The Scheme Sanctioned by The Court

Scheme for the management of the Shirdi Sansthan of Shri SAI BABA.

1. All the Sansthan property both moveable and immoveable shall vest in the following five Trustees for life:--

1. Mr. Moreshwar Vishwanath Pradhan,
B. A. LL. B.,
Member Bombay Legislative Council
2. Mr. Lakshman Ganesh Mahajani of
Messrs. Shoorji Vallabhdas and Co.
Merchants, Bombay
3. Prof. Ganesh Govind Narke,
Professor of Chemistry and Geology
College of Science, Poona
4. Mr. Ramchandra Atmaram Turkhad
Manager and Secretary, Khatau Makanji
Mills, Bombay
5. Tatya Ganapati Patil Kote,
Land holder of Shirdi

Any vacancy in the Trustees shall be filled up by the rest of them as early as possible from among the Bhaktas of Shri Sai Baba, subject to confirmation by the District Judge.

2. The management of the Sansthan and its

property both moveable and immoveable shall vest in a Committee called the Shirdi Sansthan Committee, of which the Trustees shall be ex-officio Members.

3. The Shirdi Sansthan Committee shall consist of 15 Members in all, including the Trustees, and a Chairman, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Joint Treasurer and a Joint Secretary.

Their names are as follows:—

Committee.

5. Trustees as in rule 1 above.

Chairman.

6. Ganesh Dattatraya Sahasrabudhe. *alias* Das Ganu, Religious Preceptor and Hardas.

Treasurer.

7. Mr. Govind Raghunath Dabholkar, Retired Mamlatdar and Resident Magistrate (First Class) Bandra.

Joint Treasurer

8. Mr. Yeshwant Janardan Galwankar, B. A., Judicial Department, Secretariat, Bombay.

Secretary.

9. Mr: Hari Sitaram Dikshit, Retired Solicitor and Vakil High Court.

Joint Secretary.

10. Mr. Ramchandra Dada Kote Patil, Land Holder of Shirdi.

Members

11. Mr. Krishnarao Narayan Parulkar,
Honorary Magistrate, Harda, C. P.

12. Mr. Ganesh Damodar Kelkar,
Retired Government Servant, now residing at Shirdi.

13. Mr. Amidas B. Mehta, Proprietor,
British Photo Enlarging Company,
Kalbadevi Bombay.

14. Mr. Madhavrao Balwant Deshpande,
Land holder, Shirdi, and

15. Mr. Raghuvir Bhaskar Purandare, Clerk,
Loco Department G. I. P. Rly., Bombay.

4. The above persons (except the Trustees who shall hold office for life) shall hold office for a period of three years, after which all office holders except the Trustees shall be elected by the Bhakta Mandal which shall be constituted with all convenient despatch in manner hereinafter mentioned.

5. The Bhakta Mandal shall consist of such devotees of Shri Sai Baba's Shrine as apply to be enrolled as Members of the Bhakta Mandal and agree to contribute to the expenses of the Sansthan, a sum not less than Rs. 5/ per year. The Shirdi Sansthan Committee, however, shall have power for special reasons to be recorded in writing, to enlist any devotee of the said shrine as an Honorary Member of the Bhakta Mandal without requiring him to

pay the aforesaid annual contribution, or to make an **application** as aforesaid.

6. The quorum for meetings of the Bhakta Mandal shall be ten Members and for that of the Shirdi Sansthan Committee shall be five Members.

7. Casual vacancies arising in the Shirdi Sansthan Committee (hereinafter for brevity's sake called the Committee) by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled up by the Committee.

8. It shall be the duty of the Committee to arrange.

(a) for the management of the Sansthan in accordance with the existing practice, but subject to such directions as may, from time to time, be given by the Bhakta Mandal (hereinafter for brevity's sake called the "Mandal").

(b) for the custody of all cash, documents papers and other property moveable and immoveable of the Sansthan and for the collection of donations, subscriptions, grants &c. to the Sansthan, and for the recovery of the outstandings, rents, profits or other income of the Sansthan, and for the payment of all dues, salaries, debts and other reasonable expenses connected with the Sansthan.

