for the ensuing year, to hold elections to the various posts of National Office-bearers, if due that year, appoint Statutory Auditors and fix their remuneration and to transact any other business assigned by these Rules to the National Council and prescribed by the Regulations. Time-gap between two consecutive meetings of the National Council for elections of National Office-bearers shall not be less than eighteen months and more than twenty four months.

(ii) In addition to the annual meetings of the National Council, meeting of the National Council shall be convened if a requisition demanding calling of such meeting duly signed by at least 50 Fifty percent of the total members of the National Council is submitted to the National President setting out the purpose and the proposed agenda of the meeting. Such a meeting shall be held within two months of the receipt of the requisition by the National President on the date, time and place decided by the National Core Committee. National President may restrict the agenda of the meeting to the points raised in the requisition only. Such a meeting shall be called a Requisitioned Meeting.

(iii) Notice of the meeting of the National Council or the Requisitioned meeting of National Council shall be issued in the prescribed manner by the National Secretary General at least a month prior to the date of commencement of the meeting specifying the date/s, place and time of the meeting.

(AA) National Convention:

The National Executive Committee may at its discretion, hold at the end of the meeting of the National Council at which elections of National Office bearers are to be held a congregation of all the Members of the Parishad. Such a congregation shall be called National Convention at which the participants shall freely interact on the progress of the Parishad and its future plans, projects and activities. Resolutions passed at the National Convention shall not be binding on the Organisational Bodies of the Parishad, but shall be looked upon for motivational purposes as guidelines.

(B) National Executive Committee:

(i) Meeting of the National Executive Committee shall be convened by the National Secretary General on the dates and time decided by the National Core Committee at least twice a year to transact the prescribed business. The time gap between two consecutive Meetings of the National Executive Committee shall not be more than seven months.

(ii) A meeting of the National Executive Committee shall also be convened if a requisition demanding calling of such meeting duly signed by at least fifty percent of the members of the National Executive Committee is submitted to the National President or in his absence to the National Executive President or in absence of both, to the National Vice President who shall place it before the National Core Committee at the earliest setting out the purpose and the proposed agenda of the meeting. Such a meeting shall be held within two months of the receipt of the requisition by the National President, National Executive President or the National Vice President, as the case may be on the date, time and place decided by the National Core

Committee. National President or National Executive President, as the case may be, may restrict the agenda of the meeting to the points raised in the requisition only. Such a meeting shall be called a Requisitioned Meeting.

(iii) Notice of the Meetings of the National Executive Committee shall be issued at least one month prior to the meeting and notice of a Requisitioned Meeting shall be issued at least fifteen days prior to the meeting in the prescribed manner.

(C) National Core Committee:

Meetings of the National Core Committee shall be convened in the prescribed manner by National Secretary General in consultation with the National President or in his absence with the National Executive President or in the absence of both with the National Vice President, as and when necessary, but it shall meet at least once in two months. Notice of the Meeting shall be issued or given at least 15 days before the meeting but in case of urgency, meetings may be called on a reasonable short notice.

(D) Regional Council:

(i) Meetings of the Regional Council shall be convened in the prescribed manner by Regional General Secretary in consultation with the Regional President as and when necessary, but it shall meet at least twice a year for transacting prescribed business.

(ii) The Regional Executive Committee may at its discretion, hold a congregation of all the Members of the Parishad in the Region. Such a congregation shall be called Regional Convention at which the participants shall freely interact on the progress of the Parishad and its future plans, projects and activities. Resolutions passed at the Regional Convention shall not be binding on the Organisational Bodies of the Parishad, but shall be looked upon for motivational purposes as guidelines.

(iii) Apart from the other meetings of the Regional Council, meeting of the Regional Council shall be convened if a requisition demanding calling of such meeting duly signed by at least fifty percent of the members of the Regional Council is submitted to the Regional President, setting out the purpose and the proposed agenda of the meeting. Such a meeting shall be held within two months of the receipt of the requisition by the Regional President, on the date, time and place decided by the Regional Executive Committee. Regional President may restrict the agenda of the meeting to the points raised in the requisition only. Such a meeting shall be called a Requisitioned Meeting.

(iv) Notice of the Meetings shall be issued at least fifteen days before the meeting, but in case of urgency, meetings may be called on a reasonable short notice.

(E) Regional Executive Committee:

(i) Meetings of the Regional Executive Committee shall be convened in the prescribed manner by Regional General Secretary in consultation with the Regional President, as and when necessary, but it shall meet at least four times in a year with a time gap of not more than six months between two consecutive meetings.

