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## FOREWORD

It is widely acknowledged that The Asiatic Society is unique in many ways, being the oldest learned institution in Modern India which made the single most important contributions to the revival of Indian spirit that lay behind the Indian Renaissance. The Society had a rather quiet and humble beginning in 1784 with the magnificent dream of an outstanding man from Oxford, Sir William Jones who was a poet, a linguist, an orientalist *par excellence* and above all a noble Englishman according to Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, a legendary educationist, reformist and one of the pioneers of 19th century renaissance. In spite of being a Persian and Arabic scholar after arriving Calcutta, Sir William Jones also became deeply absorbed in Sanskrit studies. He learned Sanskrit from Pandit Ramlochan Kavibhusan of Howrah District.

Sir William Jones' "Asian Dream" was to include "Man and Nature, whatever is performed by the one or produced by the other within the geographical limits of Asia". The Governor-General, Warren Hastings consented to become its Patron and Sir William Jones became its first President. The name of the Society, underwent various changes during the last two centuries, such as the Asiatick Society of Bengal (1832-1935), the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal (1936-1951) and reverted to The Asiatic Society in July 1952.

The revered founder Sir William Jones recommended during his first discourse delivered on 15 February 1784 that at the infancy of the Society there should not be any formal rule for guiding the activities of the Society. Accordingly, in the above discourse as against framing formal rules, some guidelines for the Asiatic Society were adopted unanimously in conformity with the Asian dream of the founder.

This continued till the enactment of the WBSR Act (Act XXVI of 1961) and repeal of the Regulations Act XXI of 1860, under which the Society was registered. It was stipulated in the new Act that the Rules and Regulations of the Society should be altered so as to bring them in conformity with the provisions laid down there in the new enactment. It was also found that there were some lacuna in the then existing rules and regulations which need modification for the satisfactory working of the Society.

A Rules Revision Committee was, therefore, appointed at the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Society held on 6 May 1968. The Committee's recommendations were considered and adopted at the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Society held on 15 May 1972. A revised Memorandum of Association as required under the new Act was also adopted at the said meeting.

In recognition of the Society's historic importance and its immense contributions in all fields of arts and sciences, the Government of India recognised the Asiatic Society as an Institution of National Importance by an Act of Parliament on its Bi-centenary Year (1984), ensuring its autonomy and academic freedom.

Just prior to the declaration of the Society as an Institution of National Importance on the basis of a proposal of the Council of the Asiatic Society in 1983, at the instance of the Government of India, 24 amendments were made in the Regulations of the Asiatic Society for the purpose of streamlining the financial affair of the Society which was unanimously accepted by the Council in its meeting held on 7 April 1983 and by the General Members in its meeting held on 29-8-83.

While inaugurating the Bi-centenary celebration of the Society in January 1984 the then Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi had announced Government's intention to declare the Asiatic Society as an Institution of National Importance while maintaining its autonomy and said :

"As you know, the Central Government is giving it large grants, if we had more funds ourselves, we would help it more. But this grant does not in any way affect its autonomy ; we do not want to interfere with its functions or with its programmes."

While reiterating the Prime Minister's assurance, the then Education Minister Mrs Shiela Kaul announced in the Parliament in March 1984 that :

"...the autonomy of the Society has been fully preserved by retaining the present Memorandum and Regulations of the Society. The Council of the Society would continue to be incharge of administration, direction and management of the affairs of the Society".

In the said speech Mrs Kaul further said :

"Here, I would like to record appreciation of the work done by the Council under its competent and public spirited office bearers in the year 1983".

Following that, the Asiatic Society Act 1984 (Act 5 of 84) came into force on 25 June 1984. As per section 3(c) of the said Act the "regulation included" any rule or regulation (by whatever name called) which the Society is competent to make in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under the Society's Registration Act, 1961.

Accordingly on the strength of the then Education Minister's announcement in the Parliament (incorporated in the Parliament proceedings) and the Asiatic Society Act, the Society still retains its unique character of a membership Society(Registered) inspite of being an Institution of National Importance.

Another amendment was made on 4th November, 1985, changing the date of holding of the Annual General Meeting from 1st Monday of February to 1st Monday of May in order to make it consistent with the change in the financial year from

January to December to April to March consequent upon declaration of the Society as an Institution of National Importance.

It is in this context the relevant Rules and Regulations governing the functioning of the Society including the Asiatic Society Act, 1984, the Memorandum of Association and Regulations (including Bye-Laws) are being put together in the present publication to enable all including the Government, Members and those who are interested in the Society to understand the *modus operandi* of the functioning of the Society.

I hope this will be of immense help and will fulfil a wanting desire.

23rd March, 1993

Chandan Roy Chaudhuri  
*General Secretary*

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The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the  
President on the 23rd March, 1984, and is published for general  
information :—

**THE ASIATIC SOCIETY ACT, 1984  
No. 5 OF 1984**

[23rd March, 1984]

An Act to declare the institution known as the Asiatic Society  
having at present its registered office in Calcutta to be an  
institution of national importance and to provide for certain  
matters connected therewith—

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Thirty-fifth Year of the  
Republic of India as follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Asiatic  
Society Act, 1984.

Short title and  
commencement

(2) It shall come into force on such date  
as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official  
Gazette, appoint.

2. Whereas the late William Jones founded on the 15th day of January, 1784, an institution in Calcutta which is now known as the Asiatic Society and the objects of which are such as to make the institution one of national importance, it is hereby declared that the said Asiatic Society is an institution of national importance.

Definitions 3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "memorandum" means the memorandum of association of the Society ;

(b) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act ;

(c) "regulations" includes any rule or regulation (by whatever name called) which the Society is competent to make in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, but shall not include any bye-laws or standing orders made under the regulation for the conduct of its day-to-day administration ;

(d) "Society" means the Asiatic Society being a society within the meaning of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, and having its registered office in Calcutta.

4. For the purpose of enabling the Society to discharge efficiently its functions, including in particular those relating to research, literary, library, scientific and museological activities, collection of manuscripts, coins and art objects, and the publication of periodicals, books and other literature, the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by Parliament by law in this behalf, pay to the Society in each financial year such sums of money as that Government considers necessary by way of grants, loans or otherwise.

Grants, loans, etc., by Central Government to Society

5. (1) The Society shall maintain proper accounts and other relevant records and prepare an annual statement of accounts including the balance sheet in such form as may be approved by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(2) The accounts of the Society shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any expenditure incurred by him in connection with such audit shall be payable by the Society to the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

(3) The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India and any person appointed by him in connection with the audit of the accounts of the Society shall have the same rights, privileges and authority in connection with such audit as the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India has in connection with the audit of the Government accounts, and, in particular, shall have the right to demand the production of books, accounts, connected vouchers and other documents and papers and to inspect the office of the Society.

(4) The accounts of the Society as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India or any person appointed by him in this behalf together with the audit report thereof shall be forwarded annually to the Central Government and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before each House of Parliament.

6. The Society shall furnish to the Central Government, at such time each year as may be directed, its annual report giving full account of its activities, policies and programmes during the previous year and that Government shall cause the same to be laid before each House of Parliament.

7. The Society shall not, except with the previous approval of the Central Government,—

(a) alter, extend or abridge any of the purposes for which it has been established or for which it is being used immediately before the commencement of this Act, or amalgamate

Prior approval of Central Government necessary for certain action by Society.

itself either wholly or partially with any other institution or society ; or

(b) alter or amend in any manner the memorandum or regulations ; or

(c) sell or otherwise dispose of any property acquired by the Society with money specifically provided for such acquisition by the Central Government :

Provided that no such approval shall be necessary in the case of any such movable property or class of movable property as may be specified by the Central Government in this behalf by general or special order ; or

(d) be dissolved.

8. (1) For the purpose of advising it with respect to the planning and implementation of the developmental programmes of the Society and other matters concerning the Society, the Central Government <sup>Planning Board.</sup> may, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish a board to be called the Planning Board (Asiatic Society).

(2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and such other members as may be appointed by the Central Government.

(3) Subject to any rules which the Central Government may make in this behalf, the Board shall have the power to regulate its own procedure.

(4) The term of office of the procedure to be followed in the discharge of their functions by, the manner of filling casual vacancies among, the allowances, if any, payable to, and other matters concerning, the members of the Board shall be such as may be prescribed.

9. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute as many committees, as and when it considers it necessary, consisting of such number of persons as it thinks fit to appoint <sup>Committees.</sup>

thereto and assign to each such committee all or any of the following duties, namely :—

(a) the preparation and submission to the Central Government, as far as possible before the commencement of each financial year, of statements showing programmes of work agreed to be undertaken by the Society during that year for which the Central Government may provide funds as well as general financial estimates in respect of such work ;

(b) the settlement on broad lines of the programmes of such work.

(2) A committee constituted under sub-section (1) shall, in discharging its duties with respect to any matter under this section, have due regard to the advice, if any, tendered in respect of such matter under section 8 by the Board to the Central Government.

(3) Where the Society does not agree to undertake any work suggested by any committee referred to in sub-section (1), it shall give to the Central Government its reasons for not so agreeing.

(4) The procedure to be followed by a committee constituted under sub-section (1) in the discharge of its functions, the allowances, if any, payable to the members of such committee and other matters relating to such committee shall be such as may be prescribed.

10. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Committee consisting of such number of persons as it thinks fit to appoint thereto for the purpose of—

(a) reviewing the work done by the Society and the progress made by it ;

(b) inspecting its buildings, equipment and other assets ;

(c) evaluating the work done by the Society ; and

(d) advising Government generally on any matter which in

the opinion of the Central Government is of importance in connection with the work of the Society ;  
and the committee shall submit its report thereon in such manner as the Central Government may direct.

(2) The procedure to be followed by, the allowances, if any, payable to, the members of the Committee and other matters concerning the Committee shall be such as may be prescribed.

(3) The Committee shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) and of any rules which the Central Government may make in this behalf, have power to regulate its own procedure.

(4) Notice shall be given in every case to the Society of the intention to cause a review, inspection or evaluation to be made and the Society shall be entitled to appoint a representative, who shall have the right to be present and be heard at such review, inspection or evaluation.

(5) The Central Government may address the President of the Society with reference to the result of such review, inspection or evaluation as disclosed in any report of the Committee referred to in sub-section (1), and the President shall communicate to the Central Government the action, if any, taken thereon.

(6) When the Central Government has, in pursuance of sub-section (5), addressed the President of the Society in connection with any matter, and the President does not within a reasonable time take action to the satisfaction of the Central Government in respect thereof, the Central Government may, after considering any explanations furnished or representations made on behalf of the Society, issue such directions as it considers necessary in respect of any of the matters dealt with in the report.

11. The Society shall be bound to afford all necessary facilities to the Board constituted under section 8 and to every committee constituted under section 9 or section 10 for the purpose of enabling them to carry out their duties.

Society to afford facilities to Committees.

12. (1) The Central Government may, if it is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in the public interest, issue, for reasons to be recorded and communicated to the Society, such directions as it thinks fit to the Society, and such directions may include directions requiring the Society—

Power to issue directions to Society.

(a) to amend the memorandum or to make or amend any regulation within such period as may be specified in the directions ;

(b) to give priorities to the work undertaken or to be undertaken by the Society in such manner as the Central Government may think fit to specify in this behalf.

(2) Any directions issued under the section shall have effect, notwithstanding anything contained in any law for the time being in force or in the memorandum or regulations of the Society.

13. (1) If, in the opinion of the Central Government,—

(i) the Society without just or reasonable cause has made default in giving effect to any direction issued under sub-section (6) of section 10 or section 12 ; or

Power of Central Government to assume functions of control.

(ii) the Council of the Society has exceeded or abused powers in relation to the Society or any part thereof ;

the Central Government may, by written order, direct the Society within a period to be specified in the order to show cause to the satisfaction of the Central Government against the making of any appointment referred to in sub-section (2).

(2) If, within the period fixed by any order issued under sub-section (1), cause is not shown to the satisfaction of the Central Government, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette and stating the reasons therefor, appoint one or more persons to take over the management of the Society or of any of the activities of the

Society for such period not exceeding two years as may be specified in the order.

(3) During the period specified in the order issued under sub-section (2),—

(a) where the order provides for any person or persons taking over the management of the Society—

(i) all persons holding office as Members of the Council, including the President, shall be deemed to have vacated their offices as such ;

(ii) the person or persons appointed under sub-section (2) to take over the management of the Society shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the President or Council of the Society, whether at a meeting or otherwise, in respect of the Society ;

(b) where the order provides for any person or persons taking over the management of any activities of the Society, the person or persons so appointed shall alone be entitled to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the President or Council in relation to those activities.

14. The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in the memorandum or regulations or the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 or any other law for the time being in force.

15. (1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules to carry out the provisions of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely :—

(i) matters with respect to the procedure to be followed by the Board under sub-section (3) of section 8 ;

(ii) the term of office of, the procedure to be followed in the discharge of their functions by, the manner of filling casual vacancies among, the allowances, if any, payable to, and other matters concerning, the members of the Board under sub-section (4) of section 8 ;

(iii) the procedure to be followed by a committee in the discharge of its functions, the allowances, if any, payable to the members of the committee and other matters relating to the committee under sub-section (4) of section 9 ;

(iv) the procedure to be followed by, the allowances, if any, payable to, the members of the Committee and other matters concerning the Committee under sub-section (2) of section 10 ;

(v) any other matter which is required to be or in respect of which rules may be made under this Act.