(c) for the keeping of true and proper accounts of all things and moneys received and disbursed for or on account of the Sansthan and for the auditing of the same, as also for the preparation of the annual balance sheet (वार्षिक जमाखर्चाचा तक्ता) of the Sansthan and submitting such balance sheet to the District Court of Ahmednagar.

(d) For the holding of the fairs and festivals connected with the Sansthan, and for the due entertainment of Puraniks, Kathekaris, and Bhajankaris, Singers and mendicants visiting the shrine.

(e) For the investment of the surplus funds of the Sansthan in land or such other securities as are mentioned in Section 20 of the Indian Trust Act.

(f) For the maintenance in a state of repair of the moveable and immoveable property of the Sansthan.

9 The Committee shall not have power to alienate, mortgage or charge any immoveable property or jewellery of the Sansthan without the sanction of the District Court of Ahmednagar. It shall, however, have power to dispose of any other moveable property of the Sansthan, or to destroy such other articles as

may have become useless and unsaleable. It shall have also power to let any immoveable property of the Sansthan at such rental and on such terms as the Committee may think fit, but not for a period exceeding three years.

10. The Committee shall, as soon as practicable, draw up rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Scheme for the following purposes:–

(a) Formation of the Bhakta Mandal.

(b) Holding meetings of the Bhakta Mandal and of the Committee.

(c) For the internal working of the Committee and for the appointment of a local Sub-Committee.

(d) Generally for the management of the affairs of the Sansthan.

11. The Committee shall have liberty to apply to the District Court for directions whenever it may become necessary or advisable to do so.

Rules

In virtue of the power vested in the Committee under para 10 of the above mentioned Scheme, the following revised Rules have been made in supersession of all the Rules previously made from time to time. These Rules come into force on and from 1st October 1941.

THE BHAKTA MANDAL. (*vide paras 10&5 of the Scheme*)

1. The Bhakta mandal is divided into the following three classes of devotees:—

1. Patrons.
2. Life Members.
3. Honorary and Ordinary Members

2. Those Bhaktas, (The word "Bhakta", includes both male and female) who have given each one individually to the Kayam (Permanent) fund of the Sansthan, an amount of rupees five hundred or more. or Government Promissory Notes or Postal Cash Certificates, or Municipal Bonds or Port Trust Bonds of the said amounts, will be classed as "Patrons.", after their application for the same is accepted by the Committee., vide form, A attached to these Rules.

3. Those Bhaktas, who have given each one individually to the Kayam (Permanent) Fund of

the Sansthan an amount of rupees One hundred or more (but less than Rs. 500/-) or Government Promissory Notes or Municipal Bonds or Port Trust Bonds of the said amounts, will be classed as "Life Members"., after their application for the same is accepted by the Committee, vide form A attached to these Rules.

4. Those Bhaktas, who pay either to the permanent fund or to the Sansthan Kothi (Current expenses fund) annually rupees five or more, will be classed as " Ordinary Members.", after their application for the same is accepted by the Committee, vide form A attached to these Rules.

Honorary Members are those Bhaktas who are enlisted as such Members by the Committee under para 5 of the Scheme, and they will exercise the rights of Ordinary Members.

5. Those Ordinary Members only, who have paid all the previous subscriptions, except for the current year, will be entitled to exercise the rights of Ordinary Members.

6. An election will be held every three years for the formation of the Shirdi Sansthan Committee by the votes of the Members of the Bhakta Mandal. The election will be made as stated below:—

(1) Out of the 10 Members, the Patrons will elect 4 out of any Members of the Bhakta Mandal, residing and domiciled in the Province of Bombay.

(2) Out of the 10 Members, the Life Members will elect 3 out of any Members of the Bhakta Mandal, residing and domiciled in the Province of Bombay.

