

THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' PARTY

OF

BENGAL.

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1. Name: The name of the Party is the **Workers' and Peasants' Party of Bengal**. It will be styled in Bengali as **Bangiya Krishak-O-Shramik Dal**.

N. B. This Party shall be the integral part of the **Workers' and Peasants' Party of India** which is yet to be formed,

2. Object: The object of the Party is the attainment of **Complete Independence** from **British Imperialism** and thorough democratisation of India based on economic and social emancipation and political freedom of men and women.

3. Means: The rallying the People to Mass Action will be the principal means for the attainment and realisation of the above objects.

4. Extent: The activities of the Party will extend to the entire province of Bengal and the Bengali speaking districts of Assam and Bihar and Orissa.

5. Membership: (a) The membership of the Party shall be of two kinds.

(1) Individual and (2) Affiliated.

(b) Any person not below the age of 18 years who will subscribe to the object, constitution and programme of the party may be taken in as an individual member of of the party subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Every individual member, except students and women will have to become a member of some workers' or peasants' union within two months of his becoming a member of the Party.

(c) The Executive Committee of the Party shall have power to affiliate with it any workers' or peasants' union which is in sympathy with the object and programme of the Party. The Party shall undertake the work of giving the members of affiliated unions class-conscious education in trade unionism and politics, and shall assist the work of the unions by advice and propaganda.

6. Subscription. (a) Each individual member of the Party shall pay in advance an annual subscription of Rupee one. In the case of the individual being a worker or a peasant the subscription will be Four Annas annually. The Executive Committee may exempt any body from subscription if it thinks so desirable.

(b) Affiliated organisations shall have to pay annually at the rate of One Pice per member with a minimum of Rs. 5/- No organisation shall be compelled to pay more than Rs. 50/- annually.

MANAGEMENT

7. (a) The work of the Party shall be conducted in the following way:—

There shall be held an **Annual Conference** of the Party. This Conference or the Congress of the proposed—"Workers' and Peasants' Party of India"—shall direct and control the policy and programme of the Party.

(b) The Annual Conference of the Party shall be held with all individual members and affiliated societies so long as the membership of the Party does not reach a sufficient number. With the growth of members the Conference shall be held with individual members and delegates of the affiliated unions.

(c) **Special Conference:** In case of emergency the Enlarged Executive Committee or the Executive Committee shall have power to summon a special Conference, one third of the members of the Enlarged Executive Committee or two thirds of the members of the Executive Committee agreeing such a Special Conference may be convened.

(d) **Enlarged Executive Committee:** There shall be an Enlarged Executive Committee of the Party. This Committee shall be constituted within one month after the Annual Conference or meeting of the Party. The members of this Committee shall be elected from amongst the individual and affiliated members, the affiliated unions and branches of the Party electing one representative for every 1000 members, provided that every affiliated union or branch shall in any event elect one representative.

(e) If between two annual election there is vacancy in the Enlarged Executive Committee of the representatives of any affiliated unions or if any new union is affiliated the affiliated union concerned shall elect some of its members to fill up the vacancy or to represent it thereon as the case may be ; and if there is a vacancy of representative of the individual members the Enlarged Executive Committee shall fill up the vacancy by nominating a member from amongst the individual members.

(f) The work of the Party shall be conducted under the guidance of the Enlarged Executive Committee which shall meet every three months.

(g) Whenever required the Executive Committee on its own motion may, or if requisitioned in writing either jointly or separately by one fifth of the members of the Enlarged Executive Committee

must, convene a meeting of the Enlarged Executive Committee. Fifteen members of the Enlarged Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the purpose of a meeting.

(h) **Executive Committee**: There shall be an Executive Committee of the Party elected every year from amongst the individual and affiliated members, residing in or near Calcutta during the Party's annual conference.

(i) If between two elections there is any vacancy in the Executive Committee the Committee shall itself fill up the vacancy from among the individual or affiliated members.

(j) The Executive Committee shall be entrusted to carry out the programme of work of the Party and it shall be responsible to the Enlarged Executive Committee for its work. The Executive Committee shall submit an annual report of its work duly passed by the Enlarged Executive Committee to the Annual Conference of the Party.

(k) For facilitation of works there shall be different groups in the Executive Committee. The members of the Executive Committee shall not exceed twenty and five members of it shall form a quorum for the purpose of a meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per month.

(l) The member of the Executive Committee shall automatically be considered as members of the Enlarged Executive Committee.

(m) **Office Bearers**: The Executive Committee shall elect from its members one Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, one General Secretary, two or more Group or Sectional Secretaries and one Treasurer.

BRANCHES

8. (a) A branch of the Party shall be established under the supervision of the Executive Committee in any town or village where there are twelve members.
- (b) The branch shall elect a secretary, chairman, treasurer and branch committee.
- (c) The branch secretary shall receive instructions from the Executive Committee and shall report on branch activities etc, to the Executive Committee, at least monthly.
- (d) Branches of affiliated unions shall be affiliated to the local branches of the Party and shall be represented on its committee.

- (e) The Secretary and Treasurer of the branch shall collect subscriptions from the members. Funds collected shall be allocated as decided upon between the branch Committee and the Executive Committee.
- (f) The branch committee shall subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, supervise and direct all Party work and propaganda within its area.

RULES

- 9. (a) The Enlarged Executive Committee shall have power to frame general rules for carrying out the programme of the Party.
- (b) Every member of the Executive Committee and the Enlarged Executive Committee shall have to raise some subscription for the Party.
- (c) Any member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend four successive meetings shall automatically cease to be a member.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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CHAIRMAN.

- 1. Atul Chandra Gupta, M. A. B. L.

VICE CHAIRMAN.

- 2. Naresh Chandra Sen Gupta, M. A. D. L.

GENERAL SECRETARY.

- 3. Muzaffar Ahmad.

SECTIONAL SECRETARY (*Labour*).

- 4. Dharani Kanta Goswami.

MEMBERS.

- 5. Kalidas Bhattacharya.
- 6. Nikhil Roy.
- 7. Gopendra Chakravarty.

8. M. Abdur Razzak Khan.
9. Abdul Halim.
10. Aftab Ali.
11. Nirod Kanta Chakravarty.
12. Pyari Mohan Das.
13. Sudhindra Nath Chakravarty.

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