(3) Every rule made by the Central Government under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before each House of Parliament, while it is in session, for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two or more successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session immediately following the session or the successive sessions aforesaid, both Houses agree in making any modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be ; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

R. V. S. PERI SASTRI,  
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

# THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

(Founded : 15th January, 1784)

## THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. *The name of the Society*—The name of the Society shall be The Asiatic Society.
2. *The address of the Registered Office of the Society*—The address of the Registered Office of the Society shall be : 1, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
3. *The objects of the Society*—The objects of the Society shall be—
  - (a) To organise, initiate and promote researches in humanities and sciences in Asia, so that in the words of Sir William Jones, the founder of the Society, "the bounds of its investigations will be the geographical limits of Asia, and within these limits its enquiries will be extended to whatever is performed by Man, or produced by Nature";
  - (b) To establish, build, erect, construct, maintain and run research institutions, reading rooms, museums, art galleries, auditoriums and lecture halls;
  - (c) To organise lectures, seminars, symposia, discussion meetings and award of medals, prizes and scholarships in furtherance of the objects of the Society;
  - (d) To accept monies, securities, and properties, whether moveable or immoveable, which may from time to time be made over to the Society by any person or persons, firm, corporation or company or government for the purpose of the Society;
  - (e) To acquire, finance or publish any periodicals, books or other literature that the Society may think fit for the promotion of its objects;

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- (f) To create endowments or Trust Funds for the promotion of the objects of the Society;
  - (g) To invest monies belonging to the Society in securities or fixed deposits through the State Bank of India and/or any Nationalised Bank for the time being and from time to time to dispose of the same and reinvest the proceeds in similar securities or fixed deposits or utilising the same for the purpose of the Society;
  - (h) To undertake, generally, all other activities as are incidental or conducive to the above objects or any of them.
  - (i) To borrow, receive advance and financial assistance against securities or without it from Government, Nationalised Banks, Life Insurance Corporation or other Public Financing bodies or institutions for implementing the aforesaid objects or any one or more of them.
4. The names of the present Members of the Council which acts as the Governing Body of the Society are as follows :

## NAMES OF OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

### *President*

Prof. Manindra Mohan Chakraborty

### *Vice-Presidents*

Prof. Kalyan Kumar Ganguli      Dr. P. K. Bose

Prof. Sushil Kumar Mukherjee      Dr. M. K. Das Gupta

### *General Secretary*

Dr. Chandan Roy Chaudhuri

### *Treasurer*

Prof. Anil Sarkar

## THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

## Additional Secretaries

*Philological Secretary*

Dr. Satya Ranjan Banerjee

*Joint Philological Secretary*

Dr. Osman Ghani

*Physical Science Secretary*

Prof. Satyamay Mukherji

*Biological Science Secretary*

Dr. Bholanath Chakraborty

*Anthropological Secretary*

Prof. P. K. Bhowmick

*Library Secretary*

Dr. Piyus Kanti Mahapatra

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# PART I

## REGULATIONS



# THE ASIATIC SOCIETY\*

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### REGULATIONS

#### NAME AND OBJECT

(1) for Rule 1, the following shall be substituted, namely :

"1. In these Rules and Regulations, the expressions 'Rules' and 'Rules and Regulations' means Regulations as defined in Section 2, clause (i), of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 (West Bengal Act XXVI of 1961.)"

#### CONSTITUTION

2. *The Society shall consist of the following classes of Members and Fellows :*

(a) **Ordinary Members**

(b) *Associate Members, the number of whom shall be limited to fifteen and who shall be persons well known for their literary or scientific attainments, but who are not likely to become Ordinary Members.*

*They shall be elected for a term of 5 years but shall be eligible for re-election.*

(c) **Institutional Members**

*scientific or educational institutions, associations whether public, private, official or non-official, as may be admitted to such membership by the Council ;*

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\*Formerly known as the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal since 1936. The present change in name was approved on 5th February, 1951 and came into force with effect from 1st July, 1951.

(d) *Fellows<sup>1</sup>, the number of whom shall not exceed seventy-five at any one time and not more than five of whom shall be elected in any year in the prescribed manner from amongst such Ordinary Members as have distinguished themselves by attaining eminence in literary or scientific work. A Fellow shall retain all the privileges and be subject to all the obligations of an Ordinary Member. A Fellow shall be entitled to add the initials F.A.S.<sup>2</sup> after his name.*

(e) *Honorary Fellows<sup>3</sup>, the number of whom shall not exceed twenty at any one time, and who shall be elected in the prescribed manner from among such eminent scholars as have rendered to India services of outstanding merit in the fields of oriental studies or science.*

3. Any person, of whatever nationality, who is not below the age of twenty-one years, shall be eligible for the membership of the Society.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICERS

4. The administration, direction and management of the affairs of the Society shall be entrusted to a Council composed of the Officers of the Society—namely, a President, four Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Treasurer, and such Additional Secretaries as the Council may from time to time nominate in accordance with Rule 37—with as many other Ordinary Members as shall with these Officers make up a minimum total of eighteen, or a maximum of twenty-six.

Provided always that within the aforesaid number there shall be on the Council four nominees of the Government

1. First constituted 6th October, 1909. Number raised from 50 to 75 on 4th February, 1952.

2. First introduced 31st January, 1917; changed 22nd June, 1936, revised again on 4th February, 1952.

3. First constituted 6th October, 1900. Number raised from 15 to 20 on 4th February, 1952.

of India and one nominee of the Government of West Bengal who need not necessarily be the members of the Society. Each representative shall have all the privileges of a member of the Council so long as he remains a nominee of the Government of India, or as the case may be, of the Government of West Bengal. Subject to the provisions of Rule 66, there shall also be a representative of The Asiatic Society Employees' Union on the Council, who shall be a member of the Society.

Provided further that no act or proceeding of the Council shall be deemed to be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of any vacancy in the Council or of any defect or irregularity in the constitution of the Council.

Not more than one of the offices of President, Vice-Presidents or Secretaries shall be held by the same individual. The optional vacancies in the Council are intended to provide (under Rule 38) for emergent cases, such as are occasioned by the frequent temporary absence of Members or otherwise.

#### STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

4A. (1) There shall be a Standing Finance Committee of the Society to consider and advise the Council on all matters having financial implications composed of three nominees of the Government of India, one nominee of the Government of West Bengal and three nominees of the Council including General Secretary (ex-officio), Treasurer (ex-officio) and another member nominated by the Council from among its members other than Central Government/State Government nominees. The Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee shall be designated by the Central Government from among the members of the Standing Finance Committee. The Secretary of the Standing Finance Committee will not be a member of the Standing finance Committee and shall be a full time officer called the Controller who shall be appointed by the Council with the prior approval of the Central Government on such terms and conditions as the Central Government may decide.

(2) The first Standing Finance Committee would be constituted by the Council and the existing Finance Committee if any shall cease to exist as soon as this amendment comes into force. Subsequently the Standing Finance Committee shall be constituted by the Council in its first meeting held in February.

(3) Fourth members of the Standing Finance Committee including at least one nominee of Central Government will constitute a quorum.

(4) In the event of a vacancy occurring during the year by resignation or otherwise in the membership of the Standing Finance Committee, the same will be filled in accordance with the procedure referred to at (1) above provided that no act or proceedings of the Council shall be deemed to be invalid merely on the ground of the existence of any vacancy in the Standing Finance Committee or any defect or irregularity in the constitution of the Standing Finance Committee.

(5) If, for any reason, the Standing Finance Committee be not reconstituted, for the ensuing year, in the meeting held in February referred to above, the members of the Standing Finance Committee nominated during the previous year shall continue to hold office until their successors are duly nominated.

(6) The Standing Finance Committee may meet as often as necessary provided that a notice of at least 7 days shall be given. The Chairman of the Standing Finance Committee may call an Emergency Meeting of the Committee, about at least 48 hours notice to its members.

(7) Each representative shall have all privileges of a member of the Society so long as he remains a nominee of the Government of India or Government of West Bengal as the case may be.

(8) In the absence of Chairman members present may choose one among themselves to be Chairman of that meeting.

5. Candidates for Ordinary Membership shall be proposed by one, and seconded by another Ordinary Member. The name of the candidate, his proposer and second, shall be laid before a Meeting of the Council, and, if approved, shall be recommended for election by ballot at the next Monthly General Meeting of the Society. The names of candidates recommended by the Council for election shall be communicated to the Members of the Society in India, with the usual notice of the Monthly General Meeting, and in case any five Ordinary Members consider it desirable, they may demand that the name of any candidate and the names of his *Proposer and Secunder* shall be posted on a notice-board in the Society's Meeting-room until the next following General Meeting, when the candidates shall be balloted for. Any such demand for a postponement of election made under this Rule must be made in writing signed by at least five Ordinary Members, and presented at the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting before the proposed election takes place.

6. Those candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected in favour of whom not less than *two-thirds* of the Ordinary Members present at each General Meeting shall have voted.

7. Should there be no Meeting during the recess months of October and/or November, the Council shall be empowered to elect candidates for Ordinary Membership whose names may be received as candidates during the recess. Such candidates shall be balloted for at the Meeting of the Council next succeeding that at which their names and those of their proposers and seconders shall have been laid before the Council, and during the interval between the two Meetings these names shall be posted on a notice-board in the Society's Meeting-room. It shall be necessary for the due election of such candidates that not less than *two-thirds* of the Members of the Council present at the Meeting shall vote in their favour.

Such elections shall be reported and confirmed at the first General Meeting of the Society after the recess.

8. The General Secretary shall send a written announcement of their election to candidates who have been duly elected, and shall therewith send a copy of the Rules for the time being in force.

9. An admission fee of Rs. 32 shall be due on election from the person elected. If this fee be not paid within three months after receipt by such person of the notice of election, such election shall become null and void.

10. No person, although duly elected according to the foregoing Rules, shall be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges of Membership, nor shall his name be entered in the list of Members, until he has paid his admission fee and first quarterly subscription.

11. The payment of such admission fee and first quarterly subscription shall be the commencement of effective Membership and shall be equivalent to the expression of a direct acquiescence in all Rules and Regulations of the Society then in existence, and of an undertaking to be bound by them and by such as may thereafter be passed, as hereinafter provided.

12. The preceding three Rules shall be written or printed on the letter of announcement of election sent to Members by the General Secretary under Rule 8.

13. Honorary Fellows and Associate Members shall be proposed to a Monthly General Meeting by the Council, who shall, at the same time, state the grounds on which the recommended election is proper or desirable. The persons so proposed by the Council shall be balloted for at the next Monthly General Meeting of the Society, and during the interval, their names shall be posted on a notice-board in the Society's Meeting-room. It shall be necessary that *three-fourths* of the Ordinary Members present at the Meeting where such

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election takes place, as aforesaid, vote in favour of the candidate.

14. (1) Any applicant for Institutional Membership shall, when applying for such membership, give an undertaking that the Institution concerned will not purchase any of the Society's publications for purposes of trade, and that it will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Asiatic Society.

(2) The Council may, in its discretion, terminate the membership of any Institutional Member.

15. Any applicant for Institutional Membership shall, on admission, pay an entrance fee of Rs. 50, and if such fee be not paid within three months after receipt by such applicant of the notice of admission, such admission shall become null and void.

Entrance fees of  
Institutional  
members.

### PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

16. Ordinary Members shall be entitled to the following Privileges of rights and privileges :—

- (a) To be present and vote at all General Meetings.
- (b) To propose and second candidates for Ordinary Membership.
- (c) To introduce visitors at the Monthly General Meetings after the conclusion of the business specified in clauses (a) to (g) inclusive of Rule 47 and to the grounds and public rooms of the Society during the hours they are open to members.
- (d) To have personal access to the Library and other public-rooms of the Society, and to examine its collections in accordance with the by-laws in force for the time being.

(e) To take out books, plates, drawings, and manuscripts from the Library, subject to such restrictive By-Laws in the case of rare and valuable books, manuscripts, etc., and to such by-laws for the use and general management of the Library as may be prescribed by the Council under Rule 41, Clause (a).

(f) To receive *gratis*, copies of the numbers of the *Journal* (Letters or Science or both) and *Year Book* of the Society published during the continuance of their Membership on signifying their assent to receive the same; and, subject to the discretion of the Council, to purchase at a reduced price, the Publications of the Society for *bona-fide* personal use.

(g) To fill any office in the Society on being duly elected thereto, subject, however, to the provisions of Rule 66.

17. Honorary Fellows and Associate Members shall be entitled to the privileges contained in Clauses (a), (c) to (f) of the preceding Rule and to serve on any Committee appointed by the Council, save that they shall not be entitled to vote except on such Committee.

Provided that Honorary Fellows who at the time of their election have been Ordinary Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Ordinary Members under the preceding Rule.