(3) The remaining 3 Members will be elected by the Honorary and Ordinary Members out of any Members of the Bhakta Mandal, residing and domiciled in the Province of Bombay.

7. Fifteen days after the election by the Patrons, the election by the Life Members will take place; and fifteen days thereafter, the election by the Honorary and Ordinary Members will take place. All the elections to take place by sending votes in writing.

8. After the election of 10 Members in the above manner, they along with the five Trustees, will form the Committee of 15.

This Committee from amongst them should appoint one as President, one as Secretary and one as Treasurer. The Secretary should appoint one from amongst the Committee as his assistant, and the Treasurer should appoint one from amongst the Committee as his assistant.

9. No Member of the Commitee should hold more than one office, except to fill a casual vacancy of a short duration as an emergency measure.

10. It shall be at the discretion of the Sansthan Committee to accept or reject any application for enrolment as a member of the Bhakta Mandal. Any Member of the Bhakta Mandal, who may be found by his conduct with the Sansthan or otherwise or by his writings in the press or any Magazine, or speeches in the public, to be deliberately and maliciously destroying the reverence due to " Shri Sai Baba " on the part of his Bhaktas, or harassing the Sansthan Committee in its peaceful working and progress so as to make it impossible to work, shall on the recommendation of the Committee, be expelled from the Bhakta Mandal of the Sansthan by a majority of 3/5th at a meeting of the Bhakta Mandal, the agenda of which shall contain the aforesaid item.

11. **OFFICE HOLDERS** means the five Trustees who hold their office for life and the 10 Members elected by the Bhakta Mandal in accordance with rules made in that behalf who form the " Committee. "

12. **OFFICE BEARERS** means, the President, the Hony. Secretary, Hony. Asstt. Secretary, the Hony. Treasurer and the Hony. Asstt. Treasurer, to be

selected *Interse* by the Sansthan Committee.

Office bearers will also include other persons, either stipendiary or honorary appointed by the Sansthan Committee for doing ministrial or any other work for the Sansthan.

TRUSTEES

13. The Trustees shall fill up any vacancy amongst them by electing only such Bhakta as is domiciled in the Province of Bombay. In the event of a vecancy occurring and remaining unfilled, no act of the surviving Trustees shall be invalid, provided the number of such surviving Trustees is not less than three.

14. With the exception of Rule 15 and Rule 23 clause (f) and Rules 47 and 65, in everything done or required by the Scheme or these Rules made thereunder to be done by the Trustees, at least three must join, and no act of any single Trustee, not confirmed by at least two more Trustees, shall be operative or be binding on the Sansthan Committee.

15. One of the Trustees, or the Secretary, or the Treasurer as the Trustees may decide shall have the custody of documents, title deeds and other important papers of the Sansthan.

16. The Securities, such as Government Papers, Bonds, etc., as are mentioned in Section 20 of the Indian Trust Act, shall be taken in the names of all the Trustees, and these shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India in Safe Custody as is being done at present.

THE MODE OF WORSHIP

17. The mode of worship, offered both during the life time and after the departure of Shri Sai Baba, has been as follows, and shall be followed hereafter from day to day in keeping with the traditions.

(1) In the Samadhi Mandir.

(1) Kakad Arati.(Arati before day break)
(2) Gayan by the Sansthan Gawai. (Devotional Music)
(3) Abhishek. Religiously ceremonial Bathing.
(4) Puja Arati.(Noon day Arati).
(5) Naivedya. (Edible offerings).
(6) Bhajan, Puran or Kirtan.
(7) Dhuparati *i. e.* evening Arati.
(8) Shej Arati, *i. e.* bed time Arati.
(9) Keeping burning for 24 hours of a "Nandadip." a "Samai."

(2) In the Dwarkamai *i. e.* Masjid.

(1) Keeping burning for 24 hours of the sacred fire (*i. e.* Dhuni) and a "Nandadip," a "Samai."

(2) Keeping filled with fresh water every day in the morning Shri Sai Baba's earthen pot.

