

# **Bylaws of the Federation for state Branches and Regional Units**

## **Chapter- 1**

### **Preliminary:-**

Name:- (Sec.1)-the organization shall be designated as National Federation of the blind state branch.

Nature:-(Sec.2)- National Federation of the Blind state branch shall work on the behalf of National Federation of the Blind (India) for the welfare of person with blindness and it shall not have a separate entity out of National Federation of the Blind (India).

Principal office:- (Sec.3)- The principal office of the state branch shall be located in the capital city of the concerned state.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTS (Sec.4)**

The state branch shall work in its jurisdiction for fulfillment of aims & objects of the federation mentioned in its national byelaws which are as under:

1. To stimulate the provision of remunerative employment for the blind in all occupations which they can successfully practice.
2. To explore new avenues of employment for the blind.
3. To promote the education of the blind in the light of modern and practicable concept.
4. To promote the production and distribution of educational and recreational materials to the blind in all available media.
5. To under take or promote public education with a view to disseminating information to the public at large regarding the potential of the blind as students, workers and citizens.
6. To undertake the investigation, collection and circulation of information, facts and statistic data concerning with blindness.
7. To cooperate with local, national and international agencies having objectives similar to those of the federation or with like minded individuals for such purposes as the federation may deem fit.
8. To undertake the initiatives for helping those old persons who loose their sight in old age, in the field of prevention of blindness rehabilitation and economic resettlement
9. To take such steps as may be necessary for the prevention of curable blindness and eye illment.
10. To make the efforts for self reliance and over all rehabilitation of the blind by way of providing loan and financial assistance in the field of their education, training, employment and housing.

### **DEFINITIONS (Section- 5)**

- a. Blind:- A blind person shall mean such a person who suffers from any of the following conditions namely:-
- i. Total absence of sight
  - ii. Visually acuit not exceeding 6/60 or 20/20 (Snellen) in the better eye with correcting lenses.
  - iii. Limitations of the filled of vision subtending an angle of 20 Degree or worse.
- b. Sighted person:- A person shall mean that a person who is not blind.

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## **CHAPER – 2**

### MEMBERSHIP

#### SECTION.6

1. All those members of NFB (India) who reside or work in jurisdiction of state branch or regional unit of the federation shall also be treated as member of the concerned state branch or regional unit:-
2. According to national bye-laws of NFB (India) the federation shall have the following category of membership:-
  - a. Individual Associate Life Member.
  - b. Individual Active Member
  - c. Company member.

Individual Associate Life Member:- Any blind or sighted person who has full faith in the objectives of the federation and also who is 18 years of age or above, may become an individual associate life member of the federation by paying such subscription as may be prescribed from time to time by the national executive council and also by fulfilling all the conditions prescribed for this purpose, provided that he/she should not be an employee of the federation.

Individual Active Member: Any associate life member having such membership of the federation for 2 years or more and who actively participates in various activities of the federation may become active member after paying the annual membership subscription every year within 3 months of the commencement of every financial year and after fulfilling other conditions prescribed by the National Executive Council from time to time in this behalf and also after producing the certificate of his/her

participation in the activities of the federation on the prescribed form issued either by the National General Secretary or General Secretary of the state branch to which he/she belongs. Presently, the annual subscription for active membership is Rs.25/-. Individual Active Members are entitled to take part in proceeding of general body, to vote in election of Executive committee and to contest election for any office of the federation at all levels.

Company Member:- Any company which accepts the objectives of the federation and wishes to engage in constructive activities for the blind and which pays prescribed admission fees and annual subscription, may become a company member of the federation. A member company shall be entitled to be represented by any person nominated by board of directors of the company concerned.

3. Number of Sighted members including company members shall not exceed more than 25% of total membership of the federation.
4. The state branch/regional unit shall submit a copy of application form of membership to the head office of the federation. The membership of member shall be effective only after issuing identity card to the concerned person by head office.
5. The membership fees will be one and same for all the members. Branch/affiliates cannot make any change in membership fees. Membership subscription will be decided by the national executive council from time to time. At present this fees for individual associate life members Rs. 50/- (once in life time), Rs.25/ per annum for active member and Rs.250/- as entry fee and Rs.1000/- annual subscription to company member
6. In the matter to take part in activities of state branch or regional unit, only that address of the member shall be accepted on which he/she resides/works more than 6 months in a year.

