

**CONSTITUTION
OF
ALL INDIA VEERASHAIVA MAHASABHA
BENGALURE**

**MEMORANDUM, RULES AND REGULATIONS
(As amended on 31-3-2018)**

Chapter-1

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association shall be known as **"ALL INDIA VEERASHAIVA MAHASABHA"** (**MAHASABHA** for short) and shall sue or be sued in the said name, represented by its Secretary General.

2. AREA OF OPERATION.

The Function and Activities of the Mahasabha shall extend to the whole of India and all other countries.

3. INTERPRETATION.

Unless the context otherwise requires ;

- a) The expression "Veerashaiva-Lingayath" means and includes Veerashaiva, Lingayath, Lingawanth, Lingadhar and others called by any other name/s and ordained as members of the community.
- b) "Constituent Unit" means a unit of the Mahasabha constituted at the Village Panchayat, Town Municipality, City Municipality, Taluk, Municipal Corporation, Assembly Constituency (an unit only in the Corporation limit) District and State Level.

4. Definitions: (Rules and Regulations)

- a. "Act" means The Karnataka State societies Registration Act 1960
- b. "Memorandum of Association" means the memorandum of association framed under section 2 of the act which includes the aims and objects of the Mahasabha.
- c. "Rules and Regulations" means these rules and regulations framed under section 2 of the act.
- d. "Working Committee" means the governing body of the Mahasabha, which shall be the committee to whom, by these rules and regulations of the Mahasabha, the management of its affairs are entrusted.

- e. "Executive Committee" means the governing body of the Mahasabha at various units which shall be the committees to whom, by these rules and regulations of the Mahasabha, the management of its affairs are entrusted.
- f. "Member" means a person who, having been admitted therein, according to the rules and regulations thereof.
- g. "Registrar" means an officer appointed by the state government to perform the duties and functions of the registrar.
- h. "Year" means the year ending 31st December
- i. "Accounting Year" means the year commencing from 1st April and ending on 31st March.
- j. "Sub-committee" means the smaller committee constituted by the Working Committee for specific purpose and specific period.
- k. "President" means one of the member elected as President of the Mahasabha or its units.
- l. "Honorary President" means the immediate past president of the Mahasabha/ State units.
- m. "Senior Vice-President" means member of the Working Committee nominated by the President of the Mahasabha as Senior Vice President.
- n. "Vice-Presidents" means persons elected by the Working Committee/Executive Committee as Vice-Presidents of the Mahasabha/constituent units
- o. "Secretary General" means one of the member of the Working Committee elected as Secretary General of the Mahasabha.
- p. "General Secretaries" means one of the member of the executive committee elected as General Secretary by respective executive committee of the units
- q. "Secretaries" means the members of the Working Committee/ Executive Committee elected among them as Secretaries of the Mahasabha or its constituent units
- r. "Treasurer" means persons elected by the Working Committee/Executive Committee as Treasurer of the Mahasabha/constituent units.
- s. "Chief Administrative Officer" (CAO) means the paid Officer of the Mahasabha at head Office to look after the affairs of the Mahasabha.
- t. "Administrative Officer"(AO) means the paid Officer of the Mahasabha at State Unit headquarters to look after the affairs of the State Unit.
- u. "Deputy Administrative Officer" (Dy.AO) means the paid officer of the Mahasabha at District Unit headquarters to look after the affairs of the District Unit.
- v. "Assistant Administrative Officer (AAO)" means the paid Officer of the Mahasabha at Taluk Units headquarters to look after the affairs of the Taluk Units.
- w. "Manager" means the paid employee of the Mahasabha at Village panchayath/ Town Municipal/ City Municipal Unit to look after the affairs of the Units

- x. "Representative Annual General/Special Body" means a smaller group of member elected from among the members, to form the Representative Annual General/Special Body, who shall function as general body as defined under rule 16.

5. LOCATION AND ADDRESS OF THE MAHASABHA.

The Head office of the Mahasabha shall be located in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The Head Office is housed at No.17/4, 'Veerashaiva-Lingayath Bhavan', Ramana Maharshi Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080

6. AIMS AND OBJECTS OF THE MAHASABHA.

The Mahasabha shall be a non-commercial and non-profit making body constituted for the purpose of bringing about unity and cohesion among the Members of the Society and to promote their welfare in diverse fields of human activity at large.

The Aims and Objects of the Mahasabha include among others ;

1. To work for the advancement of the society in all fields including spiritual, philosophical, educational, social, cultural, economic and Industrial fields ;
2. To continue to crusade against untouchability ;
3. To promote inter-religious harmony and tolerance ;
4. To take effective steps to eradicate the evil practice of dowry and superstition;
5. To promote simple, economical and non-ostentatious marriages ;
6. To encourage widow marriages ;
7. To construct kalyana mantapas, dharma shalas, choultries etc.. for performance of marriages and other ceremonies at reasonable charges for the benefit of economically weaker sections irrespective of caste or community,
8. To strive for the upliftment of the weaker sections,
9. To pay special attention for promoting the welfare of women and children and elderly persons of above 65 years of age,
10. To establish, promote, assist, administer, manage and encourage the establishment of ;
 - a) Educational Institutions :
 - b) Research Centers :
 - c) Hostels :
 - d) Old-age Homes :
 - e) Boarding Homes :
 - f) Hospitals :
 - g) Employment Exchange :
 - h) N.R.I. Parents' Wing

i) Rudrabhoomis :

j) Training Institutions and:

k) Orphanage Centers:

11. To resolve disputes relating to Veerashaiva—Lingayath Mutts Temples, Trusts, Religious, Charitable and other Institutions by persuasion, conciliation and arbitration,
12. To institute legal proceedings and participate in legal proceedings for protecting the interests of Veerashaiva-Lingayath Mutts, Temples, Trusts, Religious, Charitable and other Institutions,
13. To possess, manage and administer Veerashaiva-Lingayath Mutts, Temples, Trusts, Religious, Charitable and Other Institutions or properties belonging to them which are derelict or are under unauthorised or impermissible occupation/encroachment or enjoyment of third party and misusing/squandering the property belonging to Veerashaiva-Lingayath Mutts,
14. To arrange and assist in convening local, regional, national and international conferences, conventions, seminars and meetings,
15. To associate with other associations or organisations in India or abroad for promoting the objectives of the Mahasabha,
16. To publish newspapers, books, journals, periodicals, audio and video tapes, etc... and to utilize electronic media like radio, television and films for promoting the objectives of the Mahasabha,
17. To establish libraries, reading rooms and to collect manuscripts, historical records, coins, paintings and other antiquities of interest,
18. To purchase or take on lease or exchange or otherwise acquire any movable or immovable property and any rights and privileges.,
19. To give assistance, scholarships, prizes and incentives to artists, sports persons, journalists and men of letters etc.,
20. To obtain and accept subscriptions, donations, grants, gifts, devices, bequests and trusts from any person, firm, corporation, body or organisation and to give scholarships, loan scholarships, prizes and monetary assistance for furthering any or all the objectives of the Mahasabha,
21. To promote and assist the establishment of banks, financial and other institutions,
22. To advance literacy and general education, in such subjects as the Mahasabha may think fit, among others,
23. To promote the arts of music, drama, fine arts, literature and culture in general,