18. An Institutional Member shall be entitled to receive one copy of all numbers of the *Journal* and *Year Book* published during the period of its Membership, and to purchase for its own use one copy of each of the other publications of the Society at the prices obtaining for Ordinary Members, and it shall be entitled to send one representative to attend all meetings of the Society with power of voting but he shall not be entitled to hold any office.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS OF MEMBERS

19. The subscription of all Ordinary Members shall be Rs. 12.50p. per quarter\*.

Provided that subscriptions shall not become due from Ordinary Members during any period exceeding four quarters for which they are absent from India, subject, however, to the condition that such Members do not claim during such period, all or any of the privileges of Ordinary Members under Rule 16;

*Explanation*—For purposes of calculation of the subscriptions which shall not become due under this proviso, only complete quarters during such period of absence shall be taken into account, fractions of a quarter being ignored.

20. Subscriptions shall be due in advance on the first day of each quarter of the Academic year and/or Financial year.

21. The full subscription of the quarter in which a person is elected a Member, shall be due from him on election, unless such election takes place during the last month of the quarter, in which case no subscription shall be due in respect of such quarter.

22. No Member, whose subscription is in arrears for four successive quarters, shall be permitted to enjoy the rights, or exercise the privileges of a Member until he shall have paid up all arrears due from him.

\*Prior to 1952 the rate of subscription was Rs. 9/- per quarter for resident members and Rs. 6/- per quarter for non-resident members and Rs. 16/- per year for foreign members. The different classifications of Ordinary Members were abolished when the new rules came into operation from April 1952.

23. An Institutional Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 60/- which shall be payable in advance on the 1st day of April in each year. An Institutional Member admitted to membership after the 30th day of September in any year shall, in respect of the remainder of that year pay half the annual subscription.

24. No admission fees or subscriptions shall be due from Honorary Fellows and Associate Members. Honorary Fellows and Associate Members free from Payment.

25. Any Ordinary Member of the Society may, after he shall have paid his entrance fee, compound for the payment of all future subscriptions as a Member, by paying a single sum of Rs. 500/-.

26. Any Ordinary Member already belonging to the Society may at any time compound for his future subscriptions by the payment of the above compounding fee, less Rs. 20/- for each full annual subscription of not less than Rs. 40/- he may already have paid. Provided always that under no circumstances shall the composition fee be reduced below Rs. 200/-.

#### CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

27. Any Member may withdraw from the Society by signifying his wish to do so, by letter addressed to the General Secretary.

28. A letter of withdrawal may be cancelled, at the request of the sender, within six months of its receipt by the General Secretary, on payment of all sums for which the Member would have been liable had his Membership not been interrupted, and he shall thereupon recover all rights of Membership, without the formality of a re-election.

29. Any Member who shall cease to be a Member of the Society, either by voluntary withdrawal or by forfeiture of his Membership, under Rules 27, 31 and 32, shall continue liable to the payment of the quarterly subscription until he shall have discharged all sums due by him to the Society, and shall have returned all books or other property, (if any), borrowed by him from the Society, or shall have made full compensation for the same if lost, injured, or not forthcoming.

30. Members who have withdrawn from the Society shall be eligible for re-election and, if re-elected, only half the usual admission fee shall be due from them.

31. When any Ordinary Member shall have omitted to pay the subscription of eight successive quarters, the Council shall cause a registered letter to be sent to him, directed to his last known address, informing him of the amount of the same due by him and that, unless they are paid within three months from the receipt of such letter, his name will be struck off the list of Members as provided in the next Rule.

32. If he omits to pay the amount within the time so limited his name shall be announced and suspended as a defaulter at any Monthly General Meeting, and unless the amount be paid in the meantime, shall remain so suspended within the Society's Building till the next Monthly General Meeting when the Chairman shall declare such Member to be removed from the Society for non-payment. The fact shall be notified in the *Year Book* of the Society.

33. A person who has ceased to be a Member under the operation of Rules 31 and 32 may be again made a Member by a resolution of a Monthly General Meeting, on payment of all arrears and such further subscriptions as he would have been chargeable with under these Rules if his Membership had continued; but he shall not be eligible for fresh election under Rule 5.

34. If any Member of the Society shall wilfully disobey Rules and Regulations of the Society or the orders of the Council or shall commit wilful breach of order at any of the General Meetings, or, having unwittingly committed, shall persist in any disobedience or breach of order, after being admonished by the President, or if for any other reasons it shall appear to the Council that the name of a Member should not remain on the rolls, the name of the Member shall be liable to be removed from the Society. Whenever there shall appear cause, as aforesaid, for the removal of a Member from the Society, if a majority of the Council shall, after due deliberation, determine, by ballot, to propose to the Society the removal of the said Member, the President shall at any Monthly General Meeting of the Society, announce from the Chair such determination of the Council; and at the Meeting next after that at which the said announcement has been made, the proposition shall be submitted to ballot. If *three-fourths* of the Members present, and voting at such Monthly General Meeting, vote for the removal of such Member, he shall be removed from the Society.

35. Members removed under the operation of Rule 34 shall not be eligible for re-election until the expiration of one year from the date of such removal.

35A. (1) There shall be a Register of Members in which the following particulars shall be entered, namely:

- (a) the name and address of each Member;
- (b) the date on which the Member was admitted;
- (c) the date on which the Member ceased to be such.

(2) The entries in the Register shall be made within fifteen days of the admission of a Member or, as the case may be, cessation of his Membership.

### COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

36. The election of Officers and other Members of the Council shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

37. The Council shall prepare a list of the names of those persons whom it recommends to be elected as President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer, Additional Secretaries, and other Members of the Council for the ensuing year, and before the first of April, such lists shall be printed, and a copy sent to each Member of the Society, and at the Annual General Meeting, voting papers bearing the same list of names but with a blank column for such substitution as any Member may wish to make, shall be supplied to the Members present.

The manner of election shall be as follows:

- (a) Two scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approbation of the majority of the Members present.
- (b) Each Member present shall deliver his voting paper unsigned, but folded and with such substitution he may wish to make into one box, and a form bearing a certificate that he has recorded his vote, into another.
- (c) The scrutineers, after counting the voting papers and certificates, shall, if they correspond in number proceed to examine the voting papers and report to the Chairman the names of those having a majority of votes for composing the Council of the Society, and these names shall be announced from the Chair.
- (d) In the case of the number of certificates being different from that of the voting papers, the election shall be null and void and a fresh election shall immediately be held.
- (e) If any voting paper contains more than the proper number of names, or include the name of a candidate

who is not eligible, it shall be void for uncertainty and shall not be regarded by the scrutineers.

- (f) If there be an equal number of votes for any two or more candidates, the scrutineers shall announce the fact, and the Chairman shall proceed to decide by lot which candidate shall have the preference.

No Member of the Society shall continuously serve on the Council for more than five consecutive years. No person shall hold the office of President consecutively for more than two years and that of General Secretary and/or Treasurer, consecutively for more than three years :

Provided always that of the Members of the Council the four who have served longest on the Council without interruption shall not be eligible for re-election, until after the lapse of one year, as Members of the Council.

*Note :* This clause and the restrictions imposed hereunder shall become effective after the constitution of the Council in 1973.

38. In the event of a vacancy occurring during the year, by resignation or otherwise, in the office of President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer, or Member, of the Council, it shall be competent to the remaining Members of the Council to fill up such vacancy, subject to the confirmation of the next subsequent Monthly General Meeting. The Council may also, for specified reasons and subject to the same confirmation, elect additional Members as occasion may require, within the sanctioned maximum number.

Any person elected to fill any such vacancy or elected as an Additional Member as aforesaid shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the prescribed term.

39. If, for any reason, the Officers and Members of the Council be not appointed for the ensuing year on the first Monday in May, the Officers and Members of the Council elected during

Filling of vacancies on the Council.

Continuation of old Council.

the previous year, shall continue to hold office until their successors shall be duly elected.

40. (1) If the President is absent from Calcutta, his powers and duties shall be exercised and performed by the senior Vice-President present in Calcutta.

(2) If the Treasurer is absent from Calcutta or is on leave, the President may designate a Member of the Council to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Treasurer.

(3) If the office of the Treasurer becomes vacant between two meetings of the Council, the President shall designate a member of the Council to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Treasurer until the next meeting of the Council.

(4) If the General Secretary is absent from Calcutta or is on leave, the President may designate a Member of the Council to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the General Secretary.

(5) If the office of the General Secretary becomes vacant between two meetings of the Council, the President shall designate a Member of the Council to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the General Secretary until the next meeting of the Council.

(6) If the General Secretary is absent from any meeting of the Society or the Council, the Chairman of the meeting may designate a Member of the Council to perform the duties of the General Secretary at that meeting.

41. The powers and duties of the Council shall be as Powers and Duties follows :—  
of the Council.

- (a) To manage the affairs of the Society, and for such purpose to make such By-Laws as may to them appear conducive to the good administration of the Society and the attainment of the object of its foundation ; provided always that such By-Laws be not inconsistent with anything contained in these



Rules, that they be reported for the information of the next Monthly General Meeting, and that they be subject to rescission or alteration by the Council, or by any General Meeting.

Without prejudice to the generality of the power hereby conferred, such By-Laws may, in particular, provide for the general management of the Library, including the imposition of penalties, in appropriate cases, for non-return of books, manuscripts, plates, micro-films, or other things taken out of the Library within the time allowed by the By-Laws subject to approval of the Central Government.

- (b) To consider, in the first instance, all communications addressed to the Society, to decide which of such communications shall be submitted to a General Meeting, and to determine the order and manner of such submission.
- (c) To superintend and direct all the publications of the Society.
- (d) To appoint as many salaried Officers, Clerks or Servants, as they may deem necessary; to define their duties, allowances, salaries, gratuities, and privileges; and to suspend or dismiss them, or dispense with their services, as occasion may require, and to report all such actions to the next General Meeting. *Provided that the appointment of any person to a post, to which there is attached a salary of, or exceeding, Rs. 150/- per mensem shall be subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting.*
- (e) To exchange for other property, or otherwise dispose of, in such a manner as may, in their opinion, best conduce to advance the objects and interests of the Society, any duplicate books, maps, specimens, as well as unserviceable furniture and sundries belonging to the Society.

- (ee) To create, mortgage, charge, or otherwise encumber immovable properties of the Society for any loan to be borrowed for any of the objects specified in clause 3(b) of the Memorandum of Association.

Provided always that no such charge or encumbrance shall be valid unless it is supported by the votes of at least *two-thirds* of members present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting and unless it is approved by the Central Government.

- (f) To prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting a report on the general concerns of the Society. Such report shall include the activities of the Society and the progress of the Library. The report shall also include an abstract of the proceedings of the Council during the year. The report as considered by Annual General Meeting shall be submitted every year to Central Govt. as early as possible.
- (ff) To prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting the Balance Sheet, the Audited accounts and the Auditor's report with the observations of the Standing Finance Committee and of the Council thereon, if any.  
  
The Balance Sheet, the Audited accounts and the Auditor's report with the observations of the Standing Finance Committee and of the Council thereon shall be submitted every year to the Central Government as early as possible.
- (fff) To prepare on the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee and submit to the Annual General Meeting the estimated income and expenditure of the succeeding year.
- (ffff) To prepare on the recommendation of the Standing Finance Committee and submit to the General Meeting supplementary budget provisions, if any, be found necessary during a financial year.

- (g) In conformity with the provisions of the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961 (West Bengal Act XXVI of 1961), under which the Society is deemed to have been registered, the Council shall be empowered, subject to the sanction of an Ordinary General Meeting, to take legal proceedings under the Act for the recovery of any sums due from a Member on account of subscription, books, manuscripts, or any other property of the Society, in case any Member, after receiving due notice of his liabilities shall refuse or fail to discharge them. It shall further be competent for the Council to institute, in conformity with the provisions of the said Act, any suit or other proceedings in any Court of civil criminal or revenue jurisdiction for the protection or enforcement of the rights and interests of the Society or the recovery of money or other property due to the Society.
- (h) To arrange for the establishment of reciprocal relations between the Society and other learned bodies in India and elsewhere.
- (i) To constitute and control such administrative and specialised Committees, other than Standing Finance Committee as may be required to facilitate the work of the Society.
- 41A. Powers and Duties of the Standing Finance Committee.
- (1) The powers and duties of the Standing Finance Committee shall be as follows :—
- (a) Subject to Regulation 59, to approve the budget of the Society every year ;
- (b) Subject to Regulation 59, to consider the Audited accounts of the Society and to make such suggestions as may be necessary to improve the financial condition of the Society ;

- (c) To consider and make recommendations about creation of new posts ;
- (d) To consider and make recommendations about any modifications in terms and conditions of service of salaried officers, clerks or servants of the Society having financial implications, namely pay scales; allowances etc. ;
- (e) To consider and make recommendations about any matters relating to disposition of assets and liabilities of the Society ;
- (f) To consider and make recommendations with respect to any other financial matter or matters relating to Society including proposals for alteration or rescission of Bye-Laws and Regulation.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Regulations, no matter having financial implications will be considered by the Council unless it is considered and recommendations made by the Standing Finance Committee.
- (3) In case the Council for any reason is not in a position to agree with the advice of the Standing Finance Committee in any matter, the Council shall refer the same to the Central Government and act in accordance with the directions of the Central Government.

42. The powers and duties of the President shall be as follows :—

Powers and  
Duties of the  
President.

- (a) To preside over all Meetings of the Society and of the Council, and to regulate the proceedings at such Meetings.
- (b) To ensure due effect being given to these Rules, and to the By-Laws made by the Council under Rule 41, Clause (a).
- (c) To be *ex-officio* Member of all Committees appointed by the Council other than the Standing Finance Committee.