#### **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS** (Section-7)

1. Presence of every such Individual Active member and Company member will be desirable in General body meeting of state branch/regional unit who has been granted membership in the immediate presiding year before the year of general body meeting.
2. It will be necessary to every member to pay prescribed membership subscription as well as registration fees for participation in the general body meeting.

3. It shall be obligatory for each member to offer his/her assistance and cooperation to the federation if he/she is expected to do so by the federation in order to achieve its goals.
4. Every individual active member shall have the right to vote and contest election for any office of the federation, provided that he/she full fills the prescribed conditions for this purpose.
5. No member of the general body or executive committee shall be entitled to transfer his/her "right to vote" to anybody else.

### **REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS** (Section- 8)

The state branch shall maintain a register of its members in which the name, full address and other contact details of each member shall be mentioned. Every member will give his/her full address and other contact details to the General Secretary of the state branch and also inform him if any change in his/her address. last address mentioned in the register would be treated as a real address of the concerned member.

### **RESIGNATION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP** (Section -9)

Any member of the federation who desires to resign from membership of the federation, shall do so by giving notice in writing of his/her intention in that behalf to the General Secretary who shall their upon, remove his/her name from the registrar of members, if general secretary feels that resignation of concern member is not in the interest of the federation, he may bring it to the consideration of national executive council and acts according to its direction.

### **CESSATION OF THE MEMBER FROM THE FEDERATION** (Section- 10)

A member shall be ceased from the membership of the federation in the following conditions:-

- a. Resignation.
- b. Being convicted by a criminal court of an offense.
- c. On being adjudicated insolvent.
- d. On being unsound of mind.
- e. On being unworthy of continuing as a member in the opinion of National executive council.

But before cessation of any member from the federation on afore stated grounds, National executive council shall afford an opportunity to the concern member to explain why he/she should not be ceased.

It shall only be the jurisdiction of National executive council to take decision in regard with resignation, cessation, suspension and readmission of the membership of any member.

**SUSPENSION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP** (Section- 11)

- a. During the period of suspension member concerned will not be eligible to exercise any of his/her right as a member and will also not be eligible to participate in any meeting of the federations.
- b. Maximum period of suspension of the membership will be six years and after the completion of period of 6 years the matter may be reconsidered.
- c. Before final cessation from the membership, the membership will have to be suspended. On the expiry of period of suspension, the National executive council can either cease the membership of the concerned individual or may consider re-admitting him/her based on the recommendation of the membership committee.

**PATRON** (Section- 12)

- 1. The executive committee can nominate any person of status and social reputation as the Patron of the federation provided that ordinarily he/she is not a member of the federation, but a member of the federation can also be nominated as patron if he/she holds any such high post or such a respect and status in the society which is beneficial to the federation.
- 2. The General Secretary of the state branch will endeavor to persuade the governor and chief minister of the state to consent to be the chief patron of the state branch.
- 3. Initially the patron will be nominated for a period of 5 years. On the expiry of 4 years the executive committee can re-nominate the same person for one more term.
- 4. The executive committee can also reconsider the continuous of any patron during the period of 5 years and may withdraw his/her nomination during such reconsideration.

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**CHAPTER- 3**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Formation of  
Executive committee** (Section – 13)

2. The executive committee shall consists of the following:
  - a. One President
  - b. Three Vice President
  - c. One General Secretary
  - d. Two Secretary
  - e. One Treasurer
  - f. Coordinator of each regional unit under the jurisdiction of the state branch (members).
  - g. One representative from those regional units under the jurisdiction of the state branch elected by their general body whose total membership is exceeding 100 (members).
  - h. Zonal vice president and secretary of the concern zone under which the state branch falls (Members).
  - i. Immediate past president and general secretary of the branch (for one term only) (Members).
  - j. Six member co-opted by the president (one of those shall be women).
3. It is mandatory that 2/3 of total members of the Executive Committee shall be blind.
4. No member of the federation shall hold two elected offices at a time at any level.

**EXPULSON OF  
THE MEMBERS FROM  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (Section 14)

The executive committee may by a resolution passed at its meeting by consent of not less than 2/3 of its members present in the meeting to expel from his/her office in following conditions:-

1. If a member absents three meeting of executive committee continuously without prior information's.
2. If a member is found involve in anti federation activities.
3. If he/she is not found serious to fulfill his/her obligation towards the federation.

