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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS an Association called and known as the “Government Services Buddhist Association” has heretofore been formed at Colombo for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and matters connected with the said Association according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble.

AND WHEREAS the said Association has heretofore successfully carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for which it was formed, and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant such application :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Government Services Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Act, No. 3 of 2008.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are members of the Government Services Buddhist Association (hereinafter referred to as the “Association”) or shall hereafter be admitted members of the Corporation hereby constituted, shall be a body corporate (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) with perpetual succession, under the name and style of the “Government Services Buddhist Association” and by that name may sue and be sued with full power and authority to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

Incorporation of the Government Services Buddhist Association.

3. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

General objects of the Corporation.

(1) in relation to Buddhists, presently if employed in or who were previously employed in the public service—

(a) to take action to fulfil the religious, social, cultural and educational needs ;

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- (b) to establish and develop mutual co-operation ;
  - (c) to cultivate and foster spiritual development ;
  - (d) to inculcate and promote the values such as honesty, efficiency, impartiality and good public relations ;
- (2) to take appropriate action as far as possible in respect of matters affecting those of the Buddhist faith in society.
- (3) to work in collaboration with other organizations having objects similar to those of the Corporation; and
- (4) to take action for the welfare of the Buddhists in general.

General powers  
of the  
Corporation.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute, all such acts, matters and things 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, to receive or collect grants and donations, to invest its funds and to engage, employ and dismiss, officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

Management of  
the affairs of the  
Corporation.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the other provisions of this Act be administered by a Board of Management (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") consisting of the office-bearers and such other members as may be elected in accordance with the rules of the Corporation made under section 6.

(2) The first Board shall be the Board of Management of the Association holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, to make rules; not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, or any other written law, in respect of all or any of the following matters :—

- (a) the classification of membership and the admission, withdrawal or expulsion of members ;
- (b) the election of the office-bearers, the resignation from, or vacation of, or removal from office of office-bearers, and their powers, conduct and duties ;
- (c) the election of the members of the Board, the resignation from or vacation of or removal from, office of membership of the Board and their powers, duties and functions ;
- (d) the powers, conduct, duties and functions of the officers, agents and servants of the Corporation ;
- (e) the procedure to be observed at, and the summoning and holding of, meetings of the Board, the times, places, notices and agenda of such meetings, the quorum therefor and the conduct of business thereat ;
- (f) the administration and management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds, and the maintenance and audit of its accounts ;
- (g) generally for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

(2) Any rule made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to, or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule made under subsection (1).

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(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

Fund of the Corporation.

7. (1) The Corporation shall have its own fund and all moneys received by way of gifts, testamentary dispositions, grants, donations, contributions or fees shall be deposited in the name of the Corporation in one or more banks as may be decided by the Board.

(2) All expenses borne by the Corporation in the exercise and discharge of the powers and functions of the Corporation shall be paid out of the Fund.

Accounts and Audit.

8. (1) The Corporation shall cause proper accounts to be kept of all the moneys received and expended by the Corporation.

(2) The accounts of the Corporation shall be examined and audited at least once in every year, and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet shall be certified by an auditor or auditors who shall be an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka appointed by the Corporation.

Debts due by and payable to the Association.

9. All debts and liabilities of the Association existing on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid by the Corporation and all debts due to, and subscriptions and contributions payable to the Association, on that day shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Corporation may hold property movable or immovable.

10. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to acquire 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 Act and subject to the rules of the Corporation, made under section 6 and it shall have full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of the same.

**11.** If upon the dissolution of the Corporation there remains, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall not be distributed among the members of the Corporation, but shall be given or transferred to some other association having objects, similar to the objects of the Corporation which are by the rules thereof prohibited from distributing any income or profit among their members. The association shall be determined by the members of the Corporation at or immediately before the time of dissolution of the Corporation.

Property remaining on dissolution.

**12.** No member of the Corporation shall, for the purpose of discharging the debts and liabilities of the Corporation or for any other purpose, be liable to make any contribution exceeding the amount of such membership fees as may be due from him to the Corporation.

Limitation of liability of members.

**13.** The seal of the Corporation shall be in the custody of the Honorary General Secretary and it shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of the Honorary General Secretary and either the President or the Honorary Treasurer 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.

Seal of the Corporation.

**14** Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate.

Savings of the rights of the Republic and others.

**15.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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