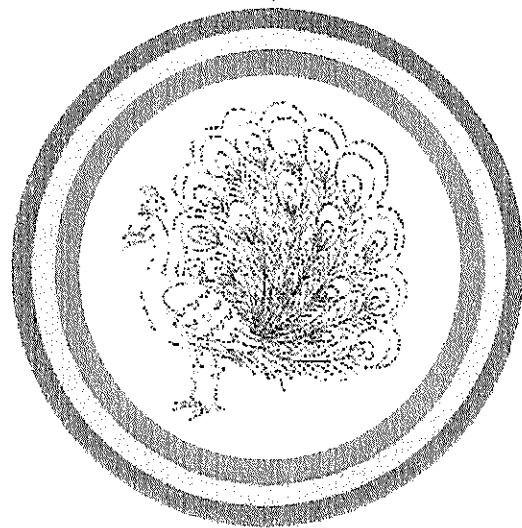


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CHAPTER I

1.1 The Name of the Party.

The Name of the Party shall be "All Ceylon Makkal Congress"

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"அகில இலங்கை மக்கள் காங்கிரஸ்"

1.2 The symbol of the Party.

The symbol of the Party shall be "The Peacock"

1.3 The Head office of the Party shall be situated in Colombo.

CHAPTER II

2. The Aims and Objectives of the Party.

2.1 The Aims of the Party.

2.1a To Strive to build a United Sri Lanka.

2.1b To achieve and safeguard Parity of status for all citizens of Sri Lanka.

2.1c To safeguard the Independence and sovereignty of Sri Lanka.

2.1d To Preserve and promote individual Freedom of all citizens of Sri Lanka.

2.2 The Objectives of the Party.

2.2a To strive to bring about ethnic harmony by ensuring equal rights to all communities in Sri Lanka.

2.2b To work towards promoting and preserving accepted principles and values of democracy, fundamental and human rights of all citizens of Sri Lanka.

2.2c To promote and safeguard the religious rights of all citizens of Sri Lanka.

2.2d To evolve an effective mechanism to find solutions to the socio-economic and political issues in Sri Lanka.

2.2e To strive to resettle and restore normal life of the Internally Displaced people of the North and the East.

2.2f To oppose and propogate against all forms of violence, terrorism and terrorist activities within and outside Sri Lanka

CHAPTER III

3. Membership of the Party

3.1 Eligibility

Any person who is above 16 years of age and not a member of any other political party or group shall be entitled to apply for membership of the Party at his / her own volition;

3.1a To accept and abide by the provisions of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and decisions of the Party.

3.1b To accept the Aims and Objectives, Policies and Programmes of the Party.

3.1c To contribute positively to the implementation of the aims and objectives of the Party.

3.1d To apply and upon payment of the prescribed membership fee to the Branch Secretary of the Party, subject to the approval of the political authority.

3.2 Membership Rules.

The Political Authority shall formulate Rules and regulations from time to time for members of the Party in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and amend them as and when necessary.

CHAPTER IV

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Spokespersons

4.1a The Leader, the Chairman and the Secretary General shall be the Spokespersons of the Party. However the Leader may at his or her discretion appoint any member of the Political Authority as a spokesman of the Party on a specific subject.

4.1 b No person other than the above shall speak on behalf of the Party and any member acting to the contrary shall be liable to disciplinary action

4.1 c If any member violates the above and makes any statements against the interests of the party, the Leader shall have the authority to suspend such Member from the party and from any position in the party for a period of 2 weeks and refer to the Political Authority for an appropriate decision.