(ii) Notice of the Meeting of the Regional Executive Committee shall be issued at least fifteen days before the meeting, but in case of urgency, meetings may be called on a reasonable short notice.

(F) Prantiya Council:

(i) Meetings of the Prantiya Council shall be convened in the prescribed manner by Prantiya General Secretary in consultation with the Prantiya President as and when necessary, but it shall meet at least twice in a year for transacting prescribed business, one of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting. Elections of Prantiya Office Bearers, if due, shall take place in the prescribed manner in this meeting.

(ii) The Prantiya Executive Committee may at its discretion, hold a congregation of all the Members of the Parishad in the Prant. Such a congregation shall be called Prantiya Convention at which the participants shall freely interact on the progress of the Parishad and its future plans, projects and activities. Resolutions passed at the Prantiya Convention shall not be binding on the Organizational Bodies of the Parishad, but shall be looked upon for motivational purposes as guidelines.

(iii) Apart from the other meetings of the Prantiya Council, meeting of the Prantiya Council shall be convened if a requisition demanding calling of such meeting duly signed by at least one third of the members of the Prantiya Council is submitted to the Prantiya President setting out the purpose and the proposed agenda of the meeting. Such a meeting shall be held within one month of the receipt of the requisition by the Prantiya President on the date, time and place decided by the Prantiya Executive Committee. Prantiya President may restrict the agenda of the meeting to the points raised in the requisition only. Such a meeting shall be called a Requisitioned Meeting.

(iv) Notice of the Meetings shall be issued at least fifteen days before the meeting, but in case of urgency, meetings may be called on a reasonable short notice.

(G) Prantiya Executive Committee:

(i) Meetings of the Prantiya Executive Committee shall be convened in the prescribed manner by Prantiya General Secretary in consultation with the Prantiya President as and when necessary, but it shall meet at least four times a year with a time gap of not more than four months between two consecutive meetings.

(ii) Notice of the Meetings of the Prantiya Executive Committee shall be issued at least fifteen days before the meeting, but in case of urgency, meetings may be called on a reasonable short notice.

16. Decisions by majority:

Decisions in all the meetings, unless specifically provided otherwise, shall be by a majority of voters present and voting and in case of equality of number of votes cast, the person presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

17. Official and Financial Year:

The Official and Financial Year of the Parishad shall be from 1st April to 31st March and the accounts shall be kept accordingly.

18. Tenure of the Organisational Bodies and Committees:

(i) The tenure of organisational bodies at all levels except National level, unless otherwise provided, shall be one year and National Level shall be two years commencing from 1st April and ending on 31st March.

(ii) Tenure of all committees, patrons and nominees appointed by the Organisational Bodies shall be coterminous with the term of the Organisational Body appointing them.

19. Casual Vacancies:

All vacancies in any of the offices held by Office Bearers elected or nominated at various levels occurring mid-term shall be filled in by the Executive Committee of that level, by nominating eligible members for the remaining period of the original term.

20. Bank Accounts of the Parishad and its Bodies:

Various Organisational Bodies of the Parishad shall open Bank Accounts in any of the branches of a Scheduled Bank and make arrangements for operation of such accounts by its Office Bearers in the prescribed manner.

21. Annual Accounts and Audit:

(i) Each of the Organisational Bodies of the Parishad shall, under the overall direction; control and supervision of the National Finance Secretary maintain in the prescribed manner, proper and regular accounts of its income and expenditure and shall get them audited by a Chartered Accountant every year. The audited accounts shall be presented to the **executive committee of the** organisational Body concerned every year for approval.

(ii) The National Auditor General shall review the Audited Accounts along with Audit Reports at all levels and shall submit a report about them to the **National Core Committee**. He shall also have the power to get accounts re-audited, inspected and investigated such matters as he considers necessary or for which specific request is made by National Core Committee.

(ii) The National Auditor General may supervise the audit work of all the Organisational Bodies at all levels and to report about them to the National Executive Committee.

22. FORMATION & AFFILIATION OF BRANCHES

(a) FORMATION OF BRANCH

Affiliated Branch shall mean an association of persons, whether registered under an act of a competent legislature or not, affiliated by the Parishad in the prescribed manner.

A branch can ordinarily be formed in any city/town or in a specified area within a city/town with a minimum of 40 members, with the approval of the concerned Prant.