43. The duties of the General Secretary shall be as follows :—  
Duties of the General Secretary.

- (a) To conduct correspondence of the Society and to sign letters and papers emanating from the Society.
- (b) To attend the Meetings of the Society and of the Council, to keep a record of the proceedings of such Meetings during their progress; and, at the commencement of every such Meeting, to read out the minutes of the previous Meeting unless they are taken as read with the consent of the Chairman.
- (c) At the Monthly General Meeting, to announce the presents made to the Society since their last Meeting; to read the names of candidates for Membership, the original papers, or extracts thereof and such other communications as may be directed to be placed before the meeting by the Council.
- (d) To prepare for submission to the Annual General Meeting a list of Members, corrected to the close of the previous year.
- (e) To enter or cause to be entered, in the Minute Books, all the proceedings of the Society and of the Council before the following Meeting, and to see that all letters and papers and documents of every kind connected with the business of the Society are properly filed and preserved.
- (f) To edit all publications for which no special editor is appointed.
- (g) To exercise general supervision over the employees and affairs of the Society, and to assist in carrying out these Rules, and By-Laws, and Orders made by the Council and the General Meeting, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the Council or the Standing Finance Committee or may be assigned by the President.

- (h) To be *ex-officio* Member of all Committees appointed by the Council and of the Standing Finance Committee.

44. The Sectional Secretaries may, by mutual agreement among themselves and with the General Secretary and subject to the general control of the Council, make such allocation of their duties as they may find most convenient. The arrangements made by them and any alterations in the same, shall be communicated to the Meeting of the Council which shall take place next after such arrangement or alteration.

45. (a) The Treasurer shall receive and hold for the use of the Society, subject to Rule 59, all moneys paid to the Society; he shall disburse all sums due from the Society; and shall keep exact accounts of all such receipts and payments. Disbursements exceeding 100 Rupees shall be made only by order of the Council, or of a Committee of the Council, under signature of the Chairman of the Meeting at which the order was passed.

(b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual statement of accounts and of the annual budget and also the supplementary budget, if and when necessary, and for the presentation thereof to the Council. He shall be an *ex-officio* Member of all Committees constituted by the Council and of the Standing Finance Committee.

Provided that the Council shall, in consultation with Standing Finance Committee, delegate such powers of the Treasurer to the Controller as may be laid down.

### MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

46. General Meetings of the Society shall be of three kinds, viz. :—

- I.—Monthly General Meeting.
- II.—Annual General Meeting.
- III.—Extraordinary General Meeting.

47. Subject to any By-laws may be made by the Council Regulations regarding procedure, the following Rules shall be applicable to all General Meetings of the Society:—

- (a) Ten Ordinary Members shall constitute a *quorum* for a Monthly General Meeting and twenty for Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (b) The President or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents shall take the Chair, or, in their absence any other member of the Council. If neither the President, nor one of the Vice-Presidents, nor member of the Council be present, the Member present shall proceed to elect a Chairman.
- (c) The business of such Meeting shall be proceeded with in the order hereinafter prescribed in Rule 49 and Rule 50, clause (c): provided always that such order may be changed by the President with the consent of the majority of the Members present, or, on written notice of any such change for the transaction of an urgent item being given not less than 48 hours before the actual time of the meeting.
- (d) With the exception mentioned in Rule 47(c), notice of motion on any matter of importance shall be given at the General Meeting preceding that on which the subject is to be disposed of, in order that Members who take an interest in the question may have an opportunity of informing themselves regarding it and expressing their assent or dissent; and no motion of which notice has not been given shall be carried at the Meeting at which it is proposed, if the President, or Chairman, of the Meeting rules that it should be postponed.
- (e) All motions and amendments, except those emanating from the Council, shall require to be seconded otherwise they cannot be put. Amendments must be in writing, unless excused by the Chairman. Not more

than a single amendment to the original motion shall be laid before the Meeting at one time. When any such amendment has been negatived, or has been allowed to take the place of the original motion, other amendments involving fresh points may be proposed.

- (f) Meetings shall be thus conducted in accordance with the By-Laws framed by the Council. Notwithstanding anything contained in the by-laws, the Chairman shall have the power to terminate the discussion of a motion at any time at his discretion.
- (g) The usual method of voting shall be by show of hands, provided always that the votes on any particular subject may be taken by ballot, on a motion, to that effect duly carried; and, in the cases especially provided for by these Rules, the votes shall be so taken.
- (h) The Chairman's decision on the show of hands shall be final, unless a division be called for. Any Ordinary Member present shall be competent to call for a division.
- (i) The Chairman shall not vote with the rest of the Meeting, but when the votes for and against are equal, he shall have a casting vote.
- (j) Any Member shall have the right of recording his protest, together with the reasons for the same, against the decision of the majority upon any question, provided that such protest be forwarded in writing to the General Secretary before the next Ordinary Meeting after that at which the decision protested against was arrived at. Such protest shall be published in the *Year Book* of the Society.

48. The Society shall meet on the first Monday\* in

\*At the Monthly General Meeting held on the 8th December 1952, it was unanimously decided that the meeting under the above Rule should be held on the first working Monday of the month. That is to say, the "first Monday" was interpreted to mean as the first working Monday.

each month excepting in October and November, but Council may, if they consider it desirable, cause a meeting to be held as usual one or both of these months.

49. The order of business at such Meetings shall be Business to be transacted follows :—  
at Monthly General Meetings.

- (a) The minutes of the last Meeting shall be read by the General Secretary, and if found to be accurate and not to involve any contravention of these Rules they shall be confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman. If objected to, on the ground of incorrectness, they shall be amended on motion made and carried to this effect.
- (b) The presents made to the Society since their last Meeting shall be announced as exhibited.
- (c) The names of candidates for Membership shall be read and balloted for, as provided in Rule 5.
- (d) Notice of intended motions shall be given which shall be entered in the proceedings of the Meeting and shall be suspended in the Meeting-room till finally disposed of.
- (e) Motions, of which notice was given at the preceding Meeting, shall be disposed of save as provided in Clause (f) of this Rule, and in Clauses (c) and (d) of Rule 47, it shall be necessary to give such notice of all motions.
- (f) Matters of current business and routine shall be disposed of. If any question arises as to whether any particular question is one of current business and routine, it shall be decided by the Chairman.
- (g) Reports and communications from the Council shall be submitted for consideration.
- (gg) To consider and adopt the supplementary budget if and when deemed necessary.

- (h) Papers and communications received by the Society shall be read in the order prescribed by the Council.
- (i) The Chairman shall announce the names of new Members elected at the Meeting.
- (j) The Chairman shall have the power, when he considers that the Meeting has been unduly prolonged, to order any uncompleted business, except that provided for in (i), to stand over to the next Meeting.

50. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held under the following Regulations, and for the transaction of the following business :—

- (a) The Meeting shall be held on the first Monday of May in each year. If a *quorum* be not present on such Monday, the Meeting shall stand adjourned until the following Monday, when if there be no *quorum*, it shall be adjourned to the next following Monday, and so on, until *quorum* be present.
- (b) Notice of the Meeting, of the hour at which it is to be held, and of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given in two or more newspapers seven days at least previously.
- (c) The business to be transacted at the Meeting shall be :
  - (i) to elect the Officers and other Members of the Council for the ensuing year as provided for in Rule 37 ;
  - (ii) to hear the Annual Report prepared by the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 41, Clause (f) ;
  - (iia) to consider and adopt the Balance Sheet, the Audited accounts and the Auditor's report referred to in Rule, 59A, along with the observations of the Council thereon, if any ;
  - (iii) to transact other business of which notice has been given as provided in Clause (b) ;

- (iv) the Annual Report, the Audited accounts, Balance Sheet and the Auditor's report shall be circulated to all Members at the Meeting, and if it is inconvenient to discuss and adopt them at the Meeting, they may be discussed and adopted at the next Monthly General Meeting. A notice of any motion arising out of the Annual Report and the other papers as aforesaid may be given at the Meeting or within seven days thereafter.

51. The following Rules shall be applicable to Extraordinary Meeting— ordinary Meetings:—  
Regulations applicable to.

- (a) Such Meetings may be convened by a majority of the Council, and shall be convened by the President when called on to do so by a requisition signed by not less than ten Ordinary Members, and stating special business for which it is desirable that an Extraordinary General Meeting should be convened.
- (b) Notice of the day and hour of the Meeting, and of the special business to be transacted thereat, shall be given one month previously, in three of the newspapers of the Presidency: provided that, if the business be very urgent, it shall be competent to the Council to substitute any earlier notice than that of one month.
- (c) No other business than that included in the notice shall be transacted at such Meeting; nor shall a visitor be permitted to be present thereat.

51A. (1) Within thirty days after the holding of every Annual and other returns shall be forwarded to the Registrar.

- (a) a list of the names, addresses and occupations of the Members of the Council, the President, the General Secretary and of other Office-bearers of the Society;
- (b) an annual report prepared by the Council on the working of the Society for the previous year; and

- (c) a copy each of the Balance Sheet and the Auditor's report certified by the Auditor.

(2) The list and annual report referred to in clauses (a) and (b) of sub-rule (1) shall be certified by the President and the General Secretary.

(3) If any change occurs in the composition of the Council or in the holders of the office of the President or the General Secretary at any time for any reason, such change shall be notified to the Registrar within thirty days.

#### MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL

52. The following Regulations shall be applicable to Meetings of the Council:—

- (a) Meetings shall be held once a month at least on such dates antecedent to the Monthly General Meeting as the Members of the Council shall fix.
- (b) The President may call an Emergency Meeting, giving at least 48 hours' notice to all other Members.
- (c) Any three Members of the Council may forward a requisition to the General Secretary for convening a Special Meeting of the Council.
- (d) Five Members of which at least one shall be a nominee of the Central Government shall form a *quorum* at all meetings of the Council.
- (e) The President or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents shall take the Chair. If neither the President, nor one of the Vice-Presidents, be present within five minutes after the hour appointed for the Meeting, the Members present shall elect a Chairman.
- (f) The ordinary method of voting shall be by show of hands, but the votes shall be taken by ballot on

motion to this effect duly carried, or when these Rules provide for such method of voting.

- (g) The Chairman shall not vote with the other Members, but when the votes are equal, he shall have a casting vote.
- (h) The voting on any question, except it be one of adjournment, shall, on the demand of any Member, present, be postponed to the next ensuing Meeting, when such question shall be disposed of.
- (i) Minutes of the proceedings of every Meeting of the Council shall be taken during their progress by the General Secretary, or in the case of his absence, by some Member present whom the Chairman shall appoint for the occasion. The minutes shall afterwards be circulated to the Members present at the Meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining their correctness, and then be copied fairly in a minute book. The minutes shall be confirmed and signed by the Chairman at the next Meeting of the Council.

53. The Council may appoint any Member, or Honorary Fellow, or a representative of Institutional Members, to serve on any Committee constituted by it under Clause

(i) of Rule 41.

54. Committees shall cause minutes to be taken of their proceedings. They shall report to the Council on all matters referred to them.

55. Committees other than duties of the Standing Finance Committee shall appoint their own Chairman and Secretary. Their duties other than duties of the Standing Finance Committee, etc., in other respects may be defined by the Council who may also dissolve such Committees when they think proper.

## VOTES OF MEMBERS WHEN TO BE TAKEN BY POSTAL BALLOT

56. The votes of Members shall be taken by voting papers transmitted to them post-paid by the General Secretary, when any proposal is made in respect of disposal of any immovable property or disposal of any securities forming part of the Permanent Reserve Fund.

57. Before taking the votes of the general body of Members of the Society on any proposal coming under Rule 56 the Council shall cause to be sent to every Member at least thirty days before the General Meeting at which such proposal is to be made a printed circular in which shall be set forth the nature of the proposal and the reason for it. Objections against the proposal shall be communicated to the General Secretary by objecting Members at least fifteen days before the Meeting. A statement of objections so communicated shall be circulated with the voting papers. No objection which has not been notified under the provisions of this Rule shall be raised at the Meeting.

58. Any proposal or question referred to in Rule 56 and any objection raised thereon under Rule 57 shall be brought up at the Monthly General Meeting next after the close of one month from the issue of the ballot-papers. The Chairman shall appoint at such Meeting two scrutineers, who shall proceed to scrutinise the ballot papers and report the result to the Chairman and the Chairman shall then announce the result.

## FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

59. The accounts and vouchers of the receipts and expenditure of the Society shall be submitted, monthly and annually,

to the Standing Finance Committee and the Council for scrutiny, and the annual account shall be laid on the Library table for two weeks for inspection by Members. The Annual Statement of Accounts shall, after audit in the manner laid down in Rule 59A be printed in the *Year Book* of the Society. Separate accounts shall be kept of all funds administered by the Society.

59A. (1) The Society shall keep at his registered office Books of account and books of account in which shall be entered :—

- (a) all sums of money and the sources thereof ;
- (b) all sums of money expended by the Society and the object or purpose for which such sums are expended ; and
- (c) the assets and liabilities of the Society.

(2) The accounts shall be audited annually by a duly qualified auditor and the Balance Sheet and the report prepared by the auditor shall be placed at the Annual General Meeting.