**TO FILL UP**

**THE VACANCIES  
IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (Section 15)

The executive committee shall be entitled to fill up the vacancies of its members or office bearers by the nominating any member and the member so nominated shall hold the office for its remaining term. provided that the vacancy should be occurred because of retirement, resignation, expulsion and death of the concern member.

**OFFICE BREARERS** (Section- 16)

- a. "President":-The president should essentially be totally blind, but the person with partially or low vision will also be eligible to contest the post of president, if he/she filed the valid nomination papers duly purposed & seconded by 50% of the regional units of the concerned state branch at-least. In the case of election of the president of any regional unit, a member with low vision will have to filed valid nomination proposed and seconded by at-least 10% of total eligible members of the concerned unit.
- b. "Vice President":- Any blind or sighted member may become the vice president. If he/she fulfils all other conditions of this purpose.
- c. "General Secretary":- The General secretary should essentially be totally blind, but the person with low vision will also be eligible to contest the post of General Secretary, if he/she files valid nomination papers dully proposed and seconded by 50% of regional units of concerned branch at-least. In the case of General Secretary of any regional unit a member with low vision will have to filed a valid nomination papers proposed and seconded by at-least 10% of eligible members of the concerned regional units.
- d. Secretary:- Any blind or sighted person can contest the post of secretary if he/she fulfills all other conditions for this purpose.
- e. Treasurer:- The treasurer must be a sighted member.

**POWERS & DUTIES OF  
OFFICE BEARERS** (Section – 17)

1. Powers and duties of the president:-
  - a. To preside over all meetings of executive committee, general body and extra ordinary meetings of state branch.
  - b. To supervise and guide the activities of the state branch.
  - c. To appoint, dismiss or suspend the employees of the state branch in accordance with the term and conditions framed by the executive committee and to initiate disciplinary action against them as and when it is required.

- d. To Represent and propagate the branch when and where it is expected.
- e. To establish the relation with all those individuals institutions and authorities in the interest of the state branch who may be beneficial to promote the objectives of the federation.
- f. To sign and execute all contracts or other instruments in the name of the state branch.
- g. To open and operate Bank accounts in accordance with the resolution passed with the executive committee on this behalf.
- h. To allow to incur any urgent expenditure on behalf of the federation to the extent of Rs. 1,00,000/- without pre-permission of the executive committee.
- i. To direct the office of the branch to convene various meetings.
- j. In such a condition where to call the meeting of executive committee is not practical or possible, to attain the written view and consent of the members of the executive committee for the urgent resolutions or agreement etc.
- k. To coopte six members in executive committee on the recommendation of general secretary.

### **2. Power and Duties of Vice President:-**

- a. The vice president whose name comes upper in order of English alphabet will preside over the meeting of general body and executive committee of the state branch in the absent of president.
- b. To preside over the meeting of all committees and sub committees of the branch, the president is not the member of which or not in position to attend their meetings.
- c. To discharge all the duties of the president in his absent.
- d. To perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the executive committee.
- e. To open and operate Bank accounts of state branch in any Bank along with others in accordance with the resolution passed by the executive committee on this behalf.
- f. To assist and co-operate the president and general secretary in discharging their duties for regular functioning of the state branch.
- g. To perform the particular assignments given to them by the president for development of the branch.
- h. To represent the state branch when and where it is expected.

### **3. Power and Duties of General Secretary:-**

- a. To manage office and administration of state branch in general super vision and direction of the president.
- b. To prepare and maintain the minutes of General Body and Executive meetings.
- c. To maintain the register of different classes of the membership.



- d. To co-ordinate all activities and projects of the state branch as its executive chief.
- e. To report the activities of state branch to general body, executive committee and president.
- f. To communicate with different individuals, organizations and the authorities in the matters of state branch under general directions of president.
- g. To sign legal contracts or other instruments on the behalf of state branch with the permission of executive committee.
- h. To incur any urgent expense up to the extend of Rs. 10,00000/- without pre-permission of executive committee.
- i. To represent the state branch in various meetings and **conventions** from time to time.
- j. To perform all other functions with the permission of the president.
- k. To convene the meetings of executive committee and general body as per the directions of the president and in accordance with the rules of byelaws of the federation.
- l. To open and operate the bank accounts in any part of the country in the name of state branch or a particular project along with others in accordance with resolution passed by the executive committee on this behalf.

