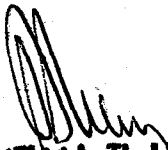


Trust Deed of G.S.P

SCHEME FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF
GURUDEV SIDDHA PEETH, GANESH PURI


(Shriek Thakkar)
Hon Gen Secretary,
Gurudev Siddha Peeth

(A PUBLIC TRUST REGISTERED AT P.T.R. NO.A484 (THANA))

1. NAME OF THE TRUST:

This Public Trust shall be designated and known by the name of "GURUDEV SIDDHA PEETH" hereinafter referred to as the Siddha Peeth.

2. REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE SIDDHA PEETH:

The registered office of the Siddha Peeth and the Headquarters of the said Siddha Peeth shall be at Ganeshpuri, District Thana (Maharashtra State), India.

3. PROPERTIES OF THE TRUST:

The properties of the said Siddha Peeth shall consist of immovable and movable properties mentioned in Schedule "A" and "B" hereto attached and such other properties which belong to the said Siddha Peeth but which may, through error, oversight or inadvertance, have remained to be mentioned in the Schedules. All those properties and new accretions thereto and all and any other property movable and immovable such as may hereafter come to or belong to the said Siddha Peeth and its Branch Centres and acquisitions and donations in cash and/or kind received hereafter shall collectively be called "THE TRUST PROPERTIES".

4. VESTING OF THE TRUST PROPERTIES:

The Trust Properties shall vest in the Board of Trustees for the time being under this Scheme, and shall be administered and managed by the Board subject to and in conformity with the provisions of this Scheme.

5. AIMS AND OBJECTS:

The aims and objects of the said Siddha Peeth shall be: To realise the Divinity in all, "Paraspara Devo Bhava"; To remove all pain and attain Supreme Bliss, "Sarva Dukkha Nivrtti" and "Paramananda Prapti".
With a view to obtaining the same:

- (a) To guide the spiritual aspirants in obtaining self-realisation and fulfillment of personality without caste, creed, colour, religion, sex, community and nationality;
- (b) To develop a sense of Universal Brotherhood;
- (c) To impart and promote the study of Vedanta and the principles of

- Truth as revealed by Shri Gurudev Bhagvan Nityananda and his duly appointed successors and other great sages and saints;
- (d) To impart education in Yoga and other faculties of learning and to conduct research work in all Branches of Yoga and for that purpose to establish and conduct Yogic Institutions and Centres;
 - (e) To carry on educational work amongst the masses and to guide them with a view to lead them to a better way of life and living through the practice of Yoga and meditation;
 - (f) To impart and promote education in arts, sciences, technical and vocational courses, industry, commerce, technology and in any other subjects or subject which the Spiritual Head may decide, and for that purpose to establish and conduct schools, colleges, laboratories, libraries, reading rooms, either alone or in cooperation with any other individual or institution;
 - (g) To give scholarships, funds and other charitable help to the needy, deserving and poor students and to establish for them hostels, boarding houses and other institutions;
 - (h) To grant aid, financial or otherwise, to classes, schools, colleges or the institutions of a like nature;
 - (i) To grant medical, surgical and maternity reliefs to all persons irrespective of caste or nationality. and for that purpose to establish hospitals, maternity homes, chemical laboratories and dispensaries for indoor and outdoor patients, medical centres, sanatoria, health centres, welfare centres, etc.;
 - (j) To undertake relief of poverty and distress arising from famines, floods, tempests or any other causes and to establish and conduct centres for poor and needy persons with a view to rehabilitate them;
 - (k) To undertake and conduct house construction programmes providing free accommodation to poor, homeless and/or distressed sections of the society;
 - (l) To establish and maintain branches and centres of the Siddha Peeth in the State of Maharashtra and elsewhere in India and abroad for the advancement of the above objects of the Siddha Peeth, subject,

however, that no expenditure shall be incurred outside India without the permission of the required authorities;