60. Of the funds of the Society invested in Government Securities on the 15th November, 1876, Rs. 1,20,000/ together with all additions which have been, or may be, made in accordance with Rules 62 and 63 shall be considered as a Permanent Reserve Fund. *Permanent Reserve Fund* for the benefit of the Society, and it shall not be competent to the Council, or to any of the Society's Officers, or to any Committee of the Society, to sell or otherwise alienate the said Fund, or any portion of it, without first recommending the sale or alienation in question to the Society, and taking the votes of the general body of Members as provided in Rules 56 and 57, and further, such sale or alienation shall only be lawful if carried by a majority of not less than *three-fourths* of the Members who have voted subject to approval of the Central Government. And should any portion of the Permanent Fund be sold or alienated by authority of the

Members of the Society the remainder shall be preserved under this Rule in the same manner as if the sum were intact. But this Rule shall not apply to the temporary investments in Government Securities mentioned in the following Rule.

61. The remaining Funds of the Society shall be lodged in the State Bank of India and/or any other Nationalised Bank in the name of the Society. Any surplus not required for immediate expenditure shall be invested from time to time by the Treasurer in the name of the Society as a *Temporary Reserve Fund* but no Government or other Securities forming part of this Fund shall be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Treasurer or any Officer or Committee of the Society except by special order of the Council on the recommendations of the Standing Finance Committee.

62. The Council shall have the power to make, from time to time, such additions as they consider, desirable to the *Permanent Reserve Fund*, and the provisions of Rule 60 shall apply to these additions exactly as if they had formed part of the original sum.

63. All sums received as admission and as compounding fees from Members shall be regularly invested by the Treasurer as soon as possible after the receipt thereof, and only the interest accruing therefrom shall be considered available for the general expenditure of the Society. Such investments shall from, and be treated as, part of the *Permanent Reserve Fund* under Rule 60.

64. All Securities and moneys, the property of the Society, shall be lodged for safe custody in the State Bank of India.

65. Cheques drawn on the Bank for sums in excess of Rs. 500/- shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a Member of the Council.

65A. When a donation or gift of any kind for a specific purpose is accepted from any person, the donation or gift or



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any part thereof shall not be used for any other purpose without the written consent of the donor, or if the donor be dead, without the written consent of the Registrar of Societies.

65B. Every member is entitled to inspect—

- (i) the Register of Members ;
  - (ii) the accounts of the Society ;
  - (iii) the proceedings of the meetings of the Society ;
- in accordance with such procedure as may be laid down in the relevant By-laws.

## MISCELLANEOUS

66. A person appointed to any office in the Society to which a salary or emolument is attached shall not be entitled to serve as a Member of the Council or to vote at any Meeting of the Society or of any Committee constituted by the Council—but such person, if a Member of the Society, shall not, by virtue only of such appointments, be deprived of any of the other privileges of membership, provided that conveyance allowance, editing fees and publication royalties shall not be considered as emoluments under this Rule.

67. There shall be kept such record of the proceedings of the Society, of its General Meetings, of the Meetings of the Council, as shall be, from time to time, prescribed by the Council and the Standing Finance Committee. All Members shall be entitled to inspect such records on giving adequate notice to the General Secretary.

68. All important letters, notices, minutes and other documents connected with the business of the Society, shall be filed in the order of their dates, and shall be preserved.

## REGULATIONS

69. When the introduction of any new Rule, or the alteration or repeal of any existing Rule, is recommended by the Council, or proposed by thirty or more Ordinary Members, the Council shall cause to be sent to every Member of the Society entitled to vote, a statement of the proposed changes and the reasons for them, together with not less than fifteen days' clear notice, of the General Meeting at which the matter is proposed to be taken up for consideration. Provided always that no change in the Rules shall be valid unless it is supported by the votes of *three-fourths* of the Members who have voted and unless it is approved by the Central Government.

Alterations in the Regulations.

PART II  
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(I) BY-LAWS REGARDING ELECTION OF

(a) ORDINARY MEMBERS, AND (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

(a) *Election of Ordinary Members :—*

A candidate for election shall be proposed by one and seconded by another ordinary member, from personal knowledge, in the prescribed form.

On the other side of the Form Regulations 9, 10, 11, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26 shall be printed.

(b) *Associate Members :—*

A candidate for election shall be proposed by one, seconded by another member of the Council from personal knowledge with a declaration that the candidate satisfies the conditions prescribed in Rule 2(b). Such a proposal shall be made at one meeting and considered at a subsequent meeting of the Council as a proposal in terms of Rule 13.

(II) BY-LAWS REGARDING ADMISSION OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS.

1. (a) INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS, shall comprise such *bona-fide* literary, scientific or educational institutions, associations or bodies, whether public, private, official, non-official as may be admitted to such membership by the Council:

1. (b) Such an institution or body shall apply in the form prescribed for institutional membership. After admission the Institution shall intimate to the Society the name of its representative who will be entitled to attend the meetings of

the Society in term of Rule 18 till a fresh nomination is made by the Institution. Ordinary such nomination is not to be made for a period less than one year.

(On the other side of the form the relevant Rules shall be printed.)

2. Admission shall be determined by the Council, who shall report the new admission to the next Ordinary Monthly Meeting.

3. An Institutional Member shall pay an entrance fee of Rs. 50 and an annual subscription of Rs. 60/- which shall be payable in advance on the 1st of January each year. But if admitted after 30th June in any year the institution or body shall pay half the annual subscription in respect of that year.

4. An Institutional Member shall be entitled to receive one copy of all numbers of the *Journal* and *Year Book* published during the period of its membership and to purchase for its own use one copy of each of the other publications of the Society at the rates in force for Ordinary Members.

Full price will be charged for extra copies unless the Council allows a large number of copies to be purchased at concessional rates.

5. Candidates for Institutional Membership shall, when applying for such membership, give an undertaking that the Institution will not purchase any of the Society's publications except for its own use and that it will abide by these Regulations.

6. Institutional Membership shall lapse through non-payment of the annual fee during the year for which it is due. It may be revived by payment of the above-mentioned arrear for the year and of a further entrance fee of Rs. 50.

7. The Council may at its discretion terminate the Institutional Membership of any institution without compensation.

## APPLICATION FORMS UNDER BY-LAWS I AND II

### THE ASIATIC SOCIETY (Founded 1784)

#### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

The undersigned "is anxious to promote the progress of science and literature and is desirous of becoming a member of the Society" and undertake to pay on receipt of the election notice the admission fee of Rs. 32/- and the first quarterly subscription of Rs. 10/. He has read the rules quoted on the reverse and agrees to abide by them.

Name (in block letters).....

Age.....

Profession or occupation with particulars.....

Titles, and Academic distinctions, with full particulars.....

Special Interests.....

Names of other learned Societies of which he is a member.....

Residential Address.....

(i) Application received on .....19

(ii) Considered and order passed by the Council on .....19

Recommended/Rejected/Deferred

(iii) Decision of the General Meeting held on.....19

General Secretary. Chairman.

(on the reverse relevant rules to be printed).

### THE ASIATIC SOCIETY (Founded 1784)

#### APPLICATION FOR INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Name of the Institution.....

Address of the Institution.....

Aims and Objects.....

Detailed description of the Institution.....

Institution's Declaration.....

The undersigned has read the rules of the Institutional Membership printed on the back and agrees on behalf of the Institution to abide by those rules.

Occupational or Office address, with telephone number, if any .....	Signature of the Chief Execu- tive Officer of the Institution. .....
Signature..... and date.	Date.....
The applicant is personally known to us and we consider him a fit and proper person to be a member of the Society.	Considered by the Council on .....19
Proposer.....	Decision of the General Meeting.....19
Date	General Secretary. Chairman.
Seconder.....	(Relevant rules to be printed on the reverse).
Date	

### (III) BY-LAWS REGARDING ELECTION OF FELLOWS

1. The General Secretary of the Asiatic Society for the time being shall be *ex-officio* Secretary and Convener to the body of Fellows and serve as the channel of communications between that body and the Council of the Society. In his capacity as General Secretary he shall attend, and act as Secretary to, the meetings of Fellows prescribed in the Regulations, but shall not participate in discussions or vote unless he be a Fellow.

At any meeting of the Fellows the Senior Fellow present shall take the chair.

2. There shall be a meeting of Fellows in June, before the issue of blank nomination papers, one week's notice of which shall be given to the Fellows. At this meeting such recommendations or matters of concern to the Fellows of which previous notice has been received by the General Secretary, shall generally be considered.

3. Blank nomination papers shall be sent out by the General Secretary to each Fellow not later than the 15th of July of the year preceding the election.

4. A Fellow may nominate only one candidate; plural nomination by a Fellow shall invalidate all his nominations.

5. Nomination papers must be received back by the 1st of October, duly filled in and signed, and addressed to the General Secretary; and no paper received after this date shall be considered.

6. (a) Each candidate shall be nominated by two Fellows, one at least of whom shall certify that he is personally acquainted with the Scientific or literary work, as the case may be, of the candidate he proposes and is in a position from his personal knowledge to express an opinion on its value, and shall set out in detail the qualifications of the candidate, including detailed references to his most important published original papers, stating date and place of publication and, in case of publication in a serial, the name and volume number of the latter.

(b) The tenure of any Office of the Council of the Society shall not be considered a qualification.

(c) Each candidate shall also be supported by at least two other Fellows.

7. (a) The returned nomination papers shall be open to inspection by any Fellow in the Society's Rooms. Up to and including the date of the meeting of Fellows mentioned in Regulation 8, any Fellow shall be at liberty to add his signature, or to authorise in writing the General Secretary to add his name, in support of any candidate already duly nominated by two Fellows.

(b) For the above purpose there will be no restriction on Fellows in discussing among themselves, by correspondence or otherwise, the relative merits of the candidates nominated by them, provided that copies of all such correspondence are forwarded to the General Secretary.

8. There shall be a meeting of Fellows within the fortnight preceding the 14th of October, one week's notice of which shall be given to the Resident Fellows. At this meeting matters of concern to the Fellows, of which previous notice has been

received by the General Secretary, shall generally be considered and the nomination papers returned shall be scrutinized, and the General Secretary shall be requested to issue the voting papers as provided in Regulation 10.

9. Any candidate who canvases for support regarding his candidature shall be disqualified for election. Any such action shall be reported to the meeting of Fellows.

10. A list of the persons duly nominated, and supported, with their qualifications, shall be compiled from the nomination papers by the General Secretary, printed as a voting paper, and sent out to each Fellow not later than the 1st of November. The number of vacancies shall be stated on the voting paper.

11. A Fellow shall vote for not more than the number to be elected in the succeeding year by placing a cross against the names of those he wishes to be elected, and no paper with more crosses than vacancies shall be accepted.

12. The voting paper shall be enclosed, unsigned, in a sealed envelope, which shall be forwarded to the General Secretary in an outer cover with a covering letter signed by the Fellow, so as to reach the Society by the 7th of December. In the absence of a covering letter a voting paper shall be invalid.

13. There shall be a meeting of Fellows in the second week in January, one week's notice of which shall be given to the Resident Fellows. At this meeting the sealed envelopes mentioned in Regulation 12 above shall be opened, and the voting papers counted as the Chairman directs, and the names of such candidates as received at least *three-fourths* of the votes of the Fellows voting shall be placed before the meeting. The meeting shall also be competent generally to consider matters of concern to the Fellows of which previous notice had been given.

14. In the event of a tie for any of the vacancies, the Fellows present at the meeting shall decide by ballot which of

the candidates receiving the same number of votes shall be selected for recommendation to the Council for election.

15. The list of names declared selected under these Regulations shall be submitted to the Council at their January meeting for recommendation to the Annual General Meeting for election to the Fellowship.

16. The Council shall have power to delete any name from the list mentioned in Regulation 15.

17. Voting papers for the election of the candidates approved by the Council shall be provided for each member present at the Annual General Meeting to record his vote for or against each candidate.

18. The manner of election shall be as follows :—

- (a) Two scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approbation of the majority of the Members present.
- (b) Each Member voting shall deliver his voting paper unsigned together with a certificate that he has recorded his vote.
- (c) The scrutineers shall examine the voting papers and report to the President the names of those having a majority of votes, and those names shall be announced from the Chair.
- (d) The scrutineers shall have power to reject voting papers as void for uncertainty.

#### (IV) BY-LAWS REGARDING ELECTION OF HONORARY FELLOWS.

1. The name of any well-known scholar may be proposed for Election as an Honorary Fellow by one member of the Council and blank nomination papers in this connection are to be issued to every member of the Council by the General Secretary not later than 1st of August of the year of Election.

2. Any member of the Council may nominate only one candidate.

3. In proposing names for Honorary Fellowship, only men of outstanding qualifications shall be taken into consideration.

4. Each candidate shall be nominated by at least two members of the Council, one of whom shall certify that he is personally acquainted with the Scientific or Literary work, as the case may be, of the candidate he proposes and is in a position from his personal knowledge to express an opinion on its value, and shall set out in detail the qualifications of the candidate, including detailed references to his most important published original papers, stating date and place of publication, and in case of publication in a serial, the name and volume of the later.

5. Nomination papers must be returned to the General Secretary duly filled in and signed by the 1st of September and no paper received after that date shall be considered.