(3) Puja originally of Shri Sai Baba and now of His life size Oil painting installed there.

(4) Palanquin procession known as "Chavdi" on Thursday only.

(3) In the Chavdi.

(1) Keeping burning for 24 hours of a "Nandadip" a "Samai."

(2) Puja Arati on Thursday night, the Palanquin procession day, known as "Chavdi"

(4) In the Navalkar Wada.

(1) Keeping burning of a "Nandadip."

(2) Puja of Padukas below the Nimb Tree and of the Pindi, Nandi and Baba's photo worshipped by Megha the late wellknown devotee of Baba

(3) Burning of incense on Thursday and Friday evenings at the place of Baba's Guru.

(5) In the Lendi (Sai Pradhan Baug)

(1) Keeping burning of a "Nandadip" there.

18. Any servant of the Sansthan found to interfere with, or alter in any way the above customary and time-honoured programme of worship, shall be liable to dismissal from the service of the Sansthan.

UTSAVAS *i. e.* CELEBRATIONS.

(1) Ramnavmi.
(2) Guru Purnima.
(3) Gokul Asthami.
(4) Punya Tithi.

19. For the aforesaid Utsavas except No. 3, which is celebrated locally only, the Committee shall issue invitations to the Sai Bhaktas over the signature of the Secretary or of the entrusted Manager or Managers of any of the particular Utsava.

20. The Committee, as far as it may be practicable, will not interfere with the Conventions already established & devoutly honoured from the very start, with regard to the observance and celebration of the aforesaid Utsavas.

21. Any Bhaktas wishing to celebrate the Datta Jayanti Utsav, may do so, but not without obtaining previously the written permission for the same from the Hon. Secretary who will give the necessary, directions in this behalf.

22. The Hon. Secretary, Hon. Asstt. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Asstt. Treasurer being members of the Committee, shall have no vote in matters relating to their respective official acts.

23. In addition to the duties imposed upon the Committee by the Scheme, the Committee shall have power:

(a) To appoint a Sub-Committee or Sub-Committees as provided for in para 10 of the Scheme.

The Sub Committee as per para 10(c) of the Scheme for the internal working of the Committee, will consist of not less than seven members. All its members shall be office holders. This Sub Committee, will meet on the date and at the time and place to be communicated to its members by the Hon. secretary in time to enable them to attend such meeting. This sub-Committee will consider the correspondence and other matters regarding the Sansthan, and make their recommendations for consideration at the next meeting of the Sansthan Committee.

(b) To relieve of, or remove from his office as may be found necessary in the interest of the Sansthan, any Hon. Secretary, Hon. Asstt. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, or Hon. Asstt. Treasurer, and to appoint a successor to carry on the work of such relieved officer, as aforesaid.

(c) To appoint from time to time such office bearers for doing ministerial work, as may, in the opinion of the Committee, be deemed necessary or desirable for the conduct of the affairs of the Sansthan, and to suspend or dismiss him or them whenever it thinks fit, without giving any reasons. The decision of the Committee in such cases shall be final.

(d) To receive gifts both of moveable and immoveable properties and money paid in the shape of subscriptions, donations and contributions, to regulate and sanction any expenditure which it may consider to be necessary or desirable in the interest of the Sansthan.

(e) To transfer to the Reserve Fund such securities or cash as they may from time to time be deemed expedient.

(f) To keep an account in the Imperial Bank of India in the name of the Sansthan to be operated upon by any two of the Trustees jointly or by one of the Trustees and Hon. Treasurer jointly or order and deposit therein cash belonging to the Sansthan.

(g) To keep a Public Account in the Postal Savings Bank to be operated

upon either by the Hon. Treasurer or Hon-Secretary as the Committee deems fit to do, but the maximum amount to be held in such account shall not exceed Rs. 500.

(h) To arrange for the publication of the Sai Lila (monthly or quarterly) so long as funds are provided for its publication in the annual budget.

