

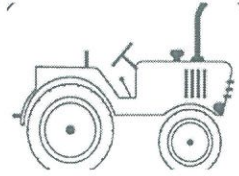



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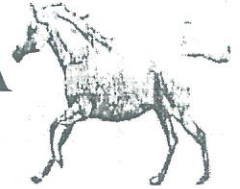
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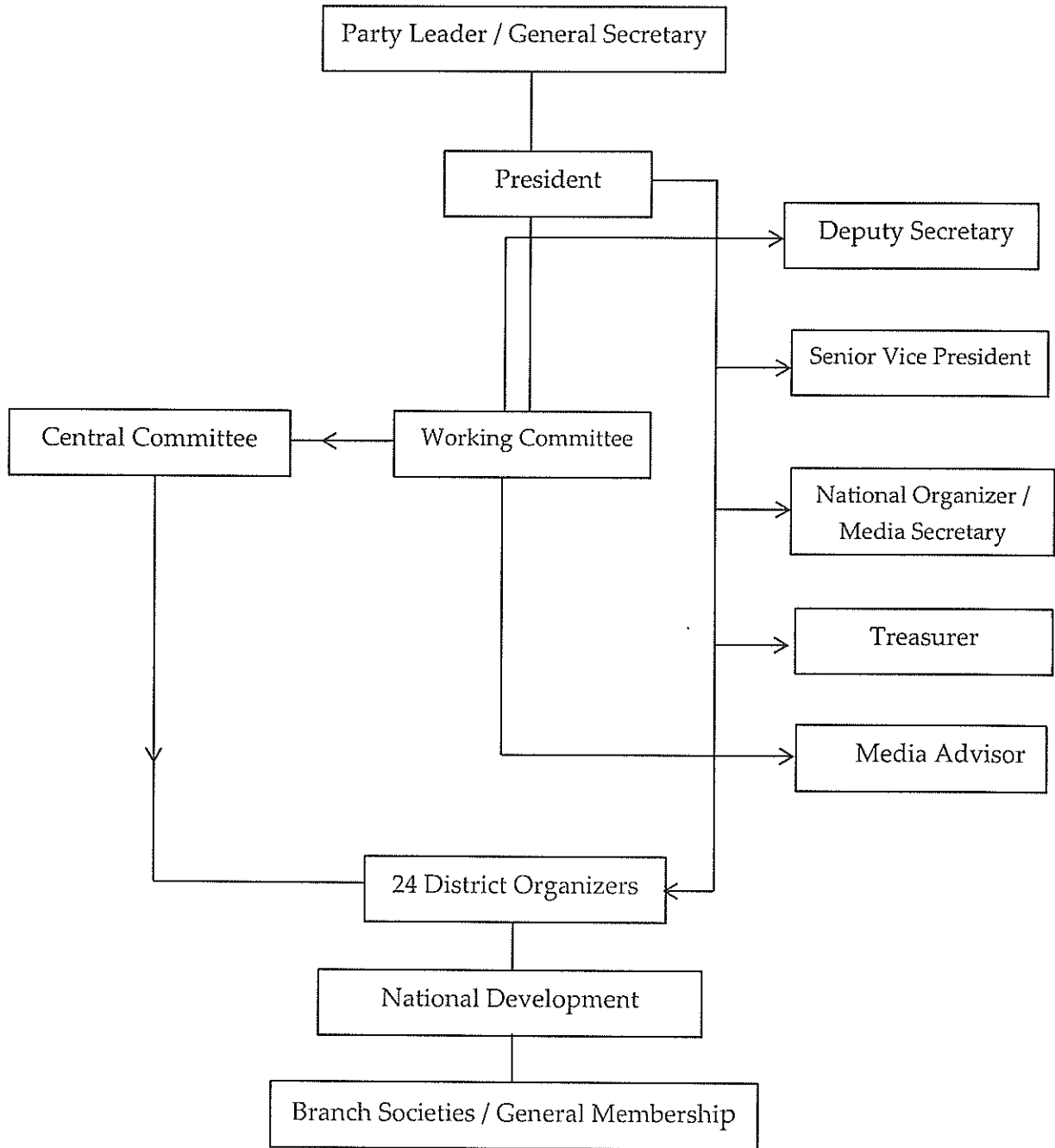
STATEMENT BY THE FOUNDER