CHAPTER V

5.1 The Structure of the Party

- i. The Political Authority (PA).
- II. High Command (HC).
- III. People's Representative Committee (PRC).
- IV. Delegates Conference
- V. District Central Committees
- VI. Electorate Central Committee
- VII. Branches
- VIII. National Advisory Council

5.2 The Office Bearers of the Party.

- 1 Leader.
- 2 Chairman.
- 3 Senior Deputy Leader
- 4 Secretary General
- 5 Treasurer.
- 6 Deputy Leader i.
- 7 Deputy Leader ii.
- 8 Deputy Leader iii
- 9 Deputy Leader iv
- 10 National Organizer
- 11 National Propaganda Secretary
- 12 Deputy Chairman.
- 13 Deputy Secretary General.
- 14 Deputy Propaganda Secretary.
- 15 Deputy Treasurer.
- 16 Deputy National Organizer.
- 17 Director, Land, Irrigation, Defence and Conflict Resolution
- 18 Director, Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- 19 Director, International Affairs
- 20 Director , Trade Unions
- 21 Director, Membership drive and Party Organization
- 22 Director, Education, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- 23 Director, Workshop and Seminars
- 24 Director, Election Campaign
- 25 Director, Youth and Women Affairs and Ethnic Harmony

6. The Political Authority

6.1 Composition

The Political Authority shall consist of the following Office Bearers;

- i. Leader.
- ii. Chairman.
- iii. Senior Deputy Leader
- iv. Secretary General
- v. Treasurer.
- vi. Deputy Leader i.
- vii. Deputy Leader ii.
- viii. Deputy Leader iii
- ix. Deputy Leader iv
- x. National Organizer
- xi. National Propaganda Secretary
- xii. Deputy Chairman.
- xiii. Deputy Secretary General.
- xiv. Deputy Propaganda Secretary.
- xv. Deputy Treasurer.
- xvi. Deputy National Organizer.
- xvii. Director, Land, Irrigation, Defence and Conflict Resolution
- xviii. Director, Legal and Constitutional Affairs
- xix. Director, International Affairs
- xx. Director , Trade Unions
- xxi. Director, Membership drive and Party Organization
- xxii. Director, Education, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- xxiii. Director, Workshop and Seminars
- xxiv. Director, Election Campaign
- xxv. Director, Youth and Women Affairs and Ethnic Harmony

6.1a All Members of Parliament of the Party shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Political Authority

6.2 The powers and Functions of the Political Authority.

6.2a All decisions shall be made by the Political Authority.

6.2b To appoint officials of the Party and nominate members to various forums of national importance;

6.2c To exercise exclusive disciplinary control over members of the Party for any violation of the provisions of the Party Constitution, decisions of the Party, breach of Party discipline and code of conduct.

6.2d To nominate candidate / candidates of the Party at Presidential, Parliamentary, Provincial Council, Local Authorities or any other Elections.

6.2e To nominate any person to parliament as a member of parliament on the National list and nominate any candidate or candidates for a bonus seat whose name appear on the nomination paper of the Provincial Council election or Local Authorities election

6.2f To fill any vacancy falling in any of the bodies of the Party. However if any vacancy falls or become vacant in the Political Authority, the rest of the Members of the Political Authority shall nominate a suitable person to fill such vacancy /vacancies

6.2g To interpret the provisions of the Constitution in the event of ambiguity. The interpretation on any matter by the Political Authority shall be final and conclusive.

6.2 h To take any disciplinary action against any member of the Party including; suspension, dismissal from membership and expulsion from the party

6.2h To create, constitute, suspend, dissolve, recognize and / or affiliate any sub-committee, subordinate organization or allied body of the Party.

6.2i To enact Rules and Regulations and amend them as and when necessary

6.2j The Political Authority shall have overall powers with regard to any matter in respect of which no provision has been made in the Constitution.

6.3 The Political Authority may at its discretion delegate any of its powers to the Leader and/or the Chairman of the Party

6.4 The members of the Political Authority shall be elected at the last meeting of the High Command prior to the biennial delegates conference

Quorum

The Quorum for Political Authority shall be 9 Members.

7.1 High Command

There shall be a High Command consisting of 55 members which shall include the office bearers enumerated in Article 5.2 herein before.