6. The nominations must be placed before the Council meeting to be held in September for consideration and the name of only that candidate who gets the highest number of votes and more than *three-fourths* of the majority of votes cast in that Council meeting, will be circulated to the General Body of Members as an item in the agenda of the Monthly General Meeting to be held either in November or December. The name of the person proposed for election as an Honorary Fellow shall then be pasted on a notice board in the Society. At the next monthly meeting of the Society election will take place.

7. The manner of Election of an Honorary Fellow at the Monthly General Meeting shall be as follows :

- (a) Two scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairman with the approbation of the majority of the Members present.

- (b) Each Member voting shall deliver his voting paper unsigned together with a certificate that he has recorded his vote.
- (c) The Scrutineers shall examine the voting papers and report to the President the number of votes cast in favour of that candidate.
- (d) The Scrutineers shall have power to reject papers as void for uncertainty.
- (e) If it be found that more than three-fourths of the members voting have approved of the Election as an Honorary Fellow, then that name shall be announced from the Chair as duly elected. The name shall also be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

#### (V) BY-LAWS REGARDING THE LIBRARY OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

##### REGULATIONS

1. There shall be a Library Committee comprising of not less than eleven and not more than fifteen members inclusive of the Sectional Secretaries, the *ex-Officio* Members, and such other members as may be appointed by the Council; the Committee shall meet once a month for consideration of the question of purchase of books as well as general matters of concern pertaining to the Library. The Library Secretary shall be the Secretary of this Committee.

2. The Librarian shall be responsible for the safety of all books, manuscripts, xylographs and other possessions of the Society and see as far as it lies in his power that the Rules and Regulations are observed so far as the administration of the Library is concerned in all its departments.

##### DAYS AND HOURS THE LIBRARY REMAINS OPEN

3. The Library shall be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily between which hours the Librarian will usually be in

attendance, excepting Sundays, and such other holidays as may be determined by the Council from time to time.

4. No Member shall remove any book, pamphlet, periodical or any other article from the Library or Reading-Room without giving the Librarian a receipt for the same.

5. Members living outside Calcutta are entitled to take on loan books, drawings, etc. from the Library under provisions of Rule 16(e) of the Society's Rules, viz. on forwarding a special application to the General Secretary and signing an obligation form to defray the expenses of carriage and compensate for any book which may be lost or damaged.

6. Except with the special sanction of the Council, no Member shall be permitted to have more than three books or six volumes from the Library in his possession at any time.

6A. The Visiting Professors, Professors and Visiting Fellows of the Society are entitled to borrow 10 books at a time on usual terms and conditions.

6B. All stipendary Research Fellows/Scholars and Students of M. Phil or any other students of any other courses conducted by the Society shall be entitled to borrow two books at a time on usual terms and conditions of the Library. Any other students or any courses conducted by the Society shall not usually be allowed to borrow books from the Library but in exceptional cases the Librarian and Dy. Librarian may issue special permission for the purpose of allowing them to borrow books.

7. Except with the special sanction of the Council, Members shall not be permitted to keep books borrowed from the Library for more than two months.

8. If an application is received from a Member for a book already out on loan for two months, the General Secretary shall inform the borrower that its loan cannot be renewed and that it must be returned on the expiry of the period of two months from the date of borrowing the book.

9. No book shall be issued from the Library to any Member while he retains any book in contravention of the Rules or if he is not in good standing with the Society in terms of Rule 22.

10. In no case shall any Member be allowed to take out of India any book, pamphlet, periodical, etc. belonging to the Library.

11. No person who is not a Member of the Society shall be permitted to take away any book from the Library without special authority from the Council. And no such person shall have access to the Library without permission of the President, the General Secretary, or one of the Secretaries, excepting Members of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and its branches and associate Societies who may reside temporarily in Calcutta.

12. If any book borrowed from the Library be lost or damaged, the borrower shall be held responsible for such loss or damage, and if the book belongs to a set, he shall be held liable to make good the set to the satisfaction of the Council, or pay the value of the whole set.

#### READING ROOM

13. The Reading Room shall open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. daily excepting Sundays and Library holidays.

14. No person shall be admitted into the Reading Room unless he is a Member of the Society. The General Secretary shall, however, have the discretion to permit non-Members, when introduced by a Member of the Council or a Fellow of the Society, to use the Reading Room.

14A. All teachers, research students both stipendary and otherwise and students participating in a regular programme of teaching and research of the Asiatic Society are eligible to use the Reading Room.

15. Readers who are not Members of the Society shall not be allowed access to any part of the Library other than the Reading Room, excepting the teachers, scholars both stipendary or otherwise and students participating in any teaching and research programme of the Society.

16. If readers desire to take books into the Reading Room, which are indispensably required for reference, a list of such books will have to be given to the Librarian before they are actually taken into the Room. Carrier cases shall have to be deposited with the Library bearer on duty for which a token must be taken from him.

17. A reader who commits wilful infringement of the above Regulations, or obstruct or annoy any other person using the Library shall be excluded from the Reading Room.

18. Cases of incivility or other complaints regarding the behaviour of the Library Staff should be entered in the Complaint Book kept in the Library for this purpose.

19. A book shall be kept in the Library in which Members may enter names of any books they may recommend to be purchased by the Society; the names of the publishers, prices and other particulars showing the value of the book to the Society's Library should also be stated.

20. All recommendations for the purchase of books shall be passed on to the Library Secretary.

21. The Library Secretary shall, after consultation with the Sectional Secretaries and other experts as he judges advisable, prepare each month a list of books which he recommends for purchase. A list of books not recommended for purchase should also be compiled for the information of the Council.

22. The list of books recommended by the Library Secretary shall be circulated to the Library Committee and considered at its meeting.

23. The Library Secretary shall be empowered to spend on his own responsibility up to Rs. 150/- per month for purchase of books recommended which he considers should be obtained

at once, subject to the provision that the total sum thus spent does not exceed Rs. 600/- in any one academic year. All such purchases shall have to be reported to the Library Committee.

#### MANUSCRIPTS, XYLOGRAPHS, RARE AND FRAGILE BOOKS, ETC.

24. Manuscripts and xylographs shall be consulted in the Society's rooms only on application to the General Secretary, in the immediate presence of an Assistant Librarian. In the case of rare or fragile manuscripts the General Secretary shall, in the first instance, refer the matter to the Philological Secretary concerned.

#### LOANS IN INDIA

25. The loan of manuscripts, or xylographs to Members, non-Members or Institutions must receive the sanction of the Council in addition to the recommendation of the Philological Secretaries, on loanees furnishing the desired security.

26. No copper-plate shall ordinarily be allowed to leave the Society's premises.

27. The number of manuscripts which a Member or an Institution is entitled to borrow shall be limited to two, but, the number may be exceeded by an order of the Council.

28. All manuscripts or xylographs shall ordinarily be lent for a period of six months. Renewal of loan for a further period of six months in two instalments is permissible but manuscripts borrowed must be returned within a year.

29. Certain manuscripts of special importance or rarity shall be placed by the General Secretary on a reserve list in consultation with the Philological Secretaries. They shall be marked in the manuscript catalogue with asterisks, and as a general rule, shall not be allowed to leave the premises of the Society, but in very special cases, at the discretion of the Council, the loans of such manuscripts also can be sanctioned.



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## LOANS OUTSIDE INDIA

30. Loans of manuscripts shall not be made to private individuals but only to institutions.

31. Loans to institutions in Europe or elsewhere must receive the sanction of the Council on the recommendation of the Philological Secretary concerned.

32. Such loans shall be made in the first instance for six months and one renewal for a further period of six months only may be allowed.

33. The institution to which the loan is made shall not be at liberty to allow the manuscript to leave their premises and shall give an undertaking to that effect.

34. Loose current journals shall not be issued on loan. No book, pamphlet, Journal or periodical shall be lent out before report to the Monthly Meeting.

35. A list of books, periodicals, dictionaries and works of reference which must not be taken out of the library without special permission of the Council shall be placed in a conspicuous position in the library, and such books shall be marked with asterisks in the Catalogue.

36. The Council shall arrange for the stock-taking of the entire collection of books, manuscripts, xylographs and other possessions of the library once every five years.

## VI. A. BY-LAWS REGARDING LEAVE, LATE ATTENDANCE, HOLIDAYS.

### LEAVE

1. (a) Leave cannot be claimed as of right. When exigencies of service so require, discretion to refuse or recall leave of any description is reserved to the General Secretary. This is to be ratified by the Council.

(b) A leave register should be maintained. Privilege and Casual Leave may be granted by the General Secretary on the report in writing of the Librarian or the Office Superintendent as the case may be.

(c) No leave will be availed of without the actual sanction of the leave by the General Secretary. This may, however, be relaxed by the General Secretary under special circumstances and in cases of sudden illness.

2. Every member of the staff is entitled to earned leave of the following categories :

### 2 (i) CASUAL LEAVE—

- (a) It is non-Cumulative
- (b) Not more than 15 days in a year on full pay last drawn.
- (c) Not more than 5 days continuous at a time.
- (d) Shall not be combined with any other categories of leave.
- (e) Holidays, except Saturdays and Sundays shall not be pre-fixed or affixed with Casual Leave.

Example H. C. H. permissible→1. C. L.

C. H. C. not permissible→3. C. L.

### 2 (ii) EARNED LEAVE / PRIVILEGE LEAVE

- (a) Not more than 30 days (i.e. 1 day for 11 days) in a year on full pay (pay & other allowances) for all permanent whole time workers.
- (b) Cumulative upto 180 days.
- (c) Earned leave shall not be prefixed/or affixed to C.L.
- (d) 50% of the Earned leave shall be encashed annually at full rate.

## MEDICAL LEAVE

- 3 (i) In any particular year sick leave on medical certificate 'from a registered medical practitioner'—(Regd. with Indian Medical Council) may be granted to a permanent employee up to 1/12th of the period spent on duty minus the period of any such leave that may have already been taken by him. Provided that the total period of sick leave granted to an employee shall not exceed 15 months in course of his entire service. Total period of sick leave without pay shall not exceed—6 calendar months.

Total medical leave taken previously as well as number of times the worker applied for such leave should be considered while sanctioning medical leave without pay.

- (ii) Leave salary on sick leave shall be half pay last drawn. But if the period of sick leave exceeds at any time the prescribed limit, that is, 1/12th of the period spent on actual duty, the excess period shall be leave without pay.
- (iii) Sick leave on half pay may be granted to an employee in a temporary post or one who is appointed on probation in a permanent post, up to 1/24th of the period spent on actual duty.
- (iv) The period of leave on half pay can be allowed to be compounded into a period of leave on full pay in proportion of 2 to 1 by the Council, provided that the period thus compounded does not exceed one month. The sick leave is cumulative upto four months on half pay or one month on full pay and two months on half pay.

4. No member of the staff who has been granted leave for reasons of health on medical certificate or even without it, shall return to duty without first producing a medical certificate of fitness from a registered medical practitioner, provided

always that the General Secretary has powers to challenge such certificates and call for certificates from an Assistant Surgeon or a Civil Surgeon if necessary. The General Secretary may, in his discretion, dispense with the rule regarding submission of medical certificate on resumption of duty by any employee.

## 5. MATERNITY LEAVE—

Total period should not exceed 3 months at a time.

6. Absence without leave shall in all cases involve forfeiture of pay, and if prolonged beyond one week, in special cases a fortnight, without satisfactory reasons being given within that time, shall be subject to disciplinary measures, such as censure, degradation, stoppage of increment and even dismissal as may be decided by the Council.

7. Any leave availed before the applicant earns it, shall be regarded as leave without pay and any period of leave without pay shall be interruption of service and shall be deducted from the service as calculated for purposes of Regulations concerning Provident Fund and Gratuity Fund.

8. If for any reason any member of the staff is required to attend to any business of the Society on a holiday notified as such, the day worked shall be counted as compensatory leave; compensatory leave can be added to any kind of leave, other than casual leave but not more than 5 days' compensatory leave may be taken at a time. Compensatory leave earned shall not be carried forward to the next year.

9. The above Regulations are without prejudice to the authority of the Council to grant any special leave to an employee on such terms and conditions as may be decided upon.

## LATE ATTENDANCE AND HOLIDAYS

10. The office hours shall be as may be decided upon by the Council from time to time.

The following office hours have been fixed by the Council to be in force until further orders :

For all employees of the Society :

The working of the Society will be for 5 days in the week.

- (a) The office hours will be between 9 : 45 a.m. and 6 : 15 p.m. on all week days (Monday to Friday).
- (b) The Library working hours will be between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on all week days (Monday to Friday).
- (c) The Reading Room of the Library will remain open on Saturdays (except holidays) between 10 a.m. and 6 : 00 p.m.
- (d) The General Secretary is authorised to specify hours of attendance according to the nature of duties and exigencies of Society's requirements provided that the total number of hours to be put in, will not ordinarily exceed the normal period of duty.

11. If any employee is late by not more than 15 minutes a day, one day's pay for every three days' late attendance in one month shall either be deducted from his salary for that month or adjusted against C.L./P.L. if available. If an employee is late by more than 15 minutes in any particular day, he shall be deemed to have been on leave for that day and for such late attendance his leave account is to be debited as absence with pay or without pay as the case may be.