#### **4. Power and Duties of Secretaries**

- a. To render assistance to the general secretary.
- b. To perform the duties of General Secretary in his/her absent
- c. To undertake all such actions which are assigned to them by the executive committee, president and general secretary

#### **5. power and Duties of Treasurer:-**

- a. To maintain complete accounts of the state branch.
- b. To raise and manage the fund of state branch along with the co in coordination with others office bearers.
- c. To get audited the accounts of state branch and to produce the same for the consideration and approval of the executive committee and general body.
- d. To operate the bank accounts of the state branch along with the other office barer and to sign the cheque on behalf of state branch.
- e. To perform all those activities which are assigned to him/her by the executive committee

#### **POWER AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Section -18)**

- a. Executive committee shall have all such powers and it shall perform all such functions which are necessary and proper for the achievement and furtherance of aims and objectives of the federation.

- b. To nominate patron of the state branch.
- c. Open the bank accounts and to operate and invest the funds of the state branch and also to borrow the money when and where it is necessary for the purpose of the state branch in such manner as may be deemed fit.
- d. To manage, control and transfer the movable and immovable properties of the state branch as per the directions of the national executive council of the federation.
- e. To approve the activity report and expenditure of the state branch.
- f. To grant the appointments and service conditions of the employees of the state branch.
- g. To authorize the office bearers to initiate various functions.
- h. To recommend the amendments in these rules and regulations to the national executive council in accordance with the provision of national bye-laws of the federation.
- i. To conduct the ordinary and extra ordinary meetings of general body of the state branch and to decide the procedure for the election of the office bearers of the state branch in accordance with the direction of the national executive council.
- j. To constitute such committees which are necessary in the opinion of national executive council

**TERM OF OFFICE BEARERS  
AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Term of office of all the members of executive committee including the office bearers shall generally be five years.

But in following conditions this term can be extended up to one year:-

- a. In the opinion of executive committee under extra ordinary circumstances to hold election for the executive committee within the prescribed time limit is not practically possible. But, the executive committee shall pass a resolution for this purpose by a majority of its members not less than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of total members present and voting.
- b. If, because of any particular reason election committee cancel or postpone the process of election or it decides that under extra-ordinary circumstances to complete the process of election is not possible. But in such conditions it shall be mandatory for the election committee to communicate its decision taken by the majority of its members on this behalf to the general secretary of the state branch.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE  
BEARERS OF  
STATE BRANCH (Section -19)**

- a. A general body of the state branch shall elect the office bearers of the state branch once in 5 years by secret ballot.

- b. National executive council shall constitute a election committee to ensure free and fare election for the executive committee of the state branch. Decisions of this election committee shall be final and binding to all concerns in all the matters related to the concern election.
- c. Every member who has paid the fees/charges prescribed by the national executive council for participating in the general body meeting and who fulfills all eligibility conditions for this purpose will be eligible to contest the election for any of elected offices. Provided that he/she acquire the membership of the federation prior to the four years of the election year and also his/her membership was neither ceased nor suspended during this period.
- d. Not more than one member from same family will be eligible to contest election at any level in same election.
- e. The general secretary of the state branch shall issues the notice in regard with the programme and procedure of the election for the office bearers of the state branch approved by the executive committee. This notice will be served to all the members of the state branch through post under postal certificate.

**PROCEEDING OF  
THE MEETINGS OF  
EXECUTIVE COOMITTEE (Section -24)**

- a. Meeting of the executive committee will be held by the president on pre-fixed time and venue.
- b. At-least 15 days clear notice in writing should be given for such ordinary meetings and emergency meeting may be called at 7 days notice.
- c. On written request by the 7 members of the executive committee, the president shall call a meeting of the executive committee, for such meetings 20 days clear notice shall be given, provided that the **requeste** members mentions the clear reasons to call such meetings.
- d. There should not be an interval more than 6 months between two meetings of the executive committee.

**CHAIR PERSON FOR  
MEETINGS OF  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Section- 25)**

The president of the state branch will perside over the meetings of executive committee and in case the president shall not be present within 15 minutes from the pre-fixed time for the meeting, the vice-president whose name comes upper in English alphabetic order will preside over the meeting. In the absence of presidents and the vice presidents at executive committee

meeting, the members present shall elect from among themselves a member except the general secretary, Secretary and treasurer to preside over the meetings.