I, **Venerable Battaramulle Seelarathana Thero**, Founder and Founding General Secretary of the **Jana Setha Peramuna**, which is proposed for registration with the Election Commission of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, hereby present a brief account of my political experience:

1. Active member of the political movement of the **Sri Lanka Freedom Party**
2. Member of the **Lanka Sama Samaja Party**
3. Former Colombo District Organizer of the **Sihala Urumaya Party**, serving in that capacity until resignation
4. Former Chairman of the **National Development Front**, actively engaged in political leadership
5. Led Pradeshiya Sabha election activities as the Kaduwela Organizer of the National Development Front

At present, alongside political engagement, I am actively involved in extensive social service initiatives, including housing projects for the homeless, while working to address the everyday challenges faced by ordinary citizens.

PARTY CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Founding Members and Leadership



FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THE PARTY

Introduction

- a. The name of the party shall be "**Jana Setha Peramuna**"
- b. The party shall be democratic and socialist in its principles
- c. The party shall contest all forthcoming elections
- d. Registered address of the Party Headquarters:
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Battaramulla.
- e. Telephone/Fax: +94 11 2889998 / +94 11 2882028
- f. Email: janasethajsp@gmail.com
- g. Official symbol of the party: **Lotus Flower (Nelum Mala)**
- h. Election symbol: **Tractor**

PARTY CONSTITUTION

Structure and Functioning of the Party

Where necessary in this Constitution, the Party shall be referred to as the “Janasettha Peramuna.”

Party Leader and General Secretary

- a) The Party Leader shall, in all instances, also serve as the General Secretary of the Party.
- b) The current Party Leader and General Secretary is the Venerable Battaramulle Seelarathana Thero. This position may be altered only with the consent of the General Secretary.
- c) The Party Leadership shall have the authority to implement decisions of the Party and is constitutionally empowered to inform the Chairman and the Central Committee of all such decisions. All decisions taken by the Leadership shall be subject to the approval of the Central Committee.
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 1. The General Secretary shall have the authority, where necessary, to delegate powers to the Deputy Secretary and to issue notices convening meetings of the General Assembly, Executive Committee, or Central Committee.
 2. The participation of the General Secretary in the preparation of Party reports, the appointment of Party representatives, and the selection of candidates for elections shall be mandatory.
 3. The General Secretary shall have the authority to: Inform the Central Committee, including the Chairman, of necessary measures, particularly in emergency situations; Convene the Working Committee when required; Issue official press releases. The General Secretary shall be recognized as the person who leads the Party in accordance with its Constitution and policies. All external relations and negotiations shall be subject to the approval of the Central Committee.

The General Secretary shall have the authority to remove, without prior notice, any Party-appointed representative from both Party membership and any position held, if such person, while representing Parliament, a Provincial Council, a Local Government Institution, or any other body, acts in violation of the Party Constitution—whether by joining, supporting, or voting for another party or group, or by providing improper support. The Central Committee shall be duly informed of any such action. The General Secretary shall also have the legal authority to notify the Chairman of the Election Commission to appoint a replacement representative. The Central Committee shall be informed accordingly, and no legal action may be instituted against such decisions under this Constitution.

Chairman

- a) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Party Leader and may be replaced at the discretion of the Leadership.
- b) The term of office of the Chairman shall be one year. Upon expiration of the term, a suitable person shall be appointed at a General Meeting held at the end of the said period.
- c) In the absence of the Party Leader, the Chairman shall have the authority, with the consent of the Deputy Secretary, to convene meetings of the Central Committee.

Treasurer

- a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the financial affairs of the Party. He shall be required to prepare all necessary financial documentation, including budget-related matters, and submit the same to the Central Committee as required. The term of office shall be determined by the Central Committee.
- b) In addition to the Party Leader and the General Secretary, the Treasurer shall have the authority to sign on behalf of the Party in financial transactions.
- c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for issuing official receipts for all donations and payments received by the Party.

Deputy Secretary and Senior Deputy Chairman

- (a) The posts of Deputy Secretary and Senior Deputy Chairman shall be appointments made by the Party Leader from among individuals who have played a pioneering role in the establishment of the Party. The Central Committee, including the Party Leader, shall have the authority to remove such appointees or appoint suitable replacements.
- (b) The Deputy Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining all official documents of the Party.
- (c) The Deputy Chairmen shall, where necessary, conduct the affairs of the Council or the Party with the approval of the Chairman.