24. The Committee shall get prepared every year a duly audited statement of accounts and a Balance Sheet (वार्षिक जमा खर्चाचा तक्ता) of the Sansthan and place the same for adoption before the Bhakta Mandal at its annual meeting.

25. The said statement of accounts and the Balance Sheet shall be printed and distributed to members by the Hon. Secretary at least a fortnight before the day fixed for the meeting of the Bhakta Mandal.

26. The Committee shall meet at least thrice a year for the dispatch of business and also as often as it may be invited to do so, either at Shirdi or Bombay or its suburbs, by a circular, issued by the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Asstt. Secretary, (with the permission of the Hon. Secretary), under the orders of the President or the

Chairman of the Sub-Committee or upon a requisition in writing of five or more members of the Committee, when at least eight clear days notice shall be given to all the members of the Committee of such meeting, its place and time and of the business to be transacted.

27. Any business of a formal or uncontentious nature may be done by circular, which shall be considered as perfectly valid, and all such circulars shall be formally recorded in the proceedings of the next Sansthan Committee meeting.

28. Any member of the Committee (except the Trustees, who are ex-officio members for life), who absents himself from six consecutive meetings without sufficient cause, shall be deemed to have vacated his seat on the Committee; but such member shall be eligible for nomination for filling the vacancy by the Committee.

29. Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present, and in case of a tie or equality of votes, the Presiding member shall have a second or casting vote.

30. All acts done by the Committee, shall notwithstanding any defect in the appointment of any

member thereof or any unavoidable deficiency in the full complement thereof, be as valid, as if no such defect or deficiency existed.

31. The Committee and also the Auditors (appointed as hereinafter provided) shall continue in office for three years or until the next election.

32. The Committee shall first consider all communications made to them and only such of them shall be submitted to the Bhakta Mandal as the Committee may deem proper.

33. The President and in his absence the Chairman of the Sub-Committee or any member of the Committee present, on his being elected to preside, shall preside at all the meetings.

34. No proposition for the addition, cancellation, alteration or amendment of any rule shall be brought forward at any of the meetings of the Committee, unless notice thereof has been given in writing to the Secretary, four weeks before such meeting is held. A copy of such notice shall be entered on the list of business to be transacted at the meeting, which will be sent to the members at least a week before the day fixed for the meeting.

Hon. Secretary & Hon. Asstt. Secretary

35. As mentioned in the Scheme, there shall be an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Asstt. Secretary who shall ordinarily hold office for three years or until the next

general election or until relieved of duties or forced to resign by a resolution of the Sansthan Committee, but will be eligible for re-nomination.

36. If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of Hon. Secretaries, the Committee shall have power to fill up the same, and the person or persons so appointed shall continue in office until the next general election or until relived of duties or forced to resign by a resolution of the sansthan committee.

37. The Hon. Secretaries shall be under the orders of the Committee, and shall carry out their instructions, and shall conduct correspondence and record the proceedings of every meeting, whether of the Committee, or any Sub-Committee, or of the Mandal, in a minute Book kept for the purpose. They should also arrange to keep a suggestion book, and maintain a register of the Dead Stock of the Sansthan articles and furniture, and keep the same posted up-to-date every year, and generally be in charge of all things–the property of the Sansthan through the stipendiary office–bearers appointed by the Committee for doing ministerial work.

38. The Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Asstt. Secretary shall have powers to sue in his name and generally to represent the Sansthan in all proceedings, suits, and prosecutions in which the Sansthan is interested, provided, however, that the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Asstt.

Secretary, must first obtain the sanction of the Committee, if necessary by a circular, before taking any steps in that behalf intended to be taken, and act in accordance with any instructions special or general which the Committee may from time to time issue in that behalf.

39. The Hon. Secretary shall maintain an up-to-date Register of members of the Bhakta Mandal wherein the name, classification, abode and address (making it clear whether domiciled and residing in the Province of Bombay or not) of each member, so far as can be ascertained, shall be entered.

40. The Hon. Secretary shall also enter the date of admission of members in such Register. This date shall be regarded as the final date for the purpose of enabling the members to vote, or be voted for, at an election or to exercise any right as a member.

