

CHAPTER 466

RIFAI THAREEQ ASSOCIATION

Law A LAW TO INCORPORATE THE RIFAI THAREEQ ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA.
 No. 29 of 1976.

[21st December, 1976.]

Short title. **1.** This Law may be cited as the Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Law.

Incorporation of the Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka. **2.** From and after the date of commencement of this Law, such and so many persons as now are members of the Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as "the Association ") or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be and become a Corporation with perpetual succession under the style and name of "The Rifai Thareeq Association of Sri Lanka"* (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation "), and by that name may sue and be sued in all Courts, with full power and authority to have and to use a common seal and to change and alter the same at its pleasure.

General objects of the Corporation. **3.** The general objects of the Corporation are hereby declared to be—

- (a) the study and the promotion of Islamic culture and religion and the development of the Rifai Thareeq;
- (b) the research into the life history and activities of the founder of the Rifai Thareeq, His Holiness Sulthanul Arifeen Seyed Ahameed Kabeer Rifai (Kadesallahu Sirrahul Azees) and to conduct commemorative events connected therewith, and also of Prophet Muhammed (Sellallahu Alaihiwasallam) and of other leading Saints;
- (c) the promotion of a spirit of fellowship among the members of the Corporation and the inculcation in them the spirit of service to the community and the country;

(c) the provision of facilities for the advancement of education of the Muslims;

(e) the establishment and maintenance of a Muslim religious school for the teaching of Al Quran and the Arabic Language;

(f) the provision for charitable acts for the benefit of poor Muslims;

(g) the maintenance of the Mohideen Mosque, First Mosque Lane, Colombo 12;

(h) the engagement in any religious or charitable acts as may be found to be necessary in the opinion of the General Committee of Management; and

(i) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the accomplishment of the above objects.

4. The Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

General powers of the Corporation.

5. (1) The Spiritual Heads of the Corporation shall be the Life Patrons of the Corporation as long as they continue to be such Spiritual Heads.

Life Patrons.

(2) The Spiritual Heads of the Association on the date of commencement of this Law, namely—

- (a) His Eminence Rifai Moulana P. P. Nalla Koya Thangal,
- (b) His Eminence Rifai Moulana P. P. Yoosuf Koya Thangal, G. K. K., and
- (c) His Eminence Rifai Moulana Seyid Fathhudeen Thangal, M.A. (Al-Azhar).

shall be the first Life Patrons of the Corporation.

General Committee of Management.

6. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a General Committee of Management consisting of such number of persons as may be provided for in such rules and appointed annually by the Life Patrons.

(2) The first General Committee of Management of the Corporation shall be the General Committee of Management of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law,

Committee of Trustees.

7. (1) The custody of all property belonging to the Corporation shall, subject to the rules for the time being of the Corporation, be vested in a Committee of Trustees consisting of five persons who shall be appointed by the Life Patrons, and shall continue as such Trustees until they resign or die, or until they are removed from office by the Life Patrons.

(2) The first Committee of Trustees of the Corporation shall be the Committee of Trustees of the Association holding office on the date of commencement of this Law.

Rules of the Corporation.

8. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any general meeting of the members and by a majority of votes to make rules for the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members, for the conduct of the duties of the General Committee of Management, the

Committee of Trustees and the various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation, for the procedure in the transaction of business, and otherwise generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

(2) The rules of the Association in force on the date of commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be the rules of the Corporation made under this section.

(3) All members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation for the time being in force.

9. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing at the time of the coming into operation of this Law shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Association, shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Law.

Debts due by and payable to the Corporation.

10. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of such number of persons as may be provided for in the rules of the Corporation who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How the seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

11. The Corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property, movable or immovable, which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise, and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purposes of this Law and subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation.

Corporation may hold property, movable and immovable.

12. Nothing in this Law contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic, or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Law and others claiming by, from, or under them.

Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.