

Democratic Left Front The Constitution

1. Name

The party shall be known as the Democratic Left Front. In Sinhala, it will be referred to as 'Prajathanthrawadee Wamanshika Peramuna', and in Tamil, it will be known as 'Jananayaka Idadusari Munnani'.

2. Address of the Main Office

The headquarters of the party will be located at No. 49, Vinayalankara Mawatha, Colombo 10, or at a location determined by the party's central committee.

3. Objectives

3.1. To progressively develop a society that fosters a culture of mutual sharing and care, minimizing greed for consumption and resources.

3.2. In such a society, the following principles should be upheld:

- The creation of a socialist society that moves away from capitalism, where unjustified profits, are the power of capital derived from exploiting human labor through, have no place.
- Ensuring that the current living needs of all individuals are met.
- To ensure equal rights for all individuals.
- To provide facilities and opportunities for the universal development of every person.
- To enable all individuals to participate in addressing common tasks and societal issues.
- To offer citizens the opportunity to experience unparalleled personal freedom.
- To enable the expression of creativity of all people.
- To open pathways for total human fulfillment that rise beyond materialism and sensory desires.
- To guarantee mutual harmony between humanity and the environment through sustainable development.

3.3 To create an environment where all people can live in harmony and cooperation, without divisive tendencies arising on race, caste, tribe, religion, etc., while preserving their own respective identities. This involves establishing equality among Sinhalese, Tamil, Muslim, and other ethnic groups, and accepting self-governing conditions in all areas and all communities as the Sinhalese enjoy in the Majority areas.

3.4 To develop the country's political economy so that resource taxes generated are utilized to the maximum extent for the welfare of society and all people, and to improve a system in which the benefits of the economy are fairly distributed among all segments of the population.

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3.5 To engage in social and political processes to build a political movement uniting all progressives with socialist and democratic ideas to achieve the outlined weather goals.

3.6 To pursue all necessary democratic activities, including political struggles and elections, and to foster people's activities to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

3.7 To develop a social system that ensures social justice, takes care of all communities, protects their cultural values, and safeguards their freedom.

4. Membership

Any person who agrees with the objectives of the party and the constitution of the party can join the party after completing a membership application given by the party and receiving the approval of the Executive Council.

5. Membership Fees

All members who take membership must pay the membership fee of the party annually or monthly. According to the decisions of the Central Committee, the membership fee to be paid by the members should be in accordance with their income. Accordingly, it is up to the Executive Council to determine the membership fee to be paid monthly. But the minimum annual membership fee should be Rs. 240/- per year even if one has no income. (Rs. 20 per month) The Executive Council may approve a decision to collect the said amount from the member in any manner. A receipt should be issued immediately for the membership fee paid.

6. The National Convention

6.1 The main body of the party will be the National Convention. The National Convention should be held at least once in two years. A special convention shall be convened at the request of 1/3 of the total membership.

6.2 The National Convention of the Party shall be a representative conference of active members. The Central Committee will determine activeness criteria. The quorum of the convention shall be 1/3 of that active membership.

6.3 The existing Central Committees shall be responsible for convening the Party's National Convention.

6.4 At the beginning of the National Convention, a presidium to oversee and the conduct the proceedings and a secretariat to record all discussions and decisions should be nominated and approved by the Convention immediate before the convention bigins. It is the responsibility of the Central Committee and the Executive Council that convenes the convention to provide common facilities to all the members who come to the party National Convention.

6.5 All members who are eligible to participate in the conference must confirm their membership by paying the membership fee up to the day before the National Convention. The final decision in this regard rests with the Central Committee.

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7. Central Committee

The Central Committee shall meet at least once every three months. If a meeting is not scheduled, it may be convened upon the request of 1/3 of the Central Committee members.

7.1 The Central Committee shall be elected by a secret ballot at the National Convention. Only invited active members have the right to vote.

7.2 The Central Committee members elected by the Convention shall be proportionate to the number determined by the Convention. District Secretaries are ex officio members of the Central Committee but do not have voting rights.

7.3 The Central Committee has the authority to make further decisions regarding the appointment of District Secretaries as ex officio members.

7.4 In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Central Committee: after nominations have been submitted at the Party Convention and the required members have been elected, candidates who were not elected from the nomination list will be selected to fill the vacancies of the Central Committee. If there are no suitable candidates on the waiting list, a new member may be appointed by a majority vote of the Central Committee.