41. The Register shall be closed for further entries three calendar months before the holding of the Annual Bhakta Mandal Meeting every year. The Register so prepared shall be conclusive evidence of the rights of members entitled to vote, or be voted for, during the elections, and also at the Bhatka Mandal Meeting.

HON. TREASURER & HON. ASSTT. TREASURER.

42. As mentioned in the Scheme, there shall

be one Hon. Treasurer and one Hon. Asstt. Treasurer, who shall ordinarily hold office for three years or until the next General election, or until relieved of duties or forced to resign by a resolution of the Sansthan Committee.

43. If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of the Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Asstt. Tresurer the Committee shall have power to fill up the same, and the person or persons so appointed shall hold office until the next general election or until relieved of duties or forced to resign by a resolution of the Sansthan Committee.

44. The Hon. Treasurer shall be under the orders of the Committee, and shall demand and recover all subscriptions and all moneys due to the Sansthan, keep an account of all recoveries and expenses, and make investments as directed by the Committee. He shall prepare a statement of accounts and a balance sheet [वार्षिक जमाखर्चाचा तक्ता], and get these duly audited by the Hon. Auditor or Auditors of the Sansthan at the end of every year, and submit these in time to the Committee, for being placed before the Annual Meeting of the Bhakta Mandal.

45. The Hon. Treasurer shall make payments sanctioned by the Committee, or on requisition of

the Hon. Secretaries to meet the working and contigent expenses of the Sansthan, provided however, that the Hon. Secretaries shall not be entitled to make any such requisition for payment of a sum exceeding Rs. 250/-- in one month, and all such payments shall be reported by the Hon. Treasurer to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

46. The Hon. Treasurer shall be incharge of all vouchers, Ledgers, and all publications by the Sansthan, and shall maintain all the accounts and keep the same posted up-to-date. He shall also maintain an up-to-date register of all contributors to the Sansthan with their names and addresses.

47. The Hon. Treasurer shall open an account in the Imperial Bank of India in the name of the Sansthan, to be operated upon by any two of the Trustees jointly or by one of the Trustees and Hony. Treasurer jointly or order, and deposit therein all amounts over and above Rs. 250/--

48. The Hon. Treasurer shall lodge for safe custody the securities already existing, and which hereafter may be added to the Sansthan property, in the Imperial Bank of India in the names of all the Trustees. These securities will be subject to negotiations or variations in other securities only under the orders of the Committee, but only

the interest accruing therefrom may be used for the use of the Sansthan and for carrying out the objects of the sansthan.

49. The Hon. Treasurer shall not pay any bills without the previous sanction of the Committee, unless such bills refer to usual recurring monthly expenses to be incurred for the Sansthan.

THE HON. AUDITOR.

50. There shall be an Hon. Auditor or Auditors elected by the Committee. He or they shall hold office until the next election. Any vacancy occurring in his office will be filled up by the Committee. Only a certified auditor or auditors shall be elected.

51. The Hon. Auditor or Auditors shall, for the prupose of auditing the accounts, have access to all the account books at the Hon. Treasurer's Office.

52. The Hon. Auditor or Auditors shall audit every year all the accounts, and submit his or their report certifying whether in his or their opinion the statement of accounts put up exhibits a true and correct view of the financial state of the Sansthan. The Committee may, by a special resolution, resolve to pay the auditor or auditors an honorarium, should the auditor or auditors desire to be so paid.

DONATION

53. It shall be absolutely at the discretion of the Sansthan Committee to accept or reject any donation or donations from Bhaktas. Nevertheless it shall not be competent for the Committee to accept birds, animals or any other pet animals or any property or properties with defective title or any incumbrance.