**QUORUM FOR THE MEETING OF  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Section -26)**

1/3<sup>rd</sup> members of the executive committee will constitute a quorum. In the absence of required quorum for the meeting no business shall be transacted in the meeting, with the consent of the members the chair person may re-schedule the time, date and venue of the meeting, but in such a re-scheduled meeting only those issues shall be considered those will be on the agenda of the adjourned meeting.

**VALIDITY OF THE RESOLUTIONS  
PASSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
THROUGH CORRESPONDANCE (Section -27)**

Resolution signed by majority of the members of the executive committee through correspondence will be as valid as a resolution passed by the majority of members of executive committee in its meeting.

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**CHAPTER- 4**

**GENERAL BODY**

**POWER AND DUTIES OF GENERAL BODY (SECTION- 20)**

1. Ordinary meeting of the general body shall be held on pre-decided date and venue by executive committee once in 5 years.
2. -The function of general body shall comprise of:-
  - a. -Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the General Secretary in regard with the activities of the federation.
  - b. -Election of office bearers and members of executive committee.
  - c. -Adoption of statement of annual accounts of the branch.
  - d. -Necessary directions to the executive committee.
  - e. -Consideration and adoption of amendments, additions and Alterations in rules and regulations of state branch and regional units of federation.
  - f. -Appointments of auditors.

- g. -To consider any matter relating to the branch with the permission of Chair person.
3. On the written requisition of at least 500 members or 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total membership (Which ever is less). The president shall call an extra ordinary meeting of general body of the branch but the requestee members to call such meetings should not belong to the same reason of the concerned state.
4. Advance notice of one month for ordinary meeting and 15 days for extraordinary meeting will be sent to each member of the branch on its registered address through the post (UPC)

#### **CHAIR PERSON** (Section- 21)

The president of the branch or in his/her absence one of the vice presidents present at the meeting will preside over the ordinary and extra ordinary meeting of the general body.

In the absence of president and vice president at a meeting the members present shall elect from among themselves a member to preside over the meeting.

#### **QUORUM FOR GENERALBODY MEETING** (Section -28)

It is essential for valid general body meeting that either 200 members who are eligible to participate in general body meeting or 20% of the total membership whichever is less, are present in the said meeting.

No business shall be transacted at any general body meeting in absence of prescribed quorum

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING** (Section-29)

The chair person at the meeting may adjourn the meeting of executive committee as well as general body for any alternative venue or date. But only pending items at the agenda of adjourned meetings shall be considered in any re-scheduled meetings.

#### **VOTING** (Section- 30)

At any meeting of general body every question shall be decided by a show of hands. But the chair person may direct to put the question for secret poll if the majority of members demand for the same.

In a situation of tie at any mater, the chair person shall have the right of casting vote, but he/she will not be eligible to exercise this right in the matter of election of office bearers and other members of executive committee.

The vice presidents and secretaries shall be elected by the members of the concerned region of the branch which they represent.

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## **CHAPTER- 5**

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS & ACCOUNT OF THE STATE BRANCH**

#### **FUND OF THE STATE BRANCH (section – 22):**

- a. The state branch would be free to collect money in form of grant in aid, membership fees, loan and other lawful means for the programme activities of the welfare of the blind in their concerned region.
- b. The state branches will be required to submit annually to the central office of the federation an audited statement of their accounts and annual report of their activities.
- c. All state branch and regional units will deposit the money received from their members as a membership fees to the central office and the central office will reambers the 75% amount to each branch out of its receipt from membership fees. In the matter of regional unit of the state branch 70% of total receipt of the membership from any regional unit will be repaid to it and remaining 30% will be equally distributed between the central office and the concerned state branch.
- d. The state branches shall take it into account to maintain the dignity and image of the blind persons to collect the money in their areas
- e. The central office will be entitled to raise fund from jurisdiction of any state branch but the 25% of such received fund will be payable to the concerned branch
- f. Fund of the state branch will finally vest in central office

#### **II. PROPERTY AND THE MATTERS RELATED TO IT (Section -23)**

- a. All the property of the state branch will be in supreme control of its executive committee and the executive committee will manage all the properties in accordance with rules of the byelaws of the federation.
- b. In addition to aforesaid provision, the executive committee will have the following powers in the matter to administrate the property and other financial affairs of the state branches.