24. a) To lease or hire any property of the Mahasabha with the permission of the Working Committee,
- b) To sell any property of the Mahasabha with the permission of the Representative General Body,
25. To borrow moneys for carrying out the objects of the Mahasabha and for that purpose to create security by mortgage or charge or pledge or hypothecate any immovable or movable property of the Mahasabha with permission of the Working Committee,
26. To establish any fund in the interest of the Mahasabha,
27. To engage in any other lawful activities which may be conducive to the promotion of any or all the objects of the Mahasabha mentioned above, on no profit motive.
28. To take such other steps as may be necessary to promote and advance the objects of the Mahasabha and
29. The above objects shall be carried out without discriminating on the basis of caste, creed or religion whatsoever. Further the objects shall be within the purview of Section 2(15) of Income Tax Act 1961 and amendments thereon.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF MAHASABHA.

There shall be the following categories of members of the Mahasabha. Any Veerashaiva -Lingayath who accepts the aims and objects of the Mahasabha and who is 18 years and above of Age may enroll himself in any of the following Categories ;

1. **Life Member:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 250-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a life member.
2. **Ashrayadatha:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 1,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be an ashrayadatha.
3. **Upaposhaka:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 2,500-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a upaposhaka.
4. **Sahaposhaka:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 5,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a sahaposhaka.
5. **Poshaka:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 10,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a poshaka.
6. **Mahaposhaka:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 25,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a mahaposhaka.
7. **Dani:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 50,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a dani.
8. **Mahadani:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 1,00,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a mahadani.

9. **Danashiromani:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 2,50,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a danashiromani.
10. **Dasohi:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 5,00,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a dasohi.
11. **Mahadasohi:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 10,00,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a mahadasohi.
12. **Paramadasohi:** A person who contributes a sum of Rs. 25,00,000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be a paramadasohi.
13. **Institutional Member:** Any Veerashaiva-Lingayath Institution or Organisation which contributes a sum of Rs. 5000-00 towards Corpus/*Specific* fund will be an Institutional member. The Institution shall be represented by a member authorized by it.
14. **Honorary Member:** The Office Bearers Committee of the Mahasabha may nominate any Veerashaiva-Lingayath as an honorary member having regard to his/her eminence, status contribution and service rendered to the community and to the nation.

8. APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.

1. The Contribution made by the Paramadasohi, Mahadasohi, Dasohi and Danashiromani towards corpus fund shall not be apportioned. The entire amount shall go to the corpus fund of the Mahasabha.
2. The Contribution made by the Mahadani, Dani, Mahaposhaka, Poshaka, Sahaposhaka, Upaposhaka, Ashrayadata and life member shall be apportioned as under

Sl.N.	Constituent units	%
1	Village/Town panchayath	20
2	Taluk/TMC/CMC	20
3	Dist	20
4	State units	20
5	Mahasabha	20

In Corporation area

Sl.N.	Constituent units	%
1	Corporation unit	20
2	Assembly units in corporation limit	20
3	Dist	20
4	State units	20
5	Mahasabha	20

The apportionment of corpus fund as above to the units shall be from the date of establishment of the units.

3. The contributions collected for a specific project by the Mahasabha or any of its units, 90% of the funds so collected shall be utilized for the concerned project.
4. a) All contributions collected shall be remitted to the Mahasabha head office. The Contributions collected towards corpus fund shall be allotted to the respective units as above every quarter.
b) The contributions collected towards specific project will be released as and when required taking into consideration the progress of the project.

9. CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING MEMBERS.

The Existing members of all category shall continue in the same category. An existing member can avail a higher category membership by paying the difference in membership fee

10. REGISTERS OF MEMBERS.

A separate Register for every category of members shall be maintained in the Head Office.

11. REMOVAL OF MEMBER/S.

1. On a proposal made by the President of the Mahasabha or otherwise on its own motion, the Working Committee of the Mahasabha may by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at its meeting remove any member including an Institutional member, if it is satisfied that such a member has committed any act detrimental or injurious to the Mahasabha or any Constituent unit, or has expressed or propagated views contrary to the aims and objects of the Mahasabha, or for any other good and sufficient reason. Before his / her removal the member concerned shall be given an opportunity to show cause as to why he / she should not be removed.

2. The contribution collected towards corpus/specific fund under Rule 7 is not refundable either due to resignation or removal of membership.

12. DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF MAHASABHA.

No Person shall become or continue as a member if:-

1. He/she is found to be of unsound mind or
2. He/she is adjudged insolvent or is convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude or
3. He/she is a representative of institutional member which is dissolved or wound up.
4. He/she has relinquished his/her membership by resignation or removed his/her membership under rule 11

13. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS OF THE MAHASABHA

1. A Member shall be entitled to use the library, amenities and facilities provided by the Mahasabha for the benefit of its members subject to the rules and regulations governing the same.

Chapter-2

14. ORGANIZATION.

The following shall be the organizational set up of the Mahasabha.

1. Representative General Body
2. Working Committee
3. Office Bearers Committee of the Mahasabha

15. TERM.

1. Term of the President of the Mahasabha, Representative General Body of the Mahasabha, Working committee of the Mahasabha, office bearers of the Mahasabha, Presidents and executive committee of all units shall be five years from the date of assumption of charge.
2. The Working Committee of the Mahasabha shall in case of unavoidable circumstances may extend the term for a period of 6 months.

16. REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL BODY OF THE MAHASABHA

The following shall constitute the Representative General Body of the Mahasabha.