GENERAL MEETINGS

54. An ordinary General Meeting of the Bhakta Mandal shall ordinarily be held during the Ramnavami Utsav or thereafter, every year at such time and place as may be determined by the Committee. At such meeting, the business to be transacted shall be the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting, and the statement of accounts duly audited for the year ending 31st December, and the declaration of the result of the Triennial elections, when so held, as hereinbefore provided, and other business, may also be transacted at such a meeting with the permission of the presiding Chairman, which does not involve any additions to or changes in the Rules of the Sansthan.

PROCEEDINGS AT BHAKTA MANDAL MEETINGS.

55. Eight days notice at least, specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting, and in case of special business, the general nature

of such special business shall be given to the members of the Mandal, but the non-receipt of such notice, by any member, shall not invalidate the proceedings at any Bhakta Mandal Meeting.

56. No business shall be transacted at any Bhakta Mandal Meeting unless there be present at the opening of the Meeting, at least 10 members from amongst those whose names appear in the Register except in case where a Special General Meeting is held for the purpose of passing a Resolution as a "Special Resolution", when the number of members present must be not less than 12 throughout the meeting.

57. The said required numbers shall constitute a quorum for such Bhakta Mandal Meetings.

58. If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum of members is not present, the meeting, if convened upon a requisition of members shall be dissolved, and in any other case, it shall stand adjourned to a day a fortnight later and an hour, to be fixed by the Committee, notice of which shall be given to the members; and if, at such adjourned meeting a quorum of members is not present, the business notified to be transacted at the meeting, may be transacted by such members as may be present in person.

59. The President of the Committee shall preside at such meeting. If he is absent, members present shall appoint one from amongst themselves to be the President, and the member so appointed shall act at such meeting as President of the meeting.

60. The President may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time but at such adjourned meetings, only the business left unfinished shall be transacted and no quorum will be necessary.

61. Subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, relating to a Special Resolution as per Rule 10, all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present in person, and in case of equal division, the President shall have a casting vote. All such decisions shall be binding on the members.

62. Unless a Poll is demanded, before the declaration of the decision by the President, by at least five members, a declaration by the President that a Resolution is carried or defeated shall be taken as final or conclusive.If a Poll is demanded in manner aforesaid, the same shall be taken, in such manner as the President directs, and the result of such Poll when declared by the President shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting of the "Mandal."

63. Every member whose name is registered as aforesaid shall be qualified to vote in person and each member shall have one vote. No person shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

GENERAL

64. Any member of the Committee present at Shirdi or failing him the Sansthan clerk at Shirdi may consistent with rule 65 below, permit any Sai Bhakta in writing to perform any religious rites or ceremonies at or on the Sansthan property but not for more than 8 days. Any temporary structure erected on the Sansthan property for that purpose or in that connection shall be dismantled on the 8 th day of the issue of the said permission and the articles brought into use for erecting such structure shall forthwith be removed by the person in whose name the permission is issued. Such permission shall not be issued or shall not hold good, if issued during any of the Utsava ceremonies.

65. No pilgrim or visitor to Shirdi shall be permitted to make even temporary use of any of the Sansthan property for the purpose of residence &c except with the permission of an office holder. or office-bearer, and for more than a fortnight except with the permission of the Committee.

66. It shall not be competent for the Committee to build or cause to be built or erected any temple, either at the cost of the Sansthan or at the desire of a Bhakta, dedicated to any deity, whatsoever except that of Shri Sai Baba.

67. In no case whatever shall any contribution, donation or any kind of valuable property either moveable or immoveable, once given to the Sansthan be refunded to, or be reclaimable by the Contributor, or doner or any of their heirs, executors administrators or assigns.

Form A

Date.....194 .

To,

The Hon. Secretary,
Shirdi Sansthan of Shri Sai Baba

Sir,

I am desirous of being a { Patron / Life Member / Ordinary Member } of the Bhakta Mandal of Shirdi Sansthan, of Shri Sai Baba and I request you to kindly place this my application before the Committee for acceptance.

I have read the rules of the said Sansthan and shall abide by them.

Name in full:- .....

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Address and Occupation } .....

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Domiciled in the Province of ... ...

Yours faithfully,