- (m) To incorporate any institutions, societies or associations having objects wholly or in part similar to any of those of the Siddha Peeth and to cooperate with any person or persons in aid of such objects;
- (n) To apply income as also corpus of the Trust funds notwithstanding any thing contained hereinabove to or for such public charitable purposes only, and within such territories only, and subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may from time to time be laid down by the Income Tax Act, 1961 or any other Act governing taxation of income or wealth as will ensure or make this trust and its income eligible for exemption from taxation under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Wealth Tax Act, 1957, and/or any other replacement of or re-enactment thereof or modification thereof under any such Act, governing taxation of income or wealth for the time being in force in India;
- (o) To do all acts and things as may be necessary to maintain dignity and decorum of the Spiritual Head;
- (p) Generally to do all such acts of public utility, not involving the carrying on of any activities or profit or take such steps as are calculated to carry out the above aims and objects and/or incidental or conducive to their attainment;

And

- (q) The aforesaid objects shall be carried on without involving the carrying on of any activity for profit and that the charges levied, if any, for the aforesaid objects are to be on a non-profit basis and should not be more than actually needed for the rendering of the services.

6. GUIDANCE, POWER AND DIRECTION OF SPIRITUAL HEAD:

- (a) Swami Muktananda Paramahansa, who is the Supreme Spirit behind the Siddha Peeth, shall be the first Spiritual Head. The Spiritual Head is and will always be guiding Spirit behind Gurudev Siddha Peeth. His authority and powers shall be final and absolute in

all matters concerning Siddha Peeth. All decisions of the Board of Trustees (including financial and otherwise) must be reviewed with the Spiritual Head who will always have an absolute power of vote and final decision.

- (b) In the event of any conflict at any time between any of the provisions of this Scheme or subsequent amendments thereto and this Clause 6, the conflict will be resolved by giving absolute priority to this Clause 6.
- (c) If any Spiritual Head fails to designate his successor, the nomination shall be made by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the Committee from among the Siddha Peeth Brotherhood and subject to the provisions of this Clause and Clause No.8 of the Scheme. If the Trustees do not find a suitable person, they shall seek advice of the Kailash Mutt at Nasik.

7. DESIGNATION OF THE SUCCESSORS:

- (a) Swami Muktananda Paramahansa on 17th July, 1981 designated Swami Nityananda (as named by Swami Muktananda on November 7th 1980 at Santa Monica, California, U.S.A., hereinafter called "Swami Nityananda") and Swami Chidvilasananda (as named by Swami Muktananda on May 4th, 1982 at Ganeshpuri, Thane Dist., Maharashtra State, India, hereinafter called "Swami Chidvilasananda") shall become the Spiritual Heads effective upon the retirement of or samadhi of Swami Muktananda Paramahansa.
- (b) Swami Nityananda and Swami Chidvilasananda shall have equal status and will be jointly the Spiritual Heads. All decisions will be taken jointly by them.
- (c) After Swami Nityananda and Swami Chidvilasananda shall become the Spiritual Head, they shall have the right to designate their successor and this right shall continue to vest in each subsequent successor.
- (d) All such designations shall be in writing and be delivered to the Board of Trustees and will also be confirmed by "Pattabhisheka" formal coronation and establishment of the position of the Spiritual Head (may be done prior to the retirement of the existing Spiritual

Head). Each successive Spiritual Head shall have undiminished powers as set forth in Clause 6 hereof;

8. QUALIFICATIONS OF A SUCCESSOR:

The qualifications of a successor shall be as under:

- (a) He must be a "Naishtika Brahmachari" (lifelong celibate from birth), "Shaktipata Kushala" (adept at conferring and awakening the residual divine energy inside all persons), and "Nigrahanugrahasa" (capable of bestowing divine grace and controlling the effects of the divine energy).
- (b) A successor shall not be a relative of the Spiritual Head who designates him.
- (c) He shall have high moral standards and shall be bound by the rules and regulations of the Siddha Peeth.

9. Principles laid down in Clause Nos. 6, 7 and 8 of this Scheme pertaining to the Spiritual Head, his powers and authority, his respective successors and their qualifications cannot at any time be amended, altered or modified. No other provision of this Scheme may be altered, modified or changed in any way without the express written directive of the Spiritual Head and any attempt to do so shall render any such action null and void and without any effect whatsoever.