7.1 A The remaining 30 Members of the High Command shall be nominated by the Leader in consultation and concurrence with the members of the political authority and such nominations shall be ratified at the Biennial Delegates conference

7.2 Powers and Functions of the High Command

7.2a The High Command shall meet periodically as and when necessary or upon a request made by the Leader;

7.2b To assist the Political Authority in making Rules and Regulations, by-laws, etc. on matters of conducting meetings, at the district, electorate and branch level.

7.2c To advise the Political Authority on all matters of national importance

7.2d To actively involve in promoting the party and its image at the national and international level.

7.2e To formulate policies, and make regulations for the manner in which elections may be held for the election of office bearers to the Branch, Electorate Central Committee and District Central Committee.

7.3 Quorum

The Quorum of the High Command shall be 19 members.

8 Peoples Representative Committee (PRC)

8.1 Composition

There shall be a Peoples Representative Committee consisting of elected / nominated members of Parliament, Members of the Provincial Council and members of the Local Government bodies.

8.2 Duties and Functions

The PRC shall meet periodically and make recommendations to the High Command and Political Authority on matters of common and national interest.

- 8.3 The Political Authority may summon the PRC for consultation as and when it deems necessary or desirable.
- 8.4 The People's Representatives of a particular local authority and /or Provincial Councils and /or Parliament shall form as a group and function within such local authority and /or Provincial Councils and /or Parliament as a single body/entity representing the Party within such forums unless and otherwise specifically directed by the Party.
- 8.5 The Leader of such a group in such forums shall be nominated by the Leader in concurrence with the Political Authority.
- 8.6 Each such group shall speak and vote in the respective institution in keeping with the Policies, decisions, and directives of the Party and any violation thereof shall be deemed to be a serious misconduct warranting disciplinary action against such members or groups.

9 National Advisory Council

9.1 There shall be a National Advisory Council consisting of eminent persons and outstanding personalities. The Political Authority shall nominate such members.

9.1 a Composition

The National Advisory Council shall consist of persons of eminence in the society who have excelled in different discipline . The High Command may also recommend outstanding persons from different fields of expertise to the National Advisory Council.

9.1 b Functions

The National Advisory Council shall meet as and when necessary to discuss issues concerning the country at large on socio-economic and political matters and give necessary advice to the Party.

9.2 The members of the Political Authority and High Command will be ex-officio members of the National Advisory Council. The Leader may, in his discretion invite any person of his choice to take part in the proceedings of the National Advisory Council

10. Party Branches

10.1 There shall be a branch of the Party established on Ward System/Grama Niladari Division as the case may be, in every electorate and it will be known as the Branch Committee of the said Ward or Grama Niladari Division. The said committee shall consist of office bearers who will be elected by the Members of the branch

10.2 The office bearers may include Branch Organizer, Secretary, Propaganda Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Organizer and Asst. Secretary.

11. Electorate Central Committee

11.1 There shall be an Electorate Central Committee comprising of Branch Organizers, Branch Secretaries, Propaganda Secretaries and Treasurers by virtue of office in every electorate. The Electorate Central Committee shall be headed by Electorate Organizers appointed by the National Organizer in Consultation and concurrence with the Political Authority.

11.2 The Political Authority shall nominate 9 members to the electorate Central Committee at its discretion.

11.3 The Leader shall have the authority to name the electorate organizer in concurrence with the Political Authority

11.4 Provided if the Political Authority is of opinion that there is a need to improve and strengthen the branches in an electorate, it may appoint a Cluster Coordinator comprising of as many as branches named by the Political Authority. Such cluster coordinator should necessarily be a member of the Electorate Central Committee. In such circumstances, the Leader shall have the authority to appoint such cluster coordinator in concurrence with the political authority.

12 District Central Committee

12.1 There shall be a District Central Committee for each district headed by the District Organizer appointed by the National Organizer in consultation and concurrence with the Political Authority.