National Organizer and Media Secretary

The positions of National Organizer and Media Secretary shall be appointments made by the Party Leadership. The officeholder shall be responsible for implementing national-level mobilization programmes and for disseminating official Party communications to the

media. The term of office, powers, and duties shall be determined from time to time by the Central Committee.

Media Advisor

A suitable individual shall initially be appointed from among the founding members of the Party to serve as Media Advisor. The role shall be to provide guidance and advice in relation to media activities of the Party.

Working Committee

The Working Committee shall consist of eight officers, including the General Secretary. It shall have the authority to make and implement urgent decisions. All such decisions shall subsequently be reported to the Central Committee, which shall have the authority to amend them where necessary.

Central Committee

- (a) The Central Committee shall have the authority to implement the official decisions of the Party.
- (b) The Central Committee shall consist of the Party Leader, the Chairman, and twenty-four District Organizers. It shall function as the principal decision-making body of the Party and shall be accountable to the Party Leadership. A quorum of not less than sixteen (16) members shall be required for meetings of the Central Committee. The Committee shall also have the authority to take disciplinary action against members.

District Organizers

- (a) District Organizers shall be elected by the Central Committee. Their appointment and removal shall take place at Party conferences.
- (b) District Organizers shall be responsible for: Recruitment and selection of organizers within their respective districts, Organizing branch unions and Coordinating election-related organizational activities within the district.

National Development Council

- (a) The National Development Council shall consist of the Central Committee and Electoral Organizers.

- (b) The Council shall meet as required upon the direction of the Party Leader or Chairman. Its function shall be to deliberate upon and reach consensus on national-level policy proposals. Implementation of such proposals shall be subject to the approval of the Council.
- (c) The term of office shall not apply to the National Development Council.

Party Membership

- (a) Membership of the Party shall be obtained by completing the prescribed application form.
- (b) Membership shall be granted upon payment of the prescribed fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Central Committee.

No person who has not obtained Party membership shall be eligible to hold any Party office or to stand for election on behalf of the Party.

All members of the Party shall be obliged to uphold and adhere to the policies of the Party. Any violation of the Party Constitution shall constitute an act of indiscipline. Members shall be responsible for the timely payment of membership fees and may make additional contributions exceeding the prescribed amount. An official receipt shall be issued for all such payments or donations, duly validated by the signature of the Treasurer of the Party.

The Central Committee, including the General Secretary and the Chairman, shall have the authority to take disciplinary action against any member. Such decisions shall be final and shall not be subject to review or challenge by any institution, including courts of law, and shall not be deemed to constitute a violation of fundamental rights.

Members shall be responsible for promoting and advancing the policies of the Party within the framework of the Party Constitution and shall regard their personal or political interests as subordinate to the interests of the Party.

Members shall refrain from engaging in any conduct detrimental to the Party, from supporting or assisting external forces contrary to Party interests, from involvement in terrorist or unlawful activities, and from engaging in sectarian or divisive practices. Members shall further be obligated to avoid any misuse of Party funds or resources.

Party Board of Advisors

A Board of Advisors consisting of five (5) members may be appointed, comprising three (3) Buddhist monastic advisors, one (1) clergy member, and one (1) lay trustee.

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BOARD OF PARTY OFFICERS

1. Founder, Party Leader and General Secretary - Venerable Battaramulle Seelarathana Thero
2. Chairman - Venerable Galagama Somananda Thero
3. Deputy Secretary - Mr. L. D. P. Jayasekara
4. Senior Deputy Chairman -
 1. Mr. K. Sankar
 2. Mr. E. A. Liyanagama, Attorney-at-Law
5. Treasurer - Mr. Uyada Indraith
6. National Organizer / Media Secretary - Mr. M. R. Hettiarachchi
7. Three (3) members of the Audit Committee shall be appointed by the Central Committee
8. Media Advisor - Mr. Dharmasena Welivitigoda

Date of Establishment: 05.05.2008

FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

Sri Lankan State

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Executive

- (i) The Executive Head shall be a Sri Lankan Buddhist who has attained the age of forty-five (45) years.
- (ii) Necessary amendments shall be introduced to the existing Constitution to remove authoritarian characteristics, and an All-Party Conference shall be convened, including both represented and non-represented political parties, to obtain the required consensus.
- (iii) Legal provisions and conditions governing the powers of the Executive President shall be abolished or amended accordingly.
- (iv) The Party recognizes the existing system of electing the President and accepts a term of office of six (6) years, with eligibility limited to two (2) terms.
- (v) The Party acknowledges the necessity of a strong Executive in a multi-religious and multi-ethnic State such as Sri Lanka.