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees appointed by the Spiritual Head consisting of not less than 3 and not more than 11 members.
- (b) The Board of Trustees shall be guided by the Spiritual Head in all matters involving the Siddha Peeth. In case of any disputes or differences of opinion amongst the Trustees, respecting any matter, the Spiritual Head shall be consulted and his decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.
- (c) In routine day to day administration of matters involving the Board of Trustees, the decision of the majority of the Trustees shall be acted upon.

11. (a) The following persons are the present Trustees of the Gurudev Siddha Peeth under the Scheme:

- i) Shri Sheshrao K. Wankhede Puratan Ridge Road
Bombay 6
- ii) Shri Ramanna K. Shetty 21, Shankar
Sagar Warden Road
Bombay 26
- iii) Shri Balaram D. Nagpal 7, Sorrento, 11
Mt. Pleasant Road
Malbar Hill
Bombay 26
- iv) Shri B.A. Salian Jolly Maker Apt.
No. 'A' Flat No.
122A Cuffe Parade
Bombay 5
- v) Shri Kiran C. Modi 90, Jeera Compound
Secunderabad
500 003 (A.P.)
- vi) Shri N.K. Shastri Aashish, 11th floor
Bhulabhai Desai Road
Bombay 26
- vii) Kum. Malti Shetty, alias Swami Chidvilasananda,
Gurudev Siddha Peeth

(b) The said Trustees or survivor or survivors of them and other Trustee for the time being are hereinafter referred to as the "Trustees".

12. QUALIFICATIONS OF A TRUSTEE:

A Trustee appointed under this Scheme shall be male or female of not less than 25 years of age and shall be a member of the Siddha Peeth Brotherhood as set forth in Clause 67.

13. TENURE OF TRUSTEES:

Trustees shall hold office for two years and will continue in office till the new Trustees take over. Retiring Trustees shall be eligible for re-appointment. The Spiritual Head shall have the absolute right in his sole discretion to remove any or all Trustees at any time.

14. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES:

(a) Whenever any Trustee or Trustees, either original or substituted under this Scheme, shall die or be convicted of a criminal offence involving moral turpitude or resign or become unfit or incapable to act in the Trust or adjudged insolvent or be removed by the Spiritual Head, the post of such a Trustee or Trustees shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled up by nomination for the remaining period of the tenure by the then Spiritual Head.

(b) If the Spiritual Head fails to fill up the vacancy within the three months from the date of vacancy, the Board of Trustees will fill up the vacancy within the period of the next three months from among Siddha Peeth Brotherhood, so as to maintain the minimum number of 5 Trustees. In case of failure to fill up the vacancy or vacancies arising in the Board of Trustees, the Charity Commissioner may at any time after 6 months from the date of the original vacancy fill up the vacancy in consultation with the remaining members of the Board of Trustees from among the Siddha Peeth Brotherhood for the remaining period of the tenure.

15. So often as any new Trustees shall be appointed as aforesaid, the Trust property and funds which, for the time being, are vested in surviving or continuing Trustee or Trustees, shall, with all convenient speed, be conveyed, assigned or transferred so that the same may be legally and effectively vested in such new Trustee or Trustees as the case may require.

16. **CONSENT OF NEW TRUSTEES TO ACT AND THEIR POWERS:**

Every new Trustee appointed as aforesaid shall have the same powers, authority and discretion and shall in all respects act and be liable as if he had been originally appointed as a Trustee under this Scheme, provided that he shall not be entitled to act as a Trustee under this Scheme until he shall have signed in the Minute Book of the Trust, a declaration of his acceptance and willingness to act as a Trustee under this Scheme.

17. **NOTWITHSTANDING** anything herein contained, no act done bonafide by the surviving or continuing Trustees in the usual course of administration of the said Siddha Peeth and which is otherwise authorised under this Scheme, the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950, and the rules framed thereunder, shall be invalid merely by the reason of the fact that there was not the requisite number of Trustees for the time being.

18. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:**

The Trustees shall meet at least six times in a year. Such meetings shall be called "Ordinary Meetings". The Spiritual Head may also call other meetings and such shall be called "Extraordinary Meetings".

at such place and time as the Spiritual Head or the Board of Trustees may decide.

19. NOTICE OF THE MEETING:

Seven clear days' notice in writing under Certificate of Posting shall be given by the General Secretary to the Spiritual Head, each Trustee for the Ordinary meetings of the Board of Trustees. In the case of Extraordinary meetings, two clear days' notice in writing shall be given to the Spiritual Head, each Trustee, by the General Secretary. Non-receipt of such notice will not invalidate the proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

20. QUORUM

Three Trustees present in person shall be quorum for the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

21. RESOLUTION BY MAJORITY:

Every resolution or question submitted to a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present at such a meeting and voting on the question. Each member shall have one vote, but in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman of such meeting shall have a second or casting vote, whether or not he has previously voted on the question. Any resolution of the Trustees may be rescinded or varied from time to time.

22. CIRCULAR RESOLUTION:

Any matter of business of a routine or formal or urgent nature may be determined by a circular without a meeting of the Trustees provided that it is agreed to by a majority of the Trustees.

23. MINUTE BOOK:

- (a) A minute Book shall be kept in which shall appear:
- i) a clear report of the proceedings of each of the meetings of the Board of Trustees;
 - ii) a copy of each notice convening the meeting and of each circular on which a decision has been arrived at.
- (b) The minutes shall be read over to the Trustees at the next meeting and, when confirmed, shall be signed by the Chairman of such meeting.
- (c) In case of difference of opinion at the time of confirmation of the

proceedings of a previous meeting, the minutes shall be confirmed according to the sense of the majority of the Trustees present.

- (d) After each meeting, the proceedings of that meeting will be reviewed by the Meeting Chairman with the then Spiritual Head. All decisions taken at such meetings will be subject to review by the Spiritual Head, who will have the right to veto any resolutions passed (as set forth in Clause 6 above). If the Spiritual Head does not exercise his right to veto, such resolutions will be incorporated into the minutes and confirmed as set forth above.

24. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board of Trustees shall inter alia have the following powers, always subject to the review, approval and veto of the Spiritual Head:

- (a) To purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire property, movable or immovable and any rights or privileges which may be deemed necessary or convenient for the purpose of the said Siddha Peeth and to construct, improve, alter, maintain, sell, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with any part of the property movable or immovable of the Siddha Peeth. In exercising the aforesaid powers, the Board of Trustees shall observe the provisions of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 and Rules framed thereunder;
- (b) To accept any donation, contribution, subscription, gift, or bequest or other transfer or disposition of property, movable or immovable, whether subject or not to any special condition, in favour of the said Siddha Peeth.
- (c) To invest the surplus and other funds of the Siddha Peeth and to determine the mode and manner of investment of the monies belonging to the Siddha Peeth according to the Section 35 of the Public Trust Act, 1950. All accounts in the bank pertaining to the said Siddha Peeth shall be maintained in the name of Gurudev Siddha Peeth and shall be operated upon jointly by at least two of the Trustees.
- (d) To invest such monies of the Branch Centres as are not immediately required and are sent to the Headquarters for investment.

the said Siddha Peeth;

- (f) To provide all necessary facilities to the students of Yoga and spiritual aspirants;
- (g) To raise loans in such manner and from such persons as they think proper, for the promotion of any of the objects of the Siddha Peeth subject to the sanction of the Charity Commissioner of Maharashtra.
- (h) To borrow from the funds of the Siddha Peeth Headquarters and the Branch Centres such funds not being endowed or earmarked for any specific purpose or object. Where the Branch Centres are concerned it will be done with the consent of the Management of such branches provided that where a loan is to be raised or an amount to be borrowed, a resolution to that effect shall be passed by the Board of Trustees;
- (i) To lend such money to the Branch Centres as may be required by them after a resolution to that effect is passed by the Board of Trustees;
- (j) After the close of any relief operations by the Siddha Peeth Headquarters, to transfer any surplus of the funds collected for the purpose, to a fund which is called the relief fund maintained at the Headquarters and utilised for relief operations in connection with flood, famine, etc.;
- (k) To make such rules from time to time as they think fit and proper for due administration and management of the Trust properties which shall not be inconsistent with anything contained in this Scheme.

25. LIABILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES:

The Trustees shall be respectively chargeable only for such monies, stock, funds, securities and other property as they shall respectively and actually receive notwithstanding their respective signing any receipt or cheque for the sake of conformity, and shall not be answerable and accountable or responsible for the acts, receipts, omissions, neglects and defaults of any banker, broker, auctioneer or solicitors

default or omission, breach of trust, misapplication or misconduct.

26. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRUSTEES:

The Trustee or Trustees for the time being may reimburse himself or themselves or pay and discharge out of the trust properties all expenses properly incurred in or about the execution of the trusts or powers under this Scheme or any of them. The Trustee or Trustees shall also be entitled to allow their Co-Trustee or Trustees all costs, charges and expenses which they or any of them shall or may suffer or sustain in or about the execution of the said trust and powers or in relation thereto, and also either before or after the appointment of any new Trustee or Trustees as aforesaid to settle, adjust and allow the amount of any such Trustee or Trustees; provided, however, that this right and/or power of the reimbursement shall not be operative in the case of Trustee or Trustees who are held liable for the loss caused to the trust for their acts or omissions as provided under Clause 25 of this Scheme.

27. OFFICE BEARERS OF THE TRUST:

The Spiritual Head shall appoint office bearers of the Trust including General Secretary, Resident Secretary, Joint Secretaries and Treasurer.

28. GENERAL SECRETARY:

- (a) Under the general supervision and guidance of the Board of Trustees, the General Secretary shall represent the Siddha Peeth in all its activities and affairs and shall be the Chief Executive authority and shall carry out day-to-day administration of the Siddha Peeth.
- (b) He shall issue circulars of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and arrange conferences of members of the Siddha Peeth Brotherhood etc. and shall maintain all records of them.
- (c) He shall prepare the annual budget of the Siddha Peeth for submission to the Board.
- (d) The General Secretary, Resident Secretary or any Joint Secretary or Hon. Treasurer or any Office Secretary duly authorised by the General Secretary, shall receive and realise all funds, dues, donations, contributions, subscriptions, grants, rents, fees, etc. and issue receipts for the same. He shall deposit...

in the authorised Bank or Banks as approved by the Board of Trustees.

- (e) The General Secretary may authorise any Joint Secretary or Joint Secretaries to act on his behalf during his absence from the Headquarters subject to the approval of the Spiritual Head.

29. JOINT SECRETARY:

The Joint Secretaries shall assist the General Secretary and Resident Secretary in all their work and shall carry out any of their functions if and when necessary as per Clauses Nos. 28 and 29 herein above.

30. TREASURER:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep proper books of accounts as well as to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts.

31. (a) All properties by way of gift, endowment, purchase or otherwise, shall be acquired in the name of Gurudev Siddha Peeth and all such properties when so acquired whether by Siddha Peeth Headquarters or Branch Centres shall vest in the Board of Trustees of the said Siddha Peeth;
- (b) All properties acquired whether by and for the Headquarters at Ganeshpuri or by and for any Branch Centre shall be utilised for the Headquarter or for that Branch Centre, as the case may be, and they shall be devoted to the general purposes or to any specific objects of such centres according to the intention of the donors or subject to any special directions by the endowers of the properties.

32. WORKING COMMITTEE:

There shall be a Working Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee" to aid, assist the Spiritual Head and the Board of Trustees and execute his/their orders in respect of the management work and activities of the Siddha Peeth.

33. COMPOSITION:

- (a) The Committee shall consist of not less than 5 and not more than 15 members to be appointed by the Spiritual Head from time to time and shall be subject to the supervision, control and direction of the Spiritual Head.

(b) The Committee shall have one Chairman, one Resident Chairman and one Secretary appointed by the Spiritual Head from among the members of the Committee.