Provided always that late attendance with previous permission of the General Secretary in writing shall not be treated as such.

12. (a) The office shall be closed on all public holidays declared under the Negotiable Instruments Act and on such other days as may be declared holidays by the Council of the Society after taking into consideration the list of holidays allowed by the Executive Order of the Government of West Bengal and the Government of India. But the total number of holidays other than Saturdays and Sundays during which the office will remain closed shall not exceed 25 days in a calendar year.

(b) The Library and the Reading Rooms shall be closed only on the following days :—

All Sundays	...	...	1 Day
Saraswati Puja Day	...	...	1 Day
Independence Day	...	...	1 Day
Durga Puja Days	...	...	4 Days
Lakshmi Puja Day	...	...	1 Day
Christmas Day	...	...	1 Day
Id Day	...	...	1 Day
Doljatra Day	...	...	1 Day

And five other days as may be fixed by the Council of the Society.

By-Laws VIA (8) (Compensatory leave) should be applicable in the case of Library Staff attending on the scheduled holidays of the Society.

13. The General Secretary shall have discretionary power in not closing the Society on a public holiday or in closing the office earlier than the scheduled time on a particular day under special circumstances, and on such actions being taken, the matter shall be reported to the Council. In such case compensatory leave or holiday may be granted.

Under exceptional circumstances the General Secretary may, with the sanction of the President, close the office and the Library (with Reading Rooms) on any day not being Society's holiday, subject to report to the Council.

#### VI. B. BY-LAWS REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF STAFF, THEIR CHARACTER ROLLS, AND INCREMENT.

1. (1) No person may be appointed substantively to a permanent post under the Society whether on probation or otherwise, without a medical certificate of fitness given by a doctor nominated by the Medical Secretary of The Society and the School Leaving Certificate :

Provided that in individual cases the Council may dispense with the production of the Medical certificate or the School Leaving Certificate where the maximum basic pay in the scale does not exceed Rs. 50/-.

2. The first appointment to a post shall normally be on probation for a period of one year. The probationer may be confirmed in his post on the completion of the period by the Council if the General Secretary so recommends. The Council may at its discretion either extend the period of probation or discharge the probationer from service.

3. The appointment authority in case of temporary appointments shall be the General Secretary, who shall also have the power to discharge temporary employees if he considers them unsuitable and he shall report the fact of appointment or dismissal to the Council forthwith.

4. The Cashier and the Collecting Sircar will be required to furnish security to such extent and in such manner as the Council may determine.

5. (1) The employee shall discharge such duties as may be assigned to him by the General Secretary.

(2) Subject to the supervision of the General Secretary, the entire office staff shall be under the control of the Office Superintendent and the Library staff under the control of the Librarian respectively. They shall be responsible for the general efficiency of the office and the library.

6. Every employee of the Society shall retire on completing the age of 60 years but his services may be extended by the Council for a period not exceeding one year at a time, provided that the total period of such extension should not exceed 5 years.

7. The Council may, on the complaint of the General Secretary after giving an employee an opportunity of being heard, censure, with-hold increment, suspend or dismiss the employee. During the period of suspension, the employee shall be entitled to get a subsistence allowance equal to one fourth of his basic pay together with other allowances, if any.

## CHARACTER ROLLS

1. (1) The Office Superintendent and the Librarian shall maintain and keep in his custody Character Rolls of all the members of the staff working under their control.

(2) The General Secretary shall maintain and keep in his custody the Character Rolls of the Office Superintendent and the Librarian.

An annual entry shall be made by the General Secretary within one month of the expiry of the financial year of the Society in the Character Roll regarding the officer's general ability, capacity for hard work, initiative and efficiency.

3. The Character Rolls are confidential but adverse entries should be shown as made to the person concerned.

## INCREMENT

Increments may only be granted by the Council on satisfactory work.

## VII. REGARDING PROVIDENT FUND.

The Provident Fund of the employees of the Asiatic Society is guided by the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

## VIII. REGARDING PAYMENT OF GRATUITY.

The Gratuity is paid to the employees of the Asiatic Society as per rules of the Central Government.

## IX. REGULATIONS REGARDING ACCOUNTS.

(1) The Treasurer shall make available to the General Secretary not later than the 6th of April of each year, the following :

(a) The financial statement for the year under review, to be published as an Appendix to the Annual Report.

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- (b) Statements of the estimated liabilities, shown separately, of the different funds administered by the Society, and
- (c) The financial portion of the Annual Report.

(2) The abovementioned financial statements shall be printed immediately on their receipt by the General Secretary, and shall be circulated to the Finance Committee not later than April 14th.

(3) The Finance Committee shall hold a Special Meeting to consider them not later than April 20th.

(4) The discussion on the Annual Report including Accounts as mentioned in Rule 50 (c) (iv) shall be initiated at the monthly meeting held immediately after the Annual General Meeting and in case the discussion regarding adoption remains unfinished, it shall be continued at the following monthly meeting to be held in March and notice of any motion arising out of the Annual Report shall be sent to the General Secretary not less than fifteen days before the first Monday of March.

## X. BY-LAWS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF RESEARCH.

## FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

1. A Research Fellow on being selected by the Council to do research work on a subject specified and approved for the purpose, shall be placed under a Scholar who must be either a Fellow or a Member of the Asiatic Society and who would inspect periodically the work of the Research Fellow on the academic side and submit a report at least once every six months for the consideration of the Council.

2. The Research Fellow will ordinarily carry on researches in the Library of the Asiatic Society. Under special circumstances and with the approval of the Scholar under whom he is placed, the Council may permit the Research Fellow to carry

on the work in hand in some other institution for a period to be fixed by the Council.

The record of work of the Research Fellow in the library of the Society will be kept by the Supervisor Scholar with the help of the Librarian.

3. No Research Fellow shall accept or hold any other appointment. The Council may, however, permit in special cases a Research Fellow to engage in teaching or demonstration work with or without emoluments in the University or any other approved institution provided that the work does not entail his absence from the research work proper for more than six hours per week.

4. In case any Research Fellow resigns before the expiry of the first year of his fellowship, then the Council may demand refund of the whole or part of the amount of the honorarium paid to the Research Fellow during the tenure of the Fellowship. If the Research Fellow resigns after the first year of the Fellowship, the Council may not accept the resignation unless the Research Fellow can give a satisfactory account of the work done during the first year of the fellowship and can make over the manuscript embodying the results of the investigation carried on by him.

5. A Research Fellow shall at the end of every six months submit to the General Secretary through the Scholar under whom he is placed, a report regarding the work done during the preceding six months and shall prepare and submit a comprehensive report before the termination of the Fellowship. The six-monthly reports and the final report shall be placed by the General Secretary for the consideration of the Council with the opinion of the Supervisor Scholar at the meeting to be held immediately after the receipt of the same.

6. The copyright in respect of the manuscript together with all enclosures, plates, etc. shall remain with the Society unless the Council decides otherwise. The Council may pass orders about publishing in part or full the results of the work of the Research Fellows appointed by the Society.

7. Research Fellowships will be tenable for one year in the first instance, but may be renewed one year at a time up to a maximum limit of 3 years at the discretion of the Council, provided that in very exceptional circumstances the Council will have the power to extend the term by another year. In case the Council decides on the report of the Supervisor Scholar that a Research Fellow is not carrying on the research work undertaken by him satisfactorily and diligently or is guilty of conduct unbecoming of the holder of a Fellowship, the Council shall terminate the Fellowship with or without giving notice as decided by the Council.

8. The honorarium payable to a Research Fellow shall be Rs. 150/- or more per month as fixed by the Council, tenable for the period for which the fellowship is created. Out of the amount fixed, five-sixths only shall be paid to the Research Fellow every month from the office of the Asiatic Society, the balance of one-sixth shall be paid to him on or before the 31st March every year on the recommendation of the Supervisor Scholar to the effect that the Research Fellow has been carrying on the research work satisfactorily and subject to the condition that he shall make over the complete materials collected by the Fellow during the tenure of the Fellowship.

9. No Research Fellow shall leave Calcutta without having obtained permission of the Council to do so. In special cases the General Secretary with the concurrence of the President may grant such permission on the recommendation of the Supervisor Scholar but the matter shall be reported to the Council.

10. A Research Fellow selected by the Council for appointment shall bind himself in writing to abide by the fore-going By-laws and other By-laws which may be promulgated and enforced from time to time and shall sign a bond in the form appended (Vide Appendix B) and the Research Fellowship will be effective from the date of signing and submission of the bond.

11. The duties of the Supervisor Scholar shall be (i) to supervise the work of the Research Fellow regularly and assist him in carrying on his researches with advice and guidance; (ii) to forward to the Council through the General Secretary a report every six months on the progress of work of the Research Fellow; (iii) to recommend as and when necessary leave of absence or permission to work elsewhere or to undertake any remunerative work or about payment of the balance of the honorarium in accordance with Regulations (2), (3), (8) and (9); (iv) to advise the Council with regard to any disciplinary action which may be necessary under Regulation (7).

#### XI. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE BARCLAY MEMORIAL MEDAL.

##### *Preamble*

On 9th December 1895, Surgeon-Major Gerald Bomford, on behalf of the then Surgeon-General, Government of India, representing the donors of the Barclay Memorial Fund, offered to make over to the Asiatic Society a die and a sum of money to create an endowment for the award of a medal in memory of Surgeon-Major Arthur Barclay. The Surgeon-General suggested that the Medal should be awarded for scientific researches in India. Arthur Barclay was a Member of the Society from 1882 till his death in 1891 at the age of 39, and he was a valued contributor on botanical subjects to the Journals.

The Council of the Society framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal which have been amended from time to time.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :

1. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded each alternate year at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Asiatic Society.
2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important

contributions to Medical or Biological Science with special reference to India.

3. The Council shall, at the meeting held in July, appoint an Advisory Board comprising the members as per Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Barclay Memorial Medal Advisory Board". The Board shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including one of the past recipients of the medal, the Biological and Medical Secretaries and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration the detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary will request the fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council for consideration at their November or December meeting.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be opened to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and, in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory

Board shall be constituted in the following year and so on, from year to year, in manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period of each alternative year mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reasons, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

## XII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SIR WILLIAM JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL.

### *Preamble*

In April, 1926, Dr. (later Sir) Rai Upendra Nath Brahmachari Bahadur, acting President of the Asiatic Society made over to the Society  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  Government Promissory Notes to the face value of Rs. 3,000/- and subsequently a sum of Rs. 500/- in cash, for the purpose of creating an endowment for the annual award of a gold medal in memory of the Founder of the Society on the following terms :

- (a) The Medal to be called "The Sir William Jones Memorial Medal".
- (b) The Medal to be awarded alternately for the most eminent work in advancing the objects of the Society in one of the two divisions of knowledge, namely (1) Science, including Medicine, and (2) Philosophy, Literature and History.

The objects of the Society are described in the language of the Founder : 'The bounds of its investigations will be the geographical limits of Asia, and within these limits its enquiries will be extended to whatever is performed by man or produced by nature'.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal which have been amended from time to time.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :

1. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded triennially at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Asiatic Society.
2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important Asiatic Researches, with reference, alternately, to (1) Science, including Medicine, and (2) Philosophy, Literature, and History.
3. The Council shall, at the meeting held in July, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the personnel as noted in Regulation 4 below.
4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Sir William Jones Memorial Medal Advisory Board." In those years in which the Medal is to be awarded for researches in Science and Medicine, the Advisory Board shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Natural History Secretary, the Physical Science Secretary, the Anthropological Secretary and the Medical Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. In those years in which the medal is to be awarded for researches in Philosophy, Literature and History, it shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Philological Secretary, the Joint Philological Secretary, History and Archaeological Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members as decided by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Medal Advisory Board on the second Monday in November of the

year preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary will request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for selection of a name to be recommended to the Council for consideration at the meeting to be held in November or December.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period triennially mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reasons, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

### XIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE ANNANDALE MEMORIAL MEDAL.

#### *Preamble*

In April, 1924, the Council of the Asiatic Society started a fund called the Annandale Memorial Fund, to perpetuate the



memory of Dr. N. Annandale, F.R.S., who was President of the Society in the year 1923 and died on the 10th April, 1924. The Council resolved to award triennially a gold medal for Anthropological work in Asia. They also decided that, when the annual income from the fund, after payment of the cost of the Medal, reached Rs. 250/-, this should be utilized for a biennial 'Annandale Anthropological Lectureship'.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal which have been amended from time to time.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :

1. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded every three years at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contributions to the study of Anthropology in Asia.

3. The Council shall at a meeting held in July, appoint an Advisory Board comprising the members as noted in the Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed the "Annandale Memorial Medal Advisory Board" which shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Anthropological Secretary, Biological Secretary, the Medical Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Advisory Board of the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments

of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary will request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for the consideration of the Council in the November or December meeting.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period of every three years mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reasons, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the council agree to such a postponement.

#### XIV. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE JOY GOBIND LAW MEMORIAL MEDAL

##### *Preamble*

In march 1929, Dr. Satya Churn Law made over to the Asiatic Society in memory of the late Mr. Joy Gobind Law, C.I.E., a donation of Rs. 2,350/- for the creation of an endowment for the triennial award of a medal for conspicuously important work on Zoology in Asia.