Legislature

- (i) The Party accepts, in principle, the existing Parliamentary system. However, Parliamentary elections shall be conducted on a constituency basis, ensuring representation aligned with electoral districts. Where proportional representation is not adequately achieved based on population, ethnic considerations may be taken into account, and qualified individuals may be appointed in a manner similar to the National List.
- (ii) The term of Parliament shall be six (6) years. A person shall be eligible to contest for Parliamentary office (Member of Parliament) only twice. However, exceptions may be granted by the Central Committee in cases involving senior ministerial roles or other significant Party positions.
- (iii) The numerical composition of Parliament shall not be increased. Priority shall instead be given to structural reforms to ensure fair and effective representation of constituencies and population groups.

Judiciary

- (i) The Judiciary of Sri Lanka shall be recognized as an independent institution safeguarding the sovereignty of the people and functioning as a supreme protector of justice.
- (ii) The Party opposes any interference by political authorities that may undermine the independence and dignity of the Judiciary.
- (iii) The Chief Justice shall be recognized as the head of the Judiciary, and necessary amendments to penal and parliamentary laws shall be duly presented to Parliament and enacted in a timely manner.

Structure of the Cabinet

- (i) The Prime Minister shall be the Head of the Cabinet and shall preside over its functions.
- (ii) The Prime Minister shall be elected by a majority vote in Parliament.
- (iii) The total number of Cabinet Ministers, including the Prime Minister, shall be limited to thirty (30) by the Constitution.

- (iv) The number of Deputy Ministers shall also be limited to thirty (30), and such positions shall prioritize younger Members of Parliament, designated as Deputy Ministerial Coordinators.
- (v) A minimum of ten (10) years of political experience shall be required for appointment as a Cabinet Minister. The appointee shall be a recognized Party leader, religious representative, or a professional acknowledged by the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Higher Education of Sri Lanka.

Provincial Councils and Local Government

- (i) In line with the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, reforms shall be introduced to establish a direct electoral system at the constituency level for Provincial Councils, abolishing the preferential voting system. Provision shall be made to appoint one representative per district for underrepresented groups, where such groups obtain more than ten percent (10%) of the total district vote, subject to determination by the Election Commissioner, with a maximum term of five (5) years.
- (ii) Measures shall be taken to decentralize powers of the Central Government to Provincial Councils, while ensuring that Provincial Governors and Chief Ministers remain accountable to Parliament.
- (iii) Authority equivalent to that of Heads of Departments and Assistant Superintendents of Police at the Provincial level shall be recognized, with recruitment conducted annually through competitive examinations under Central Government supervision.
- (iv) Provincial authorities may receive foreign assistance for national development projects, subject to Parliamentary approval.
- (v) The Provincial Governor shall have the authority to dissolve a Provincial Council acting ultra vires (beyond its legal powers).
- (vi) Elections for Local Government Institutions shall be conducted based on revised or existing administrative divisions, with the abolition of the preferential voting system.
- (vii) Existing Local Government boundaries and former electoral divisions shall be subject to revision.
- (viii) The concentration of powers in Mayors or Chairpersons shall be reduced, and legal provisions shall be introduced to ensure that leadership positions reflect the majority preference within the respective council.

ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

- (i) To establish a production-oriented economy based on agriculture and local raw materials, integrating State and domestic private sectors, minimizing unemployment and brain drain, and achieving national self-sufficiency in both the short and long term through a supply-driven development model.
- (ii) To regulate the open economy by restricting the importation of non-essential goods and imposing higher taxation on imports.
- (ii) To implement a national economic policy maintaining equilibrium between domestic and mixed economic systems.
- (iv) To formulate national development plans through independent expert committees, ensuring efficient and diversified utilization of foreign loans for large-scale projects.
- (v) To prioritize key sectors such as paddy cultivation, sugar production, coconut industry, irrigation, and national energy systems over a long-term horizon of thirty (30) to fifty (50) years, including the establishment of multi-purpose industrial zones at the Provincial level.
- (vi) To engage leading academics within the national university system in enhancing public sector productivity through structured national programmes.
- (vii) To develop nationally relevant digital and technical skills and provide employment opportunities for youth with multi-disciplinary competencies.
- (vii) To enhance national efficiency by enforcing strict regulations on fuel consumption, minimizing wastage in public transportation, improving time management, conserving foreign exchange, and reducing environmental pollution through a comprehensive national fuel policy, including the regulation and removal of unfit passenger transport vehicles.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE POLICY

- (i) The three languages—Sinhala, Tamil, and English—shall be treated equally, and all three shall be recognized as official languages.
- (ii) In order to minimize ethnic tensions and overcome communication barriers that hinder national unity, laws shall be enacted requiring all citizens to attain proficiency in these three languages.
- (iii) In addition to the primary language, the other two languages shall be made compulsory as optional subjects within the national education curriculum.
- (iv) Language proficiency examinations shall be incorporated into professional qualifying examinations, including Bar examinations, as well as into criteria for promotion within the public service.
- (v) The right of citizens to engage in public service and judicial proceedings in the language medium of their choice shall be guaranteed.

NATIONALITY POLICIES OF SRI LANKA

- (i) Sri Lanka shall be regarded as the homeland of all its citizens.
- (ii) In reference to ethnicity, the designation “Sri Lankan” shall be uniformly applied.
- (iii) Notwithstanding the above, existing national holidays and religious festivals shall be recognized in order to preserve the identity and independence of different ethnic and religious groups.
- (iv) In order to eliminate ethnic divisions and strengthen mutual trust and social cohesion, the State shall provide incentives to encourage inter-ethnic marriages.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

- (i) To establish and maintain a comprehensive legal framework at all levels of society.
- (ii) To protect and uphold the religious values, identities, and dignity of all religions.
- (iii) To eliminate ethnic divisions and promote equality through the implementation of practical programmes aimed at fostering harmony among all communities.
- (iv) To secure the contribution of scholars and intellectuals to the national development process.
- (v) To create a disciplined society by eliminating fraudulent practices and strengthening existing criminal laws to effectively combat bribery and corruption.
- (vi) To promote community development through cultural centres established in proximity to places of religious worship at both urban and rural levels.
- (vii) To address the loss of skilled and educated individuals due to migration by implementing policies aimed at preventing brain drain, including the development of an education system aligned with national production needs and skills development.
- (viii) To promote and enforce effective time management practices at all levels of society.
- (ix) To formulate a national policy aimed at the full utilization of all underutilized physical resources of the country.

EDUCATION

- (i) The national education system shall be developed in alignment with international standards, with particular emphasis on information technology, industrial knowledge, and language proficiency.
- (ii) The education system shall be fundamentally structured upon the history, literature, and culture of Sri Lanka, taking into consideration its characteristics as an island nation, a tropical country, and an agriculture-based economy.
- (iii) Human resource development shall be prioritized, with education policies reoriented to reduce excessive dependence on government employment and to encourage a self-sustaining economic model.
- (iv) Private universities and other educational institutions operating within the country shall be subject to State supervision and standardization.
- (v) The country shall be divided into educational regions, and equal infrastructure facilities shall be provided to each region, thereby reducing disparities and minimizing undue competition among leading urban schools.

FOREIGN POLICY

- (i) The foreign policy of Sri Lanka shall be progressively oriented towards strengthening friendly relations and establishing a more structured and professional diplomatic service. Such diplomacy shall safeguard national identity, cultural integrity, and the security of citizens. Appointments to diplomatic positions shall be based on merit and competence, and not on political affiliation.
- (ii) Foreign aid and external resources shall be obtained only when necessary and in accordance with flexible and prudent economic policies.
- (iii) Necessary measures shall be taken to strengthen regional cooperation by fostering friendly relations, promoting economic exchange, enhancing cultural ties, and acquiring industrial knowledge and technology for national development.