- I. To accept to receive any gift on the behalf of the state branch to fulfill any particular or all objectives of the federation.
- II. To raise the fund in term of grant in aid loan, or the donation through personal relations and written appeal time to time for smooth functioning of on going projects or to undertake the new projects of the state branch.
- III. To raise, barrow or land the fund through legal means in accordance with the needs of the state branch.
- IV. To appoint one or more members from itself who may represent the state branch before any govt. authority and to contribute their time in such matters pertaining the state branch.
- V. To receive the security bonds pertaining to the capital investment made by the state branch.

#### **CONTORL OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON THE ACCOUNT OF STATE BRANCH (Section – 31)**

1. National executive council will get to examine the account of state branches related to liabilities, income and expenditure.
2. Book of accounts shall be kept at the principal office of the state branch or at any other place directed by the executive committee and shall be opened to inspection by any member of national executive council during the working hours.
3. Accounts of the state branch shall be maintained through the procedure adopted by the executive committee.

#### **AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNT (Section- 32)**

- a. The treasurer of the state branch will get audited the accounts of the state branch by auditors at the end of every financial year.
- b. The financial year for the state branch shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- c. The balance sheet and income expenditure account of the state branch shall be audited by the auditor or auditors appointed by the general body of the state branch.

#### **TRAVELLING AND OTHER EXEPENCES (Section 33)**

The President, Vice president, General Secretary and other office bearers and members of the executive committee are entitled to the reimbursement of the expanses incurred of by them in connection with the activity of the state branch. But, no allowances will be given to participate in executive committee meeting and general body meeting unless there is clear resolution passed by the executive committee in this behalf. The President. Vice-

president, General Secretary and other office bearers and members of executive committee will be entitled to travel by bus, train or by Air in connection with the meetings and activities of the state branch. The decision of the General Secretary will be final in this regard

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## **CHAPTER- 6**

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **AMENDMENT TO THE BYELAWS OF THE STATE BRANCH OF THE FEDERATION (Section -34)**

The rules and regulations of the state branches of the federation may be amended if the executive committee of the state branch by the majority of its 2/3 members recommends it to the general body and general body approves the same by the majority of its 2/3 members present in its meeting.

#### **POWER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF INTERPRETATION AND INTERVENTION IN THE MATTERS OF THE STATE BRANCHES (Section - 35)**

1. In case of absence or unclarity of rule pertaining any particular issue the decision of the National executive Council shall be final and binding for the purpose.
2. The National Executive Council shall be entitled to direct the executive committee of the state branch in any matter pertaining the maintenance of national status of the federation and to safe guard the interest of the blind in the concerned state and such directives shall be binding to the executive committee of the concerned branch.

#### **LEGAL DISPUTES AND JURISDICTION OF COURT (Section- 36)**

1. All the legal disputes of the state branch or against the state branch will be preceded by the General Secretary of the state branch.
2. It would be only the jurisdiction of Delhi High Court or its subordinate courts to settle the following disputes of any state branch or against it.
  - a. Interpretation of rules and sub rules of the state branch
  - b. Membership
  - c. Election for any office of executive committee of state branch or regional unit



- d. Moveable and immoveable properties weather it is owned by any state branch or regional unit.
3. No other courts in the country other than High Court of Delhi and its subordinate courts will have jurisdiction to hear to disputes of any state branch of the federation pertaining the matters such as operational activities of the state branch and the decisions taken by the executive committee or office bearer of the state branch and regional units.

### **DISSOLUTION (Section- 37)**

The state branch will dissolve in following conditions.

- a. If dissolution of state branch is recommended to the national general body by the national executive council with the majority of its 2/3 present and voting members and the national general body approves the same by the majority of its 2/3 present and voting members.
  - b. In the event of dissolution of the state branch all funds and assets belonging to the state branch shall remain in National federation of the Blind (India) and the National Executive council may utilize all moveable and immoveable properties of the sate branch as per its discursion for the welfare off the blind in India.
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## **CHAPTER- 7**

### **PROVISION OF NATIONAL BYELAWS IN REGARD WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE BRANCH AND REGIONAL UNITS AND THEIR RELATION WITH NATIONAL FEDERATION**

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE BRANCH (Section -21/A)**

There should be a minimum of 200 members of the federation to constitute a branch in particular state or union territory

#### **ESTABLISHMEN OF REGIONAL UNIT (Section 21/D)**

The state branches shall have the right to establish a regional unit of the federation at such commissionarate divisions where the membership of the federation is not less than 50. The members of federation in that area shall also be considered as member of concerned regional unit. For setting of a unit the approval of the NEC shall be essential.