12.2 The composition of the said District Central Committee shall include Electorate Organizer, Secretary, Propaganda Secretary and two other members who will be elected by the members of the Electoral Central Committee.

12.3 The Political Authority shall nominate 9 members at its discretion to the District Central Committee. The Political Authority shall have the authority to nominate the District Organizer

13. The Biennial Delegates Conference.**10.1 Composition**

i. Composition of the Biennial Delegates Conference shall be as follows:

1. Members of the Political Authority
2. Members of the High Command
3. Members of the People's Representative Committee
4. District Organizers
5. Electorate Organizers
6. Any member, who in the opinion of the Leader shall be invited as a delegate.

ii. The Political Authority shall notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding paragraphs have the powers to increase or restrict the number of members eligible to attend the Delegates Conference.

iii. The interval between two biennial Delegates Conferences shall not exceed 36 months.

iv. The decision of the Political Authority with regard to the entitlement of the members to attend the Biennial Delegate Conference shall be final and conclusive

14. Special Delegates Conference.

14.1 The Political Authority may decide to summon a special Delegate's Conference for a special purpose. However, such Conference shall not have the powers to elect Office Bearers.

15. Special Provision.

15.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution, the Political Authority shall continue to be in office and call or reconstitute any other organ of the Party referred to hereinbefore, in the event any such organ has not been formed, elected or appointed as the case may be.

16. Transitional Provision.

16.1 It's hereby resolved that as the previous constitution passed at the delegates conference on 29.05.2011 is repealed and this constitution is approved at the delegates conference held on 17.01.2016. The members of the Political Authority elected at this Delegates Conference be and are hereby declared elected as members of the Political Authority notwithstanding anything that is mentioned in the previous constitution..

16.2 The Leader in consultation with the political authority shall nominate the members of the High Command at its first meeting after the promulgation of this Constitution.

17. Miscellaneous Provisions.

17.1 The functions of the National Organizer with regard to various kinds of appointments and functions enumerated in the constitution may be delegated to any member of the High Command by the Leader and/or the Chairman in consultation with the Political Authority if circumstances necessitated such delegation

18. Summoning of Meetings

The Secretary General of the Party shall call for the meetings of the Political Authority and High Command on the direction of the Leader and/or the Chairman of the Party. However, if the Secretary General of the Party fails or is unable to perform functions and/or refuses to carry out the directions of the Leader and the Chairman of the Party, the Leader shall have absolute authority to call for the meetings of the Political Authority and the High Command and any other organs of the Party.

19. The Secretary General of the Party cannot contest any elections Parliamentary or otherwise and shall not be nominated to Parliament on the National List during the period he holds the said office of Secretary General of the Party

20. Interpretation

- i. Constitution - means the directive, rules set out in this Constitution and includes all rules and regulations framed in terms of the provisions of this Constitution and all interpretations of this Constitution made from time to time by the political authority and the provisions of the code of conduct of the Party.
- ii. Party - means All Ceylon Makkal Congress
- iii. Party Branch - means the basic unit of the party as determined by the Political Authority

21. Special powers of the Leader

- i. If any Member of the party acts in contravention of the Constitution or rules and regulations or directives of the party, the Leader shall have the authority to suspend such Member from the party and from any position in the party for a period of 2 weeks and refer to the Political Authority for an appropriate disciplinary action
- ii. Once the matter has been referred to the Political Authority by the Leader, the Political Authority must conclude the disciplinary proceedings within two months. The member shall remain suspended until such time that a final decision has been made following disciplinary proceedings.

- iii. During the period of suspension of a Member from any position in the party, the Political Authority shall appoint another Member to temporarily assume the role of the suspended Member.
- iv. The Leader shall have the authority to appoint as many Provincial Coordinators at his discretion to coordinate between districts within a Province

22. *Casus Omissus*

The Political Authority shall be entitled to take suitable decisions on all matters on which this Constitution is silent.