7.5 Immediately after the Party Convention is closed, the newly appointed Central Committee shall meet to elect the Secretary. The Secretary of the Party is a person with political authority, and he is responsible for guiding the theoretical and political direction of the Party. The Secretary should make political decisions based on the advice and approval of the Central Committee. Following this, the Central Committee should be elected of individuals to other positions and committees of the subsequent meeting of the Central Committee.

8. Organizational structure of the party

1. President 1, Vice President
2. Secretary 1, Deputy Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary 1
3. Organizing Secretary (National Organizer) 1, Assistant Organizing Secretary 1
4. Trade Union Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary
5. Education Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary 1
6. Finance Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary 1
7. National Integration Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary 1
8. Media Secretary 1
9. Mass-Organizations Committee Secretary 1, Assistant Secretary 1, Cultural Secretary 1
10. Youth Committee Secretary- Youth Secretary 1, Women Secretary 1, Students Secretary 1, Youth Assistant Secretary 1, Women's Assistant Secretary 1, Students' Assistant Secretary 1

(The position of International Secretary was approved by the Central Committee on 05/11/2011)



9. Executive Council

The Central Committee should appoint to the Executive Council, from among those in the Second Central Committee held after a congress, comrades who are politically mature and have practical knowledge and understanding of the changes taking place in the country. In appointing the Executive Council, which consists of 15 members, the positions of Chairman, Secretary, Organizing Secretary, Trade Union Secretary, Finance Secretary, Education Secretary, National Integration Secretary, Youth Secretary, Mass-Organizations Committee Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Media Secretary, and Women's Secretary will be represented by 12 members of the Executive Council. Additionally, 3 more members should be included to complete the Council. The composition must ensure that 60 percent of the members are from the working class.

9.1 The Executive Council consists of Secretaries, Heads of Committees, and Mass-Organizations Leaders. The Secretary of the Executive Council also serves as the Secretary of the Party. The Central Committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of its decisions. The Organizing Secretary has the authority to intervene in all matters related to the party.

10. Trusteeship

The Party President, Secretary, Treasurer, Organizing Secretary, and Trade Union Secretary will serve as the trustees of the party. They are responsible for all party properties and are accountable to the Central Committee and the Party Convention.


11. Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for maintaining all party documents, including the membership register, and for performing party-related tasks effectively. The Secretary must make necessary arrangements for convening all party Committees and preparing documents for the party's convention. The Secretary should be a guide with theoretical and political maturity.

12. Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for all financial affairs of the party, including the collection of membership fees, creation and management of additional funds, and oversight of financial controls. The Treasurer also serves as the Secretary to the Finance Committee and must submit monthly financial reports to the Central Committee. The party's accounts and funds will be managed by the Treasurer in conjunction with two other members of the Executive Council.

12.1 The Treasurer shall manage funds according to the decisions made by the Executive Council. All party funds must be deposited into a bank account held in the names of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Withdrawals from this account require the signatures of both the Treasurer and another authorized individual. The Executive Council may amend these terms as necessary.


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13. Discipline

Disciplinary matters are solely the responsibility of the Disciplinary Committee, which is accountable to the Convention. All party members must adhere to the party's discipline and cooperate with its policies and actions. Any actions that damage the party's reputation are deemed breaches of discipline. However, the party constitution guarantees that no member's rights will be denied without a fair hearing. The Disciplinary Committee will be appointed at the Party Convention, and the Central Committee will be responsible for implementing disciplinary decisions.

14. Party Flag

The party's flag will feature a sickle and hammer inside a circle, surrounded by a cogwheel and rice grains, set within a yellow sunflower on a red background.

15. Party Song

The party song will be based on the anthem of the international workers' movement and created accordingly. The currently accepted song has been approved as the party song.

16. Amendments to Constitution

Constitution amendments must be approved at a Party Convention. Additionally, the Central Committee may make amendments on urgent matters, subject to subsequent approval by the Convention.

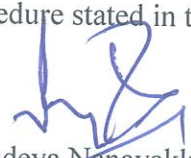
17. Tradition

The party includes workers from all races, including Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, and others. The tradition of appointing various committees within the party should ensure representation from all community segments, including farmers, fishermen, both genders, and young women, to the greatest extent possible.

(This constitution was adopted unanimously at the 4th Party Convention held on December 19-20, 2011)

It should be noted.

If there is any change in meaning between the Tamil and English translations, in such a case, the procedure stated in the party constitution in Sinhala should be followed.


Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Secretary

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