#### **WORKING AREA OF THE REGIONAL UNIT (Section- 21E)**

Jurisdiction of functioning of the regional unit shall be the concerned commissionerate division of the state.

**REPRESENTATION OF STATE BRANCH IN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL(Sec.21/c)**

The general secretary of the branch shall represent it in the national executive council in case the respective branch has membership up to 300 and in case of branch having membership more than 300, the general secretary of the branch and one member elected by the general body of the respective branch shall represent it in the national executive council.

**BEYLAWES OF THE STATE BRANCH & REGIONAL UNITS OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND.**

**ANNEXTURE-1**

Geographical structure of national federation of the blind India:-

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Registration No: 4866

B. Five Regional Zones Headed by Wise presidents and secretaries:- East, West, North, South and Central.

C. State Branches governed by the general body of the members of the federation from concerned states and elected executive committees:- As on 1st January 2009 the federation has the branches in following states:-

1. Assam
2. Andrapradesh
2. Bihar
3. Chattis ghad
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Himachal
7. J & K
8. Karnataka
9. Madhya Pradesh
10. Maharastra
11. Orissa
12. Punjab
13. Rajasthan
14. TamilNadu

- 15. Uttar Pradesh
- 16. Uttarkhand

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**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND**

Plot No. 21, Sector VI, MB Road, (Press Enclave Road) Pushp Vihar, New Delhi- 110 017

**APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ block \_\_\_\_\_ letter
2. Father's/ \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's \_\_\_\_\_ Name
3. Present \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ block \_\_\_\_\_ letters  
(indicate the period since residing)  
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4. Permanent Address in block letters

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5. Sex ..... 6. Age

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7. Qualification

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8. Profession

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9. Employed/ Unemployed

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10. Married/ Unmarried

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11. State

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12. Nature of Membership sought (tick the correct option)

- a. Associate Life Member - BLIND SIGHTED
- b. Active Member - BLIND SIGHTED
- c. Company Member

13. In case of application for active membership, please state the following:-

- a. Date of becoming Associate Life Member
- b. Identity Card Number
- c. Did you take part in any of the following activities during the last four years:
  - i. Did you attend any meeting of the Federation held at National Level/ at State Level/ at District level? If yes, give details of such meeting hereunder and/or

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- ii. Did you contribute voluntarily in any of the activities of the Federation at Central level/ at State Level/ at District level? If yes, details of such activity and mode of your contribution.

(The activity may include participation in organizational events, advocacy campaign; follow up with Govt. Agencies or Judicial Activism)

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**DECLARATION**

I, ..... hereby declare that the above facts given by me are true and correct I further declare that I have read the terms and conditions of membership of the Federation contained in the byelaws of the Federation and I fully agree with terms and conditions. I further declare that I shall devote myself for the Federation from time to time at the need. I also declare that I shall participate in the activities of the Federation and shall abide by the provisions of byelaws of the Federation. I am not a member/ office bearer of any other organization of or for the Blind/ Disabled.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

In case of active member the following certificate is necessary by the national Office Bearers / General Secretary of respective state Branch and Unit Coordinator where the applicant resides at the time of making of this application for seeking active membership.

I, ..... S/o. .... presently holding the office of ..... here by certify the details of activities given herein above by the application in which he/she participated/ contributed and recommended the NEC to consider his/her application for active membership favorably.

Signature/LTI/RTI

Place :

Date :

#### **NOTE:**

1. All members except company members are required to pay Rs. 50/- as membership fee at the time of taking Associate Membership. Company members are required to pay Rs. 1000/- in the beginning as donation to this Federation and their annual subscription will be Rs. 250/-.
2. Any members who in willing to be the active member after completing two years membership as Associate member has to pay Rs, 25/- every year for renewal of membership within three months of commencement of financial year.
3. No person below 18 years of age shall be eligible for the membership of the Federation.
4. Company members do not require to fill column No. 5 to 10
5. Please furnish the following documents along with the form:-
  - i. Two recent passport size photograph
  - ii. Certificate of visual disability (Blindness)
  - iii. Proof of age & address
6. For becoming the member of the Federation it should be noted that he/she should not be the member/ office bearer of any other organization working in the field of visual disability or any other disabilities.