The Council of the Society framed certain regulations for the award of the Medal in 1929 which was amended in 1935.

The following are the latest revised Regulation :

1. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded every three years at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contributions to the knowledge of Zoology in Asia.

3. The Council shall at a meeting to be held in July appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in the Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Joy Gobind Law Memorial Advisory Board" and shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Biological Secretary, the Medical Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members of the Society at the Council may decide. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in the November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award shall be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidate as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work of attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for the consideration of the Council meeting to be held in November or December.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal

should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year ; and in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period of every three years mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reasons the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XV. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE PAUL JOHANNES BRÜHL MEMORIAL MEDAL

##### *Preamble.*

In 1928, the 'Bruhl Farewell Committee' in Calcutta donated to the Asiatic Society an amount of Rs. 1,000/- in 3½% G. P. Notes for the purpose of creating an endowment for the triennial award of a medal to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Paul Johannes Brühl, D. Sc., F.C.S., F.G.S. who was a life Member (1909) and a Fellow of the Society from 1912 to his death in 1934. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded to the author of the most meritorious piece of original research in any branch of Botany with reference to the Indian Empire. The Committee donated also cash to cover the cost of striking a die for the Medal.

The Council of the Society framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal in 1931 which were amended in 1942.

The following are the latest revised Regulations.

1. The Medal shall be awarded triennially at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Asiatic Society, to the author of the most meritorious piece of original research in any branch of

Botany with reference to the Indian Empire published during the five years preceding the year of award.

2. The Asiatic Society will be the custodian of the Fund and will award the medal every three years on the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner as laid down in the Regulation No. 3 below.

3. The Council at the meeting to be held in July shall constitute the Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal Advisory Board consisting of not less than seven and not more than eleven members inclusive of—

- (a) The President, The Asiatic Society.
- (b) The Ghosh Professor of Botany, Calcutta University.
- (c) The Director, Botanical Survey of India.
- (d) The President, Botany Section, Indian Science Congress Association for the year.
- (e) The Secretary, Natural History Section (Biology), the Asiatic Society, and
- (f) Such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council of whom at least one shall be a recipient of the medal in the past.

If in any particular year the persons referred to in (c) and (d) above are not available to serve on the Board the Council of the Asiatic Society shall have the right to appoint suitable substitutes in the categories.

4. The Society shall be free to frame and modify from time to time Regulations for the award similar to those in force for its existing awards except that the composition of the Board shall not be altered except as provided in Regulation No. 3.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November of the year

preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board shall select a candidate for recommendation to the Council for consideration at the November or December meeting.

6. Notwithstanding anything laid down in these Regulations it shall be within the competence of the Board to abstain from the selection of any name to be submitted for [the year and to report accordingly to the Council in which case, provided the Council concurs, the award for the year shall lapse.

7. No limitations binding posterity are placed on the transfer of the fund to the Trusteeship of the Society.

8. If for any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th of January following at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XVI. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS (CALCUTTA) MEDAL

##### *Preamble.*

In 1928, the Local Committee of the Indian Science Congress Association (Calcutta Session) made over to the Society a sum of approximately Rs. 2,213/- for the purpose of creating an endowment for the award of a medal to be given in such years as the Congress holds its Session in Calcutta. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the medal is to be given to a person who has rendered

conspicuously important services to the Indian Science Congress Association, or a member of the Association who has made important contributions to science. The name of the medal has since been changed to 'Indian Science Congress (Calcutta) Medal'.

The Council of the Society framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal in 1934 which were amended in 1935.

The following are the Regulations revised up to 1953.

1. The Medal shall be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society, in those years in which the Session of the Congress is held in Calcutta.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has rendered conspicuously important services to the Indian Science Congress Association or on a Member of the Association who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contributions to science.

3. The Council shall, at the meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual Meeting in which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner as laid down in Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Indian Science Congress (Calcutta) Medal Advisory Board". The Board shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Anthropological, Medical, Biological, Physical Science Secretaries and the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society, a past recipient of the medal and such other members as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to

the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society and the past recipients of the medal in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for consideration by the Council at the meeting to be held in November or December.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and, in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XVII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE PRAMATHA NATH BOSE MEMORIAL MEDAL

##### *Preamble.*

In 1935, Sir B. L. Mitter, Kt., on behalf of the P. N. Bose Memorial Committee, made over to the Society Rs. 1,800/- in G. P. Notes for the purpose of creating an endowment for the Institution of a medal in memory of the late Mr. Pramatha Nath Bose. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded triennially to a person for conspicu-

ously important contribution to the study of geology with special reference to Asia.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal.

The following are the revised Regulations :

1. The Medal shall be awarded every three years at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.
2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contributions to practical or theoretical Geology with special reference to Asia.
3. The Council at the meeting held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made constitute an Advisory Board in the manner as laid down in Regulation 4 below.
4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board" which shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including at least two Geological experts, the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society, one of the past recipients of the medal, and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.
5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society.

The General Secretary will request the Fellows in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council for consideration at the November or December meeting.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and, in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period of three years mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XVIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD MEDAL.

##### *Preamble.*

In 1947 Dr. Bimala Churn Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., L.Lit., F.R.G.S., the President and a Fellow made over to the Society 3% G.P. Notes to the face value of Rs. 8,000 for the creation of an endowment for the biennial award of a gold medal to be named after Sir Jadunath Sarkar. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded by the Society to a person who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to any of the following subjects: (a) History, (b) Religion, (c) Art, (d) Archaeology, and (e) Literature with special reference to India from the thirteenth century A.D. up to 1802 A.D.—the year of the

Treaty of Bassein. He also donated a sum of Rs. 480 to meet the cost of the first medal and a sum of Rs. 475 for making a die.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :

1. A Gold Medal shall be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person, who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to any of the following subjects : (a) History, (b) Religion, (c) Art, (d) Archaeology, and (e) Literature, with special reference to India, from the thirteenth Century A.D. up to 1902—the year of the Treaty of Bassein.

3. The Council shall at the meeting held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner as laid down in Regulation 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed as "The Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal Advisory Board" and shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the donor during his lifetime, the President, the General Secretary, the two Philological Secretaries, the History and Archaeological Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for con-

deration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board after due consideration shall make the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council at its November or December meeting. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider their decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

6. If, in any year, a deserving candidate is not available, the Board shall abstain from the selection of any name to be submitted to the Council and no medal shall be awarded for the year. But the interest on the Fund should continue to accumulate and be utilized in a subsequent year in awarding two medals to two suitable candidates, if available.

7. The name or names of the medallist or medallists shall be printed in the Year Book of the Society.

8. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

## XIX. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE DURGA PRASAD KHAITAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL.

### *Preamble.*

In 1946, Mr. Tulsi Prasad Khaitan, an Ordinary Member of the Society, donated a sum of Rs. 10,000/- in cash to the Asiatic Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a gold medal to perpetuate the memory of his father, the late Mr. Durga Prasad Khaitan. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded by the Society to a person who has made in India a notable and original contribution of science, including social science, to

industry during the five years preceding the year of the award. The medal should ordinarily be awarded alternately to an Industrialist and a Scientist, unless circumstances necessitate an alteration of this arrangement.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the medal.

The following are the Regulations :

1. The Medal shall be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on the person who, in the opinion of the Council of the Asiatic Society, has made in India a notable and original contribution to science, including social science, to industry during the five years preceding the year of the award. The medal should ordinarily be awarded alternately to an Industrialist and a Scientist unless circumstances necessitate an alteration of this arrangement.

3. The Council of the Asiatic Society shall at the meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner as laid down in Regulation 4 below.

4. 'The Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board' shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the President, the General Secretary, the Natural History and Anthropological Secretaries of the Asiatic Society, the Director, Board of Scientific and Industrial Research or his nominee, at least one industrialist, the donor during his lifetime and thereafter one member selected by the Council from the male descendants of the late Durga Prasad Khaitan, a past recipient of the medal and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members. The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary of the Asiatic Society shall, by the 31st of July in the year preceding the date of the Annual

General Meeting at which the award is to be made, send a circular to all Fellows and to the members of the Board and to such scientific and industrial organisations as the Council shall determine from time to time intimating to them the terms and conditions of the award and requesting them to send detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose by the 30th of September.

6. The General Secretary of the Asiatic Society shall prepare a list of the candidates proposed and of their respective work and attainments and circulate the same to the members of the Board with a request to select any one name for the consideration of the Board giving specified reasons for the selection.

7. The General Secretary of the Asiatic Society shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November of the year preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council of the Asiatic Society at the November or December meeting, subject to the proviso that at least two-thirds of the members voting shall have voted for the candidate selected.

8. The Council of the Asiatic Society may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider its decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

9. Notwithstanding anything mentioned in these Regulations, it shall be within the competence of the Board to abstain from the selection of any name to be submitted for the year and to report accordingly to the Council of the Asiatic Society, in which case, provided the Council concurs, the award for the year shall lapse. In such case, an Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till a recommendation is made for an award.

10. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

11. The person to whom the award is made shall be invited to deliver before the Society a public lecture on the subject of his work at a time convenient to him; he shall also submit three typed copies of the lecture which may be published by the Society and over which the Society shall have copyright.

## XX. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE DR. BIMALA CHURN LAW GOLD MEDAL.

### *Preamble.*

In 1943 Dr. Bimala Churn Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Lit. F.R.G.S., a member of Council and a Fellow, made over to the Society 3½% G.P. Notes of the face value of Rs. 8,000/- for the creation of an endowment for the annual award of a gold medal to be named after him. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded by the Society to a person who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to any one of the following subjects : (a) History, (b) Geography, (c) Philosophy, (d) Religions, (e) Ethnology, (f) Folklore, (g) Fine Arts and Architecture with special reference to India from the earliest times down to the thirteenth century A.D., and (h) Bengali Language, Literature and Philology. He donated also a sum of Rs. 280/- to meet the cost of the first Medal and a sum of Rs. 185 for making a die.

The Council of the Society framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :—

1. A Gold Medal shall be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to

any one of the following subjects : (a) History, (b) Geography, (c) Philosophy, (d) Religions, (e) Ethnology, (f) Folklore, (g) Fine Arts and Architecture with special reference to India from the earliest times down to the thirteenth century A.D., and (h) Bengali Language, Literature and Philology.

3. The Council shall at the meeting held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of not less than seven and not more than eleven members inclusive of the donor during his lifetime, the President, the Philological, History and Archaeological Secretaries and the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society, a past recipient of the medal and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst the members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

4. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidate as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board shall make necessary arrangements for selection of a name to be submitted to the Council for consideration at the November or December meeting. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider their decision but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

5. If in any year a deserving candidate is not available, the Board shall abstain from the selection of any name to be



submitted to the Council and no medal shall be awarded for the year. But the interest on the Fund should continue to accumulate and should be utilized in a subsequent year in awarding two Medals to two suitable candidates, if available.

6. The name or names of the medallist or medallists shall be printed in the Calcutta Gazette as well as in the Year Book of the Society.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

## XXI. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SARAT CHANDRA ROY MEMORIAL MEDAL.

### *Preamble.*

In 1943 Mrs. Roy, wife of the late Rai Bahadur Sarat Chandra Roy, donated a sum of Rs. 4,000/- in cash to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a gold medal to perpetuate the memory of her husband who was an Associate Member from 1929 to 1942. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded to a person who is considered to have written the most outstanding book or monograph on any aspect of the cultural Anthropology of India in the English language, failing that, in Bengali. She donated also a sum of Rs. 250/- for meeting the cost of striking the first Medal.

The Council of the Society have framed certain Regulations for the award of the Medal.

The following are the latest revised Regulations :—

1. A Gold Medal shall be awarded triennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.
2. The Medal shall be bestowed on the person who, in the judgment of the Council, is considered to have written the

most outstanding book or monograph on any aspect of the Cultural Anthropology of India in the English language, failing that in Bengali.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the medal is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of not less than seven and not more than eleven members as per Regulation 4 below.

4. The Board shall be termed the "Sarat Chandra Roy Memorial Medal Advisory Board" including the (i) Anthropological Secretary, (ii) a nominee from among the heirs of the late Rai Bahadur S. C. Roy, viz. (a) one selected by Mrs. Sarat Chandra Roy as long as she is alive, and (b) after her death one member to be nominated by the heirs of the late Rai Bahadur Sarat Chandra Roy, (iii) the President, and (iv) the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided. The General Secretary shall give the persons concerned sufficient notice in order to allow them time to select their nominee.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows, in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st of October. The Board after due consideration shall make the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council for consideration at the

November or the December meeting. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider their decision but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

6. In awarding the medal at least 75% of the members of the Board must agree on the scholar to be selected. In the event that 75% of them do not agree, or that a deserving scholar is not available, then the Medal shall not be awarded that particular year and the interest on the fund shall be added to the principal.

7. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

8. The name of the medalist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

## XXII BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SARATLAL BISWAS MEMORIAL MEDAL

### *Preamble*

In November, 1954, Sri S. K. Ray, Secretary, S. L. Biswas Memorial Committee made over to the Asiatic Society in memory of the late Professor S. L. Biswas, Head of the Department of Geology, Calcutta University, a donation of Rs. 850/- for the creation of an endowment for the award of a medal to be named "Saratlal Biswas Memorial Medal" on the following terms :—