34. The present Chairman and Resident Chairman of the Working Committee of Gurudev Siddha Peeth are as under:

- i) Shri Pratap N. Yande Chairman
- ii) Shri S. Ramohandran Resident Chairman

35. VACANCY:

Any vacancy caused in the Committee by death, retirement, resignation, removal for breach of discipline, misconduct, incapacity, bankruptcy or otherwise, shall be filled by designation by the Spiritual Head.

36. QUALIFICATION:

A member of the Working Committee shall be a major male or female and a member of the Siddha Peeth Brotherhood as defined in Clause 66.

37. MEETINGS:

The Committee shall meet at least once in two months. The meeting of the Committee shall be called at any time in the Siddha Peeth premises or such other place as may be directed by the Spiritual Head.

38. QUORUM:

Five members shall form a quorum.

39. NOTICE OF MEETING:

Three clear days' notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary of the Committee to each member of the Committee for the meeting of the Committee. A meeting of the Committee also shall be called by the General Secretary whenever the Spiritual Head so desires giving such notice in such manner as he may deem fit.

40. DUTIES OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE:

Duties of the Committee shall be as under:

- (a) To advise and assist the Chairman and the Resident Chairman to carry on the day to day administration of the activities of the Gurudev Siddha Peeth.
- (b) To co-ordinate the activities of the different departments of the Gurudev Siddha Peeth.

(c) To review periodically the performance of each department as

well as the procedures and carry out such reforms as are necessary in consultation with the Spiritual Head and the Board of Trustees.

- (d) To determine from time to time various forms of activities including those of Branch Centres by means of which to carry out the aims and objects of the Siddha Peeth.
- (e) To arrange for the celebration of such functions and festivals as may be determined by the Spiritual Head from time to time.
- (f) To do such other duties as the Spiritual Head and the Board directs them to perform.

41. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

- (a) Subject to the directions of the Spiritual Head, and the Board Committee may form committees to carry on the various forms of activities of the Siddha Peeth from time to time such as Library Committee, Publications Committee, etc. All such committees shall be under the control and direction of the Committee and shall render true and complete accounts and report to the Committee. Such committees may determine their own procedures for their day to day working.
- (b) The Committee shall have full powers and responsibility for the due and proper management of day to day affairs of the Siddha Peeth, as also the other duties laid down in Clause 40 subject to the directions, control and supervision of the Spiritual Head and the Board.
- (c) The Committee shall have power to print and publish and to sell or distribute gratuitously or otherwise without any motive whatsoever of making any profits, journals, periodicals, books or leaflets for the furtherance of the objects of the Siddha Peeth.
- (d) The Committee in consultation with the Spiritual Head, shall have power to appoint Office Secretary, Manager, Clerks and other such employees or servants as they may require from time to time for the management of the Siddha peeth and its properties on such terms and conditions as to salary, wages, allowances, etc., as the Committee may consider proper and shall have full

the approval of the Board of Trustees, and the Spiritual Head, power to suspend, remove or dismiss any such employee, or employees as they think fit and proper.

- (e) The Committee shall have the power to spend the amount sanctioned by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the budgetary provisions and for such other non-budgetary items as may be necessary for the furtherance of the aims and objects of the Siddha Peeth, subject to the postfacto sanction of the Board of Trustees.
- (f) The Committee may authorise any member or members of the Committee or any competent person or persons, who shall have power under the direction of the General Secretary, to look into the working records, documents, accounts, etc. of any Branch Centre and submit their findings and recommendation to the General Secretary, who shall place these findings together with his comments hereon, before the Committee and/or before the Board of Trustees, as the case may be, for necessary action.
- (g) The Committee may make, alter, amend or rescind rules and regulations for the conduct of its own work and for the management of the Siddha Peeth and its Branch Centres with the approval of the Spiritual Head, subject to the provisions of this Scheme.

42. Provisions of Clause Nos. 25 and 26 in respect of liabilities and reimbursement in respect of Trustees shall, inter alia, apply to the Working Committee of the Siddha Peeth.

43. CHAIRMAN AND RESIDENT CHAIRMAN:

- (a) The Chairman and the Resident Chairman will preside at alternate meetings. When either the Chairman or Resident Chairman are absent the other will take the Chair. When both are absent the members present will elect one of those present as Chairman for the meeting. At such meetings a majority of the members present and voting shall have the power to decide all matters placed before them by the Secretary. In every such meeting each member shall have a single vote, and in the case of equality of votes,

- (b) The Chairman and/or the Resident Chairman shall represent the Committee in all the meetings of the Board of Trustees, if required by the Board of Trustees and report about the implementation of the decisions of the Board as entrusted to them and the working of the Committee but shall not vote at such meetings.
- (c) The Chairman or Resident Chairman shall cause the proceedings of each of the meetings of the Committee properly recorded in the Minute Book of the Committee to be kept for that purpose and when confirmed at the next meeting of the Committee, shall put his signature thereon.
- (d) The Chairman and Resident Chairman shall supervise all the activities and work of the Siddha Peeth and shall give advice and help to the Secretary in the discharge of his duties when necessary.
- (e) The Chairman and the Resident Chairman shall keep the Spiritual Head fully advised as to the matters taken up at meetings of the Working Committee and shall advise the Committee as to all directions received from the Spiritual Head.

44. SECRETARY:

- (a) The Secretary of the Committee shall convene the meetings as directed by the Chairman or the Resident Chairman issuing the notices for the meeting on the due dates.
- (b) He shall distribute the agenda papers for the meeting.
- (c) He shall maintain the record of meetings and shall enter the summary of meetings in the Minute Book, maintained for the purpose.
- (d) He shall get the minutes confirmed at the next meeting.

45. BRANCH CENTRES:

- (a) Institutions formed in any locality outside of the Headquarters of the Siddha Peeth for the fulfillment of any of the objects of the Siddha Peeth by the Spiritual Head in consultation with the Board of Trustees and the Committee shall be treated as Branch Centres of the Siddha Peeth.
- (b) Although the Branch Centres are all under the general control

and supervision of the Siddha Peeth, they shall be treated as separate entities for purpose of management and transaction among themselves and with the Headquarters and separate accounts shall be maintained for each Branch Centre.

(c) If any Branch Centre closes down or it becomes impossible to continue its work on account of circumstances over which the Siddha Peeth Headquarters has no control, the funds of each Branch Centre, after meeting its liabilities, will be at the disposal of the Board of Trustees of the Siddha Peeth who may utilise the same in consultation with the Spiritual Head for such purposes within the objects of the Siddha Peeth and in such manner as they may consider fit.

46. The Branch Centres will be managed by a Managing Committee consisting of members and office bearers appointed by the Spiritual Head from among persons interested in the work of the Branch Centre concerned.
47. The Managing Committee appointed for the management of Branch Centre shall direct the business of these centres by rules and by-laws framed by the committee in consultation with the Spiritual Head.
48. Every such Centre shall contribute, unless exempted in writing, 5% of its gross income annually to the Siddha Peeth.
49. (a) The fund of such Branch Centres shall consist of the subscriptions and donations received by such Branches from the public or grants from the Government or any public body, or fees from students, and such funds shall be exclusively used for the welfare of such Branch Centres and promotion of their objects.
(b) An account of all receipts and disbursements from all such funds shall be maintained by each Branch Centre with proper vouchers and these shall be audited every year by auditors appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Siddha Peeth.
50. Each Managing Committee shall consist of the President, not more than three vice-Presidents, one Secretary, not more than three Assistant Secretaries, one Treasurer and as many members as the Committee may decide provided always that the total number of members and office bearers shall not be less than 9. all of whom shall have

of vote; such committee shall function for not more than three years unless their terms are extended by the committee in consultation with the Spiritual Head.

51. As in all other matters the Spiritual Head shall have the final authority and may dissolve any Managing Committee and shall have power of suspension and removal of any member or office bearer from any Managing Committee.
52. Subscriptions, donations, grants, etc., to the Branch Centres shall be received by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary thereof who shall issue receipt for the same.
53. (a) All monies and deposit accounts, Government Promissory Notes and other securities approved by the Board of Trustees unless deposited with the Headquarters shall stand in the name of Gurudev Siddha Peeth with the name of the Branch Centre attached to it. The Branch President, the Branch Treasurer and the Branch Secretary jointly or any two of them, shall have the power to withdraw money, to operate Bank accounts, to draw interest on such securities, and to renew or consolidate Government Promissory Notes, subject to the sanction by the Management of the Branch Centre and the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Siddha Peeth.
(b) No loan shall be insured by a Branch Centre without the written sanction of the Board of Trustees of the Siddha Peeth and no Branch Centre shall lend any portion of its funds without such sanction.
54. The Branch Secretary or in his absence, the Assistant Secretary, shall call a meeting of the Managing Committee every month, giving due notice of the business to be brought before the meeting to all members of the committee and shall record the proceedings of each meeting and send a copy of the same to the Committee of the Siddha Peeth.
55. The Branch Secretary shall prepare an annual report of the Centre and submit such report to the General Secretary of the Siddha Peeth. He will also submit monthly to the General Secretary

- work done and a statement of accounts of the centre in the prescribed form after getting them passed by the management of the Branch Centre.
56. In all meetings of the Managing Committee the presence of five members shall form a quorum. In the absence of the Branch President or the Branch Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a Chairman from amongst the members present.
57. All questions before a meeting of the Managing Committee of all the Branch Centres shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. In every such meeting each member shall have a single vote. In case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
58. The Branch Secretary or in his absence the Assistant Secretary shall have power to call a meeting of the Managing Committee at any time at the written request of four members of the Managing Committee.
59. The Branch Secretary or the Branch Assistant Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings in the minute books of the Branch Centre under the signature of the Chairman and detailed account of the work done in the Branch Centre and of the sums drawn and disbursed by the Branch Secretary for carrying on the work and shall place them before the monthly meeting of the Managing Committee.
60. The Managing Committee shall have power to frame rules and regulations for the furtherance of the objects of such a Branch Centre with the prior sanction of the Committee and Board of Trustees of the Siddha Peeth.
61. Subscriptions, donations, grants, gifts, etc., either in cash or kind and income thereof collected by the Branch Centre for the purpose of the Siddha Peeth Headquarters, shall be transferred to the Headquarters within one month of receipt thereof.

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62. **AUDIT:**
The accounts of the Siddha Peeth shall be audited by a chartered Accountant appointed by the Board of Trustees.

63. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Siddha Peeth shall be from January to December or as otherwise decided by the Board of Trustees.

64. SEAL:

The Siddha Peeth shall have a common seal of such make and design as the Board of Trustees shall decide in consultation with the Spiritual Head.

65. THE SIDDHA PEETH:

- (a) The Siddha Peeth shall be open to all persons, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, sex, religion and nationality provided that they abide by the rules, regulations and discipline of the Siddha Peeth.
- (b) The name and address of the Siddha Peeth shall not be used by any person for the purpose of his personal identification in connection with any business or legal proceedings.
- (c) The Siddha Peeth shall not be used as an address by any person for any advertisement, prospectus or business circulars, letters, cards, etc.

66. SIDDHA PEETH BROTHERHOOD:

- (a) Siddha Peeth Brotherhood shall mean and include any person irrespective of caste, sex, colour, religion and nationality:
 - i) Who accepts and abides by the objects, rules, regulations and discipline of the Siddha Peeth;
 - ii) Who believes in the principles of Universal Brotherhood and acts accordingly; and
 - iii) Who will be accepted in the fold as a member of the Brotherhood by the Spiritual Head for the time being.
- (b) Any such member may be removed with or without cause by the Spiritual Head.


67. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION:

Servants working in this trust and the office bearers in the Committee shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Scheme and their relations to the Board of Trustees shall be governed by the provisions

68. REFERENCE TO THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER:

In all cases in which it is found necessary or desirable to amend, alter or add to this Scheme or any Clause thereof, or to seek advice or any other directions of conduct or administration and management of the said trust, the Trustees shall have the right under this Scheme to apply to the Charity Commission.

As amended by order dated 15/11/83 of Shri A.D.Kale, Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra State, Bombay.


(Shri. Thakkar)
Hon. Gen. Secretary,
Gurudev Siddha Peeth