

19th August 2024 Second Congress of the Socialist People's Forum
Amended Constitution

Constitution of the People's Struggle Alliance

1. Name

'People's Struggle Alliance'.

Here in after referred to as 'the Alliance'.

2. Registered Office

No. 136, Temple Road, Kaputara North, Sri Lanka.

3. Objectives

To advocate for the establishment of a socialist society through the revolutionary transformation of the current capitalist system in Sri Lanka, and to build a revolutionary power for the oppressed working class.

To achieve this goal, we aim to empower organized and unorganized groups, including workers, farmers, fishing communities, Tamils, Muslims, and other oppressed and marginalized people in Sri Lanka. Our objective is to fight for a society that guarantees equality, justice, humanity, democracy, and environmental conservation through its own political movement. Ultimately, we seek to guide the working population toward establishing a government that represents their interests.

Struggle for the establishment of a people's representative legislative assembly in which the country is governed by a representative political assembly that expresses equal representation among all professions.

Struggle for a green socialist world free from world power camps and with similar political movements regionally and internationally.

Efforts to build international solidarity in class struggle and promote proletarian internationalism, drawing on the experiences of international proletarian struggle.

4. Membership

A member cannot belong to another political party. A member must join a branch of the alliance and has voting rights in decision-making processes. Members also have the right to run for the Central Committee of the alliance. The membership status of overseas members must be approved by the Central Committee.



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5. Branches of the Alliance

Branches of the Alliance may be established at the professional level or on any geographical basis. Several branches of the Alliance may come together to function as a district council, subject to the approval of the Central Committee.

6. Congress

The highest authority of the Alliance is the General Assembly, which meets every two years. The Congress has the authority to shape the future vision and political actions of the Alliance, guided by the Political Resolution, the International Resolution, and the Organizing Resolution.

A special congress is convened when requested by one-third of the membership or when an intermediate congress is called for by a majority of the Central Committee under special circumstances.

The quorum for the Congress shall consist of one-third of the membership.

Unless there is an emergency, proposals for discussion at the Congress must be submitted to the membership at least one month in advance.

7. Central Committee

The Congress shall appoint a Central Committee, which will consist of 20 members. During the first meeting of the newly elected Central Committee, the Secretary, President, and Treasurer of the Party will be elected. The Central Committee will have the authority to make decisions between two Congresses. Additionally, at least three members of the Central Committee must be women.

Nominations shall be announced at a conference, and the election shall be conducted by secret ballot on a group basis. Vacancies that occur between two conferences shall be filled by the Central Committee. Priority shall be given to those who have contested and lost the Central Committee elections.

The Central Committee shall consist of five committees. The secretaries of the Organizing Committee and other committees, along with their members, shall be appointed at the first Central Committee meeting after the conference.

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A quorum of 1/3 of the members is required to hold a Central Committee meeting. Members who fail to report to the Central Committee for three consecutive terms without prior notice will lose their Central Committee membership. District Secretaries can participate in the Central Committee meeting at an observer level.

8. Politburo.

The Central Committee has the power to appoint vacant positions until the next Congress in the event of voluntary resignation or loss of office. The Politburo shall consist of the secretaries of the five committees and 06 other Central Committee members. Women's representation shall be mandatory.

The Politburo shall meet weekly. Planning the main activities of the alliance, political developments, risks, planning the future vision, and maintaining and developing international affairs. The Politburo shall be vested with the power to make decisions between the two Central Committees, as the Executive Committee.

9. The Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee is responsible for maintaining membership, establishing organizing branches, directing and monitoring the activities of district and branch organizations, keeping membership records, and conducting campaign and publicity activities.

10. The Finance Committee

Shall consist of a Finance Secretary and three other members. It shall be responsible for raising funds, collecting membership dues, maintaining a register of the association's resources, preparing and implementing plans for raising resources, and presenting the budget to the Central Committee every month.

If members wish to inspect the books of account, they must request it 3 weeks in advance. For this purpose, a group of at least 10 members should be present.

11. Trade Union Biuro

This council is responsible for making decisions on the activities between trade unions and workers. In addition to the trade union biuro secretary, four other members are members. The council may include trade union leaders who are outside the Central Committee.

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12. The Bahujana Mandalyaa

The Bahujan Mandalya shall consist of a Secretary and four other members. Its purpose is to coordinate trade unions, farmers, fishermen, and community-based struggles, and to plan for the political success of leaders in the field of struggle.

13. Education/Communication

It will be managed by the Organizing Committee according to the guidance of the Politburo.

14. Disciplinary Committee

An independent committee of three members appointed by Congress that will review disciplinary matters of the Association between two Congress sessions. The board is required to announce

its decisions within two months. Additionally, there must be women's representation on the committee.

15. Audit Committee

The Congress shall appoint an Audit Committee to audit and report on the transactions of the Party.

16. Decision-making and implementation

In all meetings of the party, members have the freedom to express their opinions and persuade others to consider new ideas. Every member is obligated to implement the decisions made during these discussions.

17. Amendment of Party Constitution

Any amendment to the party Constitution can be made by resolution at a party conference. For this, a 2/3 vote of the members present is required.

Secretary

19 August 2024