(b) BRANCH TO BE A SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY

Every Affiliated Branch, despite having been formed by members of the Parishad and despite the fact that it is under the overall disciplinary control of the Parishad, shall be an entirely separate entity distinct from the Bharat Vikas Parishad, New Delhi, having a separate legal identity for all practical purposes and more specifically for the purpose of finance, accounts and taxation and shall avail its own PAN from the IT department.

(c) AFFILIATION & REVOCATION OF AFFILIATION OF BRANCH

An association of persons / members of Bharat Vikas Parishad, desirous of forming an affiliated branch shall abide by the regulations provided in Bharat Vikas Parishad affiliated branch regulations. An affiliated branch shall function strictly in accordance with the aforesaid regulations and the directions issued by Central, Regional, Prantiya levels of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

23. Affiliation of Trusts and Societies with the Parishad:

(A) National Executive Committee may permit creation of a new Public Trust or a Society and its registration in the name of or in the name similar to the name of the Parishad on prescribed terms and conditions, and any new Trust or society shall not be created unless the Trust Deed of the Trust or the Bylaws of the society; and the list of trustee and the executive committee in case of trust and list of

members and the executive committee in case of society; have been approved by the National Core Committee.

(B) A Trust or Society shall not be affiliated with the Parishad unless and until the following clauses are incorporated in the Trust Deed of the Trust or Bylaws of the society.

(i) All the members of the society [trustees of the Trust] shall be members of Bharat Vikas Parishad.

(ii) It shall be mandatory for the trust [society] to seek prior approval of the National Executive Committee of the Bharat Vikas Parishad, New Delhi, before any resolution for amendments in the trust deed of the trust [Bylaws of the society] is presented before the executive committee or the general body of the trust[society].

(iii) The following Office Bearers of the Parishad shall be ex-officio Trustees of the Trust [members of the society] :

(a) Regional President

(b) Regional General Secretary

(c) Prant President

(d) Prant General secretary

(iv) Apart from the ex-officio trustees, the National Core committee of Bharat Vikas Parishad may appoint any 2 (two) persons as trustees of the trust or members of the society.

Provided that all the ex-officio trustees of the trust (members of the society) and the persons appointed by the National Core Committee of Bharat Vikas Parishad, shall also be members of the managing committees of the trust or society.

(v) Any new trustee of the trust or member of the society can be inducted only with the consent of the ex officio trustees of the trust or ex officio members of the managing committee of the society.

(vi) In case of any dispute in the affiliated body (Trust or Society) regarding the election of or continuation of a person as office bearer of the affiliated body (Trust or Society), the same shall be decided by a Sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the National Core Committee of Bharat Vikas Parishad , New Delhi and such appointed arbitrator shall decide such dispute in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the venue of arbitration shall be such as may be decided by the said arbitrator.

(vii) In case of dissolution of the trust [society], all the properties and assets of the trust [society] shall stand vested in the Bharat Vikas Parishad, New Delhi, free from all encumbrances.

(C) The Trust and Societies presently affiliated with the Parishad shall incorporate the aforementioned clauses in their Trust Deed or Bylaws on or before 31.12.2022 or in case the amendments are not legally permissible then all the above clauses shall be adopted as resolutions passed by executive as well as general bodies of the said affiliated bodies on or before the date mentioned above. In case any affiliated body fails to amend its Trust Deed or Bylaws or adopt the said clauses as resolutions as referred above, the affiliation granted to such affiliated body shall stand cancelled on the date mentioned above and such affiliated body shall forfeit the right to use the name of Bharat Vikas Parishad in any manner whatsoever.

24. Amendment of the Rules:

The National Council may in the prescribed manner, by a resolution passed by more than half of the total number of voters entitled to vote and not less than two thirds of the voters present and voting in

a meeting called for the purpose amend any of the provisions of these Rules. Notice of such a meeting in which amendment of the Rules is to be considered shall have to be given at least one month in advance of the date of the meeting and the specific proposals for the amendment shall also be made available to the members along with the agenda and the Notice of the meeting.

25. Foreign Donation:

All foreign donations shall be received by only by Bharat Vikas Parishad at National Level. Such donations will be utilised for the projects carried out by the Parishad strictly as per the instructions of the donor and in compliance of regulatory provisions in this respect.

26. Litigation:

In case of litigation by or against the Parishad, National Secretary General or any other person authorized by the National Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Parishad.