- a) President of the Mahasabha
- b) Immediate Past President of the Mahasabha
- c) Paramadasohi, Mahadasohi, Dasohi, Danashiromani, Mahadani, Dani and Mahaposhaka Members
- d) Working Committee Members

- e) State unit Presidents and executive committee members
- f) Dist unit Presidents and executive committee members
- g) Taluka unit Presidents and executive committee members
- h) Corporation unit Presidents and executive committee members
- i) Institutional members
- j) President of women and youth wing of the Mahasabha and all units
- k) Presidents of the Sub-committees

17. POWER, FUNCTIONS AND MEETING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL BODY.

1. The meeting of the Representative General Body shall be held once in a year before the end of July, to consider the following;
 - a) To consider and approve the reports, audited accounts and Auditor's report for the previous year,
 - b) The decisions taken by the working committee during the previous year shall be review and approved
 - c) To discuss and approve the plan of action and programmes for the ensuing year,
 - d) To approve the budget for the next year,
 - e) To appoint Auditors
and
 - f) To consider such other subjects permitted by the President
2. The Representative General Body shall be the supreme authority in all matters relating to the Mahasabha. All rights, responsibilities, assets movable and immovable and liabilities vest in it.

18. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL BODY MEETING

A Special Representative General Body meeting shall be held;

1. On the requisition of the President or
2. On the requisition of not less than one-third of the number of members of the working committee or
3. One-tenth members of the representative general body of the Mahasabha, who shall state in writing, the business for which they wish the meeting to be convened and the President shall within 10 days from the date of receipt of the requisition proceed to call a meeting for consideration of the business, on a day not later than 40 days from the date of receipt of the requisition.

19. PROCEDURE, NOTICE, QUORUM IN RESPECT OF REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL BODY / REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL GENERAL BODY OF THE MAHASABHA.

1. A notice of 21 clear days from the date of issue shall be given for the annual Representative General Body Meeting.
2. A notice of 15 clear days shall be given for the Representative Special General Body Meeting.
3. All Decisions shall unless otherwise provided be taken on the basis of simple majority of members present and voting. The President of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
4. Quorum for Representative Annual General Body Meeting and Representative Special General Body Meeting shall be 10% of the members or 250 whichever is less provided when the meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, there shall be no quorum for the adjourned meeting.
5. The president, in his absence, the senior vice president and in his absence any other vice-president shall preside over the Representative Annual or Special General Body Meeting. In the absence of the above, the senior member present shall preside over the meeting.
6. The minutes of the annual Representative General Body meeting and Representative special General Body meeting shall be recorded in the minutes book maintained for the purpose by the Secretary General and approved by the presiding authority. They shall be placed at the next meeting of the Representative General Body for confirmation.

20. WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE MAHASABHA.

The following shall constitute the working committee of the Mahasabha.

- a) The President.
- b) Immediate past President will continue as Honorary President.
- c) All the Presidents of the Sate units.
- d) Elected members.
- e) Paramadasohis.
- f) Mahadasohis.
- g) 10 Members including (1) NRI and (3) lady members nominated by the President.
- h) President of the All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha Adhiveshan Endowment Fund Bangalore.
- i) President of the Mahasabha Women Wing.
- j) President of the Mahasabha Youth Wing.
- k) Chairman of the all sub committees.

21. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE.

1. The Working Committee so constituted in its first meeting shall elect from its members Vice Presidents (giving representation to all states and ladies) Secretary General, Secretaries (giving representation to all states and ladies) and Treasurer.
2. To implement all programmes, decisions and directions of the Representative General Body.
3. To decide on policy matters, programmes and any other acts that may be required.
4. To discharge all functions prescribed under the Constitution and the Rules made there under.
5. The Working Committee of the Mahasabha shall also have Powers to dissolve the Executive Committee of any Constituent Unit, if it is satisfied that the Constituent Unit is violating its directions or is acting in a manner contrary to the aims and objects of the Mahasabha, after giving an opportunity to the Unit concerned to explain as to why the contemplated action should not be taken. The decision of the Working Committee shall be final.
6. To make amend or delete Rules and Regulations for proper administration consistent with the provisions of the constitution.
7. To prepare the annual report and the budget for consideration of the Representative General Body.
8. To manage the properties and funds of the Mahasabha.
9. To create and abolish posts in the head office as well as in constituent unit offices.
The appointment may be made in accordance with the norms prescribed for such post by the government with regard to age, qualifications and other terms and conditions.
10. To take disciplinary action against the functionaries paid or otherwise suspend, remove, dismiss or impose any other penalty including a direction to pay compensation for the loss caused to the Mahasabha.
11. To enter into, carryout and cancel contracts on behalf of the Mahasabha.
12. To file and defend suits, compromise, settle, adjust or refer to arbitration any dispute relating to or concerning the Mahasabha.
13. To arrange to hold the Mahasabha Adhiveshan.
14. To open and operate the Bank Account or Accounts in the Name of the Mahasabha in Scheduled or Nationalised Banks.
15. To Invest moneys of the Mahasabha not immediately required in the modes and manners specified in Section 13(1) (d) read with Sections 11 (5) and 12 of the Income Tax Act 1961, as amended from time to time.

16. To raise, borrow and secure the payment of moneys in such manner and on such terms as may be deemed expedient and charged or not charged upon the whole or any part of the property of Mahasabha, both present and future.
17. To acquire, sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the properties and rights of the Mahasabha.
18. To hold and manage the properties of any constituent unit on its behalf, for its benefit when requested or when its management is taken over on the ground of miss-management or when it becomes defunct.
19. To make rules/regulations for the conduct of various activities of the Mahasabha and its constituent units and to vary and alter the same from time to time.
20. Any vacancy arising due to death, resignation or for any other reason of a Member shall be filled up by co-option by the Working Committee from the respective State and
21. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be necessary or incidental to carrying out the aims and objects of the Mahasabha.

22. PROCEDURE, NOTICE, QUORUM AND MAJORITY ETC, IN RESPECT OF WORKING COMMITTEE/OFFICE BEARERS COMMITTEE

1. The President shall preside over the meetings of the Working Committee. In his absence, the *Senior Vice-President* and if he is also not present, the Senior most Vice-President present shall preside. In case no Vice-President is present the members present may choose any member to preside over the Meeting.
2. A notice of 15 clear days for the working committee meeting 7 clear days for office bearers committee meeting shall be given.
3. The Quorum for Working Committee shall be twenty one. If there is no quorum meeting will be adjourned. No quorum is required for the meeting so adjourned.
4. The Working Committee shall meet once in three months. The office bearers committee shall meet once in a month.
5. The Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary General on the direction of the President or by the President himself.
6. On receipt of a written requisition by 10 *Working Committee Members* addressed to the President stating the subject/s for transaction and the reasons for holding the meeting urgently, a meeting shall be convened within 10 Days of the receipt of the notice.
7. All decisions shall be taken on the basis of simple majority of members

present and voting. The president shall have a casting vote.

8. The Working/ Office Bearers Committee meeting shall ordinarily be held at Bengaluru or at such Place, and on such date and time as may be decided by the President.
9. The minutes of the meeting recorded by the Secretary General shall be approved by the presiding authority.
10. Any vacancy in the Working Committee arising from death, resignation, disqualification or for any other reason shall be filled up by co-option of a member as early as possible for the unexpired period of the vacancy.
11. Any working committee member remain absent for 3 consecutive meetings without prior permission shall cease to be member for the remaining term.

23. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE BEARERS COMMITTEE

1. The formation of the office bearers committee shall be as under;
 - a) President
 - b) Senior Vice President
 - c) Vice Presidents
 - d) State unit Presidents (Ex-Officio Vice Presidents of the Mahasabha)
 - e) Secretary General
 - f) Secretaries
 - g) Treasurer
2. Power and functions;
 - a) To approve the membership,
 - b) To allotment of funds to the constituent units.
 - c) To review of the activities of the constituent units.
 - d) To review of collection of donations, membership fee and other amounts.
 - e) To review of financial statements.
 - f) To review all the development works including construction work of constituent units.
 - g) To keep under suspension of any member/officer bearer of the Mahasabha/any units who found to be committed grave and serious misdeeds which found to be true prima facie.
 - h) Any other function as assigned by the working committee.

24. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF MAHASABHA.

1. The President shall be the executive head of the Mahasabha representing all Veerashaivas-Lingayaths in India and abroad.

2. The President shall preside over the Mahasabha Adhiveshan, Representative/ Special General Body, Working Committee and Office Bearers Committee meetings.
3. The Establishment of the Mahasabha at the Head Office and other places shall be under his over all supervision.
4. He may delegate any of his powers to the Senior Vice-President and the Vice-Presidents.
5. He shall exercise all the powers and discharge all the functions as are conferred by the constitution, rules and regulations.
6. The President may undertake Tours at the expense of the Mahasabha for achieving the aims and objects of the Mahasabha.
7. In case of emergency, the President may exercise the Power of the Working Committee subject to ratification at the next working committee meeting.
8. He shall take all steps for due constitution of the Working Committee including making nominations where ever necessary.
9. He shall be competent to exercise residual powers and functions not conferred on any other authorities / committees or units of the Mahasabha.

25. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF MAHASABHA

1. The Senior Vice-President shall in the absence of the President perform all the duties and functions of the President.
2. The Vice-President/s shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as contemplated under the provisions of this constitution and those delegated or entrusted by the President. The Vice-Presidents shall Rank in seniority in accordance with their Age.

26. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF MAHASABHA.

The Secretary General Shall :-

1. Carry out the duties assigned to him by the Representative General Body, Special General Body the *Working Committee/ Office Bearers Committee* and the President.
2. Plan and carry out the activities of the Mahasabha under the direction of the President.
3. Attend to all legal matters of the Mahasabha.
4. Generally supervise the working of the office.
5. Guide the treasurer in preparing the budget of the Mahasabha.
6. Convene the meetings of the Annual Representative General Body, Working

Committee, office bearers committee and other committees in consultation with president.

7. Conduct Correspondence on behalf of the Mahasabha and execute documents on behalf of the Mahasabha.
8. Institute disciplinary proceedings against members of the staff.
9. Record the minutes of the meetings of the Representative General Body, Special General Body, Working Committee and office bearers committee prepare and publish reports.
10. Undertake tours at the expense of the Mahasabha to carry out the activities of the Mahasabha as and when directed by the President and Working Committee.

27. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIES OF MAHASABHA

The secretaries shall perform such functions as entrusted to by the Office Bearers Committee or the President of the Mahasabha.

28. THE TREASURER OF MAHASABHA

The Treasurer shall:-

1. Cause to be maintained regularly the Bank Accounts, Pass Books, Cheque Books, Books of Account and Other Documents and Records pertaining to Finance, Funds and Properties of the Mahasabha.
2. Supervise, Check and Maintain proper Books of Account.
3. Maintain annual inventories of properties, both movable and immovable and other important documents of the Mahasabha and of all its units.
4. Report to the office bearers committee/Working Committee, the President or the Secretary General the state of finances of the Mahasabha and perform such other duties and functions relating to the finance and accounts.
5. Get the accounts audited at the close of the year by a chartered accountant for being placed for adoption at the Representative general body meeting and otherwise get the accounts audited as and when necessary by a chartered accountant.
6. The Treasurer shall prepare the budget with the guidance of the President and the Secretary General.

29. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF MAHASABHA

1. There shall be a full time paid Chief Administrative Officer who shall be the Office Head of the Mahasabha.
2. His/her appointment, terms and conditions shall be regulated by the Office Bearers Committee.

3. The Chief Administrative Officer shall attend all the meetings of the Representative General Body, Special General Body, Working Committee, Office Bearers Committee and Other Committees/wings and render necessary assistance and maintain the minutes of the meeting.
4. He/she shall carry out the duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to him/her by the president, Secretary General and Treasurer.
5. He/she shall be responsible for the administration of the office, maintenance of accounts, registers, minute books etc..
6. He/she shall supervise the staff of the office and distribute the work.
7. He/she will have an imprest amount not exceeding *Rs. 25,000-00* or such higher amount as may be determined by the *Office bearers Committee* to meet routine, normal office expenses and also to meet emergent expenses.
8. He/she shall maintain registers of different categories of members
9. He/she shall carry on routine correspondence.
10. He/she shall guide and supervise the working of the Administrative Officers, Deputy Administrative officers, Assistant Administrative Officers and Managers working at the units.

30. POWERS OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL.

1. The President/ Office bearers Committee of the Mahasabha may call for the records, proceedings and accounts of the constituent units, exercise power of superintendence and issue such directions as may be deemed necessary for proper and effective functioning of the constituent units.
2. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, the Working Committee of the Mahasabha shall have powers to supersede, take over or dissolve the Executive Committee of any of its constituent units, in case the (*) President/office bearers committee is satisfied that the said Executive Committee or any of its Constituent Units are functioning in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Mahasabha or are persistently acting contrary to the provisions of the constitution, may appoint an Administrator or Committee of Administrators to manage and administer the said constituent unit till the new executive committee is constituted according to the provisions of this constitution.

Provided the Working Committee shall pass orders as above after giving an opportunity to the Executive Committee of the Constituent Unit. The decision of the Working Committee shall be final.

31. MAHASABHA ADHIVESHAN

1. The Adhiveshan shall be held once in five years.
2. The District Unit of the Mahasabha at the Place fixed for the Adhiveshan shall be responsible to make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Adhiveshan in consultation with the President.

3. The District Unit organising the Adhiveshan, shall constitute a Reception Committee for holding the Adhiveshan Six month before the date of Adhiveshan. The Office Bearers, Working committee members of the Mahasabha residing at the place of Adhiveshan and Office Bearers of the constituent units of the district shall be members of the Reception Committee in addition to the nominated members.
4. The District Unit holding the Adhiveshan shall be paid contribution from the permanent endowment fund to meet the expenses of the Adhiveshan Three months before the date of the Adhiveshan.
5. The Reception Committee may raise funds by donations and other means.
6. All the members of the Mahasabha shall be entitled to attend and participate in the Adhiveshan.
7. All Members shall be invited for the Adhiveshan and separate seats shall be provided at the Adhiveshan for different categories of members.
8. The District Unit holding the Adhiveshan shall, within two months from the conclusion of the Adhiveshan, prepare the accounts of the income and expenditure of the Adhiveshan and get the same audited. The Statements of account, along with the auditor's report, shall be sent to the President of the Mahasabha who shall place it before the Working Committee of the Mahasabha.

32. SUBJECT/SUBJECTS COMMITTEE OF ADHIVESHAN.

1. SUBJECTS: -

The Secretary General of the Mahasabha shall request all the members of the Mahasabha through its units to send subjects that they desire to be considered at the Adhiveshan. The subjects suggested by the members shall also be sent to the unit holding the Adhiveshan three months before the date of the Adhiveshan. The proposals received and those suggested by the Reception Committee shall also be placed before the Subjects Committee constituted for that purpose.

2. **The Reception Committee shall constitute a Subjects Committee consisting of 17 members three months before the date of Adhiveshan comprising the following :**
 - i. 15 Members nominated by the reception committee
 - ii. The president of the state unit where the Adhiveshan is being held. and
 - iii. The Secretary General of the Mahasabha.
3. Reception Committee may arrange for Mahila Goshti, Yuva Goshti and such other sessions as it deems fit.
4. The Subjects Committee shall one month before the date of the Adhiveshan

consider all the subjects received and select such of the subjects, which in its opinion, deserve consideration and formulate appropriate resolutions for being considered at the Adhiveshan. Copy of the same shall be sent immediately to the President of the Mahasabha.

These resolutions shall be moved as official resolutions at the Plenary Session of the Adhiveshan. This does not preclude any member moving any other subject, with the permission of the President for consideration at the Plenary Session.

5. The resolutions passed and the decisions taken at the Adhiveshan shall be sent within one month to the Secretary General for being placed before the President for taking necessary action for their implementation. The action taken shall be placed by the President before the ensuing Working Committee for its consideration.
6. The unit holding the Adhiveshan shall, within two months from the conclusion of the Adhiveshan, prepare the accounts of the income and expenditure of the Adhiveshan and get the same audited. The statements of accounts, along with the auditor's report, shall be sent to the Secretary General who shall place it before the Working Committee of the Mahasabha.
7. The unit holding the Adhiveshan shall be solely responsible for the income and expenditure of the Adhiveshan. Surplus amount if any may be utilised for the activities of that unit.

33. THINK-TANK

1. The Office Bearers of the Mahasabha shall at the earliest constitute a Think-Tank consisting of 9 eminent and distinguished persons with liberal and progressive out-look. The Think-Tank may in its discretion take assistance of experts as may be found necessary for discharging its functions.
2. The President may seek advice or opinion of the Think-Tank on matters or subjects of importance to the Mahasabha. On receipt of such a request the Think-Tank shall after due deliberation and consideration formulate and forward its opinion or advice.

The Think-Tank may suo motu examine any matter pertaining to the Mahasabha and forward its opinion or advice.
3. The report or advice of the Think-Tank shall be placed immediately before the *President*.
4. The Names of the Members of the Think-Tank shall be arranged in the Alphabetical Order. Every meeting shall be presided over by members in their turn according to the alphabetical order.
5. The quorum for the meeting shall be five.

6. The Term of Office of the Think-Tank shall be co-extensive with the Term of the President of the Mahasabha.
7. The Chief Administrative Officer shall assist the Think-Tank and record the Proceedings, advice/opinion in a separate book maintained for the purpose.

34. MAHASABHA WOMEN'S WING.

1. The Mahasabha shall have a Women's Wing consisting of not less than 55 lady members of the Mahasabha as under.
 - a) 30 members from Karnataka
 - b) 5 member from each 5 states namely, Maharashtra, Andhrapradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu and Kerala.
2. The Women's Wing shall consist of a President, 7 Vice-Presidents, [Karnataka-2, Maharashtra-1, Kerala-1, Andhra Pradesh-1, Telangana-1 Tamil Nadu-1 =7], General Secretary, 7 Secretaries, Treasurer and 28 Members. They will be nominated by the Office Bearers Committee of the Mahasabha.
3. The Women's Wing shall be generally responsible for protecting and promoting the interests and welfare of *the Veerashaiva-Lingayath* women and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by the Rules framed by the *Working Committee/ Office Bearers Committee*.
4. The Women's Wing President shall be consulted by the Reception Committee in the matter of arranging a Mahila Goshti as part of the Mahasabha Adhiveshan, including the selection of the person to preside over the Mahila Goshti.
5. The Women's Wing shall function under the overall supervision of the President of Mahasabha.

35. MAHASABHA YOUTH WING.

1. The Mahasabha shall have a Youth Wing consisting of not less than 55 Youth Members (below 40 Years of Age) of the Mahasabha.
 - a) 30 members from Karnataka
 - b) 5 member from each 5 states namely, Maharashtra, Andhrapradesh, Telangana, Tamilnadu and Kerala.
2. The Youth Wing shall consist of a President, 7 Vice-Presidents, [Karnataka-2, Maharashtra-1, Kerala-1, Andhra Pradesh-1, Telangana-1 Tamil Nadu-1 =7], General Secretary, 7 Secretaries, Treasurer and 28 Members. They will be nominated by the Office Bearers Committee of the Mahasabha.
3. The Youth Wing shall be generally responsible for protecting and promoting the interests and welfare of the *Veerashaiva-Lingayath* Youths and perform

such other duties and functions as may be prescribed under rules framed by the *Working Committee/ Office Bearers Committee*.

4. The Youth Wing shall function under the overall supervision of the President of the Mahasabha.

36. SUB COMMITTEES:

The Office bearers *Committee* of the Mahasabha may constitute *Sub-Committees* and delegate any of its powers and functions for carrying out the aims and objectives of the Mahasabha. The decisions of such *Sub-Committees* shall be placed before the *Office Bearers Committee* for approval and necessary action.

Chapter–3

37. CONSTITUENT UNITS :

The Mahasabha shall have the following Constituent Units.

- a) Village Panchayath/ Town Municipal/ City Municipal unit.
- b) Taluka Unit
- c) Corporation unit/ Assembly Constituency unit in corporation limit.
- d) District Unit
- e) State Unit

38. (A) VILLAGE PANCHAYAT UNIT:-

1. *Each Village Panchayath having 50 or more members of the Mahasabha will have a unit called the Village/ Panchayath Unit All Categories of members of the Mahasabha living in the limits of Village Panchayath shall constitute the Village Panchayath Unit.*
2. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of 10 members (including 3 lady members) and the president elected by the voters of the Village Panchayath Unit.
3. The executive Committee so constituted shall in its first meeting elect Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer among the members of the executive Committee.

(B) TOWN MUNICIPAL UNIT (TMC)

1. Other than Taluk Head quarter town, there shall be Mahasabha unit called Town Municipal unit.

2. Where town having 100 or more members of the Mahasabha will have a unit called the town Municipal Unit All categories of members of the Mahasabha residing in the town municipal limits of the town will form the Town municipal Unit.
3. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 14 members (including 5 lady members) and the president elected by the voters of the Town Municipal Unit
4. The executive Committee so constituted shall in its first meeting elect Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer among the members of the executive committee.

(C) CITY MUNICIPAL UNIT (CMC):-

1. Other than District Head quarter city, there shall be Mahasabha unit called as City municipal unit.
2. Where city having 300 and more members of the Mahasabha will have a unit called City Municipal Unit. All categories of members of the Mahasabha residing in the Municipal limits of the city will form the City Municipal Unit
3. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 20 members (including 7 lady members) and the President elected by the voters of the City Municipal Unit.
4. The executive Committee so constituted shall in its first meeting elect Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer among the members of the executive committee.

39. TALUKA UNIT :-

There shall be a Taluka unit for each Taluka having members of the Mahasabha as indicated below,

1. Where members of Mahasabha are 300 or more in a Taluka in respect of Karnataka State.
2. Where members of Mahasabha are 100 or more in a Taluka in respect of other States.
3. All categories of members of the Mahasabha residing in the taluka shall constitute the Taluka unit.
4. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 20 members elected including 7 lady members and the president elected by the voters of the Taluk Unit and the Mahaposhaka category members residing in the Taluka shall be members of the executive committee.
5. The executive committee so constituted (including elected and donor members) in its first meeting shall elect 3 Vice Presidents (each from elected,

donor and lady), General Secretary and Treasurer (from elected members), 3 Secretaries (each from elected, donor and lady)

40 (A) CORPORATION COMMITTEE :-

1. There shall be a Corporation Unit of the Mahasabha where Ashrayadata and above Categories of Members of the Mahasabha are 1000 and more, residing within the limits of the Municipal Corporation shall constitute the Corporation Unit.
2. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 30 members elected including 10 lady members and the president by the Voters of the Corporation Committee and the Mahaposhaka category members residing in the Corporation Unit shall be members of the executive committee.
3. The executive committee so constituted shall in its first meeting elect 3 Vice Presidents (each from elected, donor and lady) General Secretary and Treasurer (from elected members) and Three Secretaries (each from elected, donor and lady)

(B) ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY UNIT IN THE CORPORATION LIMITS.

1. There shall be Assembly constituency units in the municipal corporation limit where 300 or more members of the Mahasabha are residing within the assembly constituency limits of the corporation.
2. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 20 members including 7 lady members and the President is directly elected by all category of members of the Mahasabha residing within limits of the Unit. The Mahaposhaka category members residing in the Assembly Constituency shall be members of the Executive Committee by virtue of donation.
- 3 The executive committee so constituted (including elected and donor members) in its first meeting shall elect 3 Vice Presidents (each from elected, donor and lady), General Secretary and Treasurer (from elected members), 3 Secretaries (each from elected, donor and lady)

41. DISTRICT UNIT :-

1. There shall be a District unit of the Mahasabha in each District as under.
 - i) In respect of Karnataka where 1000 and above voter-members are residing in the District.
 - ii) In respect of other states where 300 and above voter-members are residing in the District.
 - iii) Ashrayadatha and above category of members will form the District Unit.
2. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 30 members elected including 10 lady members and the president by the Voters of the District

Committee and the Dani category members residing in the District shall be members of the executive committee.

3. The executive committee so constituted (including elected and donor members) in its first meeting shall elect 4 Vice Presidents (2 from elected members, each from donor and lady), General Secretary and Treasurer (from elected members), 4 Secretaries (2 from elected members, each from donor and lady),

42. STATE UNIT :-

1. There shall be a State unit of the Mahasabha in each State as under.
 - i) In respect of Karnataka where 15000 and above voter-members are residing in the state.
 - ii) In respect of other states where 500 and above voter-members are residing in the state.
 - iii) Upaposhaka and above category of members residing in the state will form the State unit.
2. There shall be Executive Committee consisting of 40 members elected including 13 lady members and the president by the voters of the State Committee and the Mahadani, Danashiromani and Dasohi category members residing in the state shall be members of the Executive Committee.
3. The State Executive Committee so constituted (including elected and donor members) shall in its first meeting, elect 5 Vice-Presidents, (2 each from elected and donor members and one lady member) General Secretary and Treasurer (from elected members) 5 Secretaries (2 each from elected and donor members and one lady member)
4. The immediate past President of the State Unit shall be the Honorary President

43. FORMATION OF UNITS ON ADHOC-BASIS.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid rules, 38 to 42 the Office Bearers Committee of the Mahasabha in special circumstances may form any unit of the Mahasabha by nomination of members on adhoc-basis for a period of one year or till elected body takes over whichever is earlier.

44. (A) POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE MAHASABHA.

1. The Presidents of the units shall be head of the office in respect of their units.
2. The Presidents shall exercise all powers and discharge all the functions as are conferred by the constitution, rules and regulations.
3. In case of emergency Presidents may exercise the powers of the executive committee subject to ratification at the next meeting of the executive committee.

- (B) The powers and functions of the Vice Presidents, General Secretary Secretaries and Treasurer of the various units will be similar to the powers and functions prescribed to the Mahasabha Office Bearers.

45. POWERS OF SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE MAHASABHA.

1. The Taluka units will supervise the working of the Village Panchayath, Town/ City units in its jurisdiction.
2. The Corporation units will supervise the working of the assembly constituency units
3. The District units will supervise the working of the Taluka and Corporation units
4. The State units shall supervise the working of the District and Corporation units

46. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT, TOWN, CITY, TALUK, ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTE UNIT, CORPORATION, DISTRICT AND STATE UNIT

1. To promote and carry out the activities in accordance with the aims and objects of the Mahasabha.
2. To take up enrolment of all categories of members and collect donations which shall be directly sent to Mahasabha.
3. The constituent unit may collect donations for local function, activities or development with prior permission of the Mahasabha.
The receipt books supplied by the Mahasabha only should be used. It is the responsibility of the respective constituent unit to submit the account to the Mahasabha. The use of any other receipt is totally illegal.
4. The Units of the Mahasabha can avail financial assistance from the Mahasabha for their major activities.
5. The State Unit shall represent all the constituent units in the State and shall guide and assist them in discharging their functions and responsibilities
6. Any vacancy arising from the death or resignation or due to any other reason of a member shall be filled up by co-option by the respective Executive Committees with prior approval of the Mahasabha.
7. All the unit of the Mahasabha from Village panchayath to State level have to submit their audited accounts/ reports before 15th May of the succeeding year directly to the Mahasabha under intimation to the respective supervisory units.
8. The office bearers committee of the constituent units shall form Women and Youth wing by nominating suitable persons among members of the Mahasabha as per the norms prescribed. The wings so formed will work under the guidance and supervisions of the concerned units

9. The District, Taluka, City, Town, Corporation village panchayath Units may nominate mathadhipathi of the area as honorary President of their units.
10. The *Office Bearers* Committees of the Constituent units shall open and operate their bank accounts with any scheduled/nationalised banks. The bank accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer and General Secretary, or by the Treasurer and the President in case of emergency.
11. Wherever units of the Mahasabha have not been formed for any reasons, the supervisory units shall initiate action to motivate, to form the units and send the proposal to the Mahasabha for approval.
12. To take up such other activities as per the directions of the President of the Mahasabha.

47. PROCEDURE, NOTICE, QUORUM, MAJORITY ETC.. IN RESPECT OF CONSTITUENT UNITS' OFFICE BEARERS/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

1. The President of the respective Units shall preside over the Office Bearers/ executive committee / Annual meetings. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside. If he is also absent, any senior member present may preside over the meeting.
2. A notice of 7 clear days for office bearers committee meeting, 15 clear days for the executive committee meeting and 21 clear days for the annual meeting shall be given.
3. The quorum for the Executive Committee shall be one third of its members and for the annual one tenth of its members. If there is no quorum, meeting will be adjourned. No quorum is required for the meeting so adjourned.
4. The executive committee/ annual meeting shall be convened by the General Secretary on the directions of the President or by the President himself.
5. All decisions shall be taken on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting. The Presidents shall have a casting vote.
6. The minutes of the meeting shall be recorded by the General Secretary and approved by the presiding authority.
7. The Office Bearers Committee shall *meet once in a month* and Executive Committee of the above Units shall meet at least once in three months.

48. CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING UNITS OF THE MAHASABHA.

The Existing Units of the Mahasabha shall be deemed to be the Constituent Units of the Mahasabha of such Category and subject to such conditions as may be determined by the Working Committee of the Mahasabha.

49. AREA OF OPERATION OF CONSTITUENT UNITS .

1. The area of operation of a State Unit shall be the territorial limits of the State.
2. The area of operation of a District Unit shall be the territorial limits of the District.
3. The area of operation of the Town, City, Corporation and Assembly Constituency (carved out in municipal corporation limit) shall be the Municipal Limits of the Town, City, Corporation and Assembly Constituency respectively.
4. The area of operation of the Taluka Unit shall be the Territorial area of the Taluka.
5. The area of operation of the Village Panchayat unit shall be the territorial limits of the Village Panchayat.
6. The Area of Operation of the Institutional Members shall be the same as is provided in their Constitution.

50. REGULATION OF THE CONSTITUENT UNITS.

1. The Working Committee of the Mahasabha may frame rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this constitution to regulate or govern the functioning of the constituent units from time to time.
2. The Constituent Units shall mutatis mutandis be governed by the provisions relating to the Mahasabha in regard to matters not specifically covered by the provisions of this Constitution and the regulations, unless the context otherwise requires.

Chapter—4

51. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

1. The Working Committee of the Mahasabha shall initiate action 4 months before the expiry of the term of the post of the President of the Mahasabha, Working committee of the Mahasabha and its Constituent units to conduct elections.
2. The Working Committee is empowered to:
 - a) Appoint Election Officer.
 - b) Frame Election Rules/Election Manual for the smooth, timely and speedy way of conducting elections to all its constituent units as enumerated in Rule 37 of the Constitution.
3. The Working Committee of the Mahasabha shall prescribe the separate procedure and norms for conducting the election to the post of President of the Mahasabha.

4. a) Each voter is eligible to contest only one post either President of the Mahasabha, President of the any constituent unit or member of Working/executive committee.
- b) The members elected to the post of office bearers namely President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Secretary or Treasurer is prohibited to hold similar post in any society/organisation formed in the name of any sub cast of the Veerashaiva-Lingayath or resembling community name.

52. THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS SHALL CAST VOTE AND ELECT AS UNDER:

1. **Village panchayath, Town/City Municipality and Assembly Constituency units:** All category of members residing in the limits are the voters for the purpose of election. The voters have to elect President and Executive committee members.
2. **Taluka unit:** All category of members residing in the taluka will be the voters for taluka unit. The voters have to elect President and Executive Committee members.
3. **Corporation unit:** Ashrayadata and above category of members residing in the corporation limit will be the voters for corporation unit. The voters have to elect President and Executive committee members.
4. **District unit:** Ashrayadata and above category of members residing in the District will be voters for District unit. The voters have to elect President and Executive committee members.
5. **State Unit:** Upaposhaka and above category of members residing in the state will be the voters for the state unit. The voters have to elect President and Executive committee members.
6. **Mahasabha:** the existing Upaposhaka Members (enrolled prior to the enforcement of amended Bye-laws) Sahaposhaka and above category of members will be the voters. The voters of all the states shall elect President. The Working committee members shall be elected by the voters of the respective states as under.
 - a) 30 members from Karnataka, (including 7 lady)
 - b) 05 members from Maharashtra, (including 1 lady)
 - c) 05 members from Tamilnadu, (including 1 lady)

- d) 05 members from Kerala, (including 1 lady)
- e) 05 members from Andhrapradesh, (including 1 lady)
- f) 05members from Telangana, (including 1 lady)
- g) 03 members of other states.

Chapter–5

53. FUNDS OF THE MAHASABHA.

The funds of the Mahasabha shall be classified as :-

1. Corpus Fund, 2. Special Fund,
3. Endowment Fund, 4. General Fund and 5. Specific fund.

- 1. CORPUS FUND:-** The Corpus Fund shall consist of Membership Contributions received from Paramadasohis, Mahadasohis, Dasohis, Danashiromanis, Mahadanis, Danis, Mahaposhakas, Poshakas, Sahaposhakas, Upaposhakas, and Ashrayadathas, Institutional Members and Mahasabha's share amount as per Rule-7 in respect of members contribution received from Life members.
- 2. SPECIAL FUND:-** The Special Fund shall consist of the donations/contributions received by the Mahasabha for specific purposes or programmes such as construction of building, running of hostels etc.,
- 3. ENDOWMENT FUND:-** The Endowment fund shall consist of donations/ contributions including immovable property received by the Mahasabha. The Income derived from such donations/ contributions has to be spent only for the specific purposes, programmes as notified by the donor/contributor while making the donation/contribution.
- 4. GENERAL FUND :-**
 - a) The general fund shall consist of all other donations, contributions, rents, grants, bequests, sale proceeds etc., including the Income derived from the investment of corpus fund and other receipts.
 - b) The Expenses of the Mahasabha such as Administrative Expenses, Application of Money for meeting the Aims & Objects of the Mahasabha shall be met out of the General Fund.
 - c) The funds mentioned at 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be invested in the securities specified under Section 11(5) and 13 (1)(d) of the Income Tax Act 1961.
- 5. SPECIFIC FUND:-** Means the donations, contribution received by the Mahasabha for a specific purpose or programme from the members of Veerashaiva Lingayath in return to enroll them as members of the Mahasabha in respective category of membership.

54. RECEIPT BOOKS & APPLICATION FORMS

For enrollment of members and collection of donations/contributions, the application forms and Receipt Books supplied by the Head Office of the Mahasabha only should be used by all the constituent units/committees. The use of other application forms/receipt books other than those supplied by the Mahasabha shall be illegal.

55. ACCOUNTS OF THE MAHASABHA

- 1.** The Bank Accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer and the Secretary General and in case of Emergency, by the Treasurer and the President.
- 2.** The Representative General Body shall appoint auditors and get the accounts of the mahasabha audited regularly every year by a Chartered Accountant.
- 3.** The Audited Accounts of the Mahasabha shall be placed before the Office Bearers Committee and after approval by the Working Committee the same shall be placed before the Representative General Body.
- 4.** The Treasurer and the Secretary General shall take necessary steps to rectify the Audit objections pertaining to the Mahasabha and report the action taken and the suggestions for improvement if any, before the Working Committee within two months or such extended time as may be granted by the Working Committee but before the General Body is convened.
- 5.** The Mahasabha shall file authenticated copy of its balance sheet with the Registrar of Societies as per Section-13 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 on or before the fourteenth day on which the General Body meeting of the Mahasabha is held for approval.

56. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNITS

- 1.** All the assets of each of the constituent units shall be the assets of the Mahasabha and all constituent unit shall submit the assets and liabilities accounts to the Mahasabha every accounting year, on or before 15th May of succeeding year.
- 2. Funds of the Constituent Units:-** The Funds of the Constituent Units shall be deposited in scheduled and Nationalised Banks.

57. ACCOUNTING YEAR.

The Accounting Year for the purpose of maintenance of Accounts, Audit etc.. shall be the Financial Year commencing from first April and ending on 31st March of the succeeding Year.

58. LIST OF MEMBERS

- 1.** The Constituent shall furnish the information of the expired members of their jurisdiction to the Head Office immediately.

59. POWERS TO AMALGAMATE/TAKE OVER

The Representative General Body of the Mahasabha may on the recommendation of the Working Committee decide to take over any other Institution with similar aims and objects in accordance with section 21 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

60. POWERS OF DISSOLUTION

The Mahasabha may be dissolved by the Representative General Body in accordance with Sections 22 and 23 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 on the recommendation of the Working Committee supported by three-fourth majority. However, the assets and surplus funds shall not be distributed among the members of the Mahasabha but shall be transferred to any other Institution having similar objects recognised under section 11, 12, 13 & 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

61. POWERS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended by the Representative Special General Body of the Mahasabha on the recommendation of the Working Committee and in accordance with Sections-9 and 10 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960. But however such amendments shall not be repugnant to the provisions of Section 2(15), 12A, 13 (1) (d) and 80 (G) of the Income Tax Act 1961. Further such amendments shall be with prior approval of the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax.

62. COMING INTO FORCE OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION/ MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS MADE TO IT.

1. This Memorandum of Association described as the Constitution of the Mahasabha and the amendments made subsequently shall come into force and have the effect of amending the existing memorandum of association and amended Bye-laws on its registration by the Registrar of Societies under Section 9 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960.
2. All action taken, orders, rules, regulations issued and Appointments made shall continue to remain in force until action is taken under the provisions of the new Constitution/Memorandum of Association.
3. The President may subject to ratification by the Working Committee take such action as he deems fit to remove the difficulties if any in carrying out the affairs of the Mahasabha in accordance with this Constitution.

63. CHARACTER OF THE MAHASABHA :

The Character of the Mahasabha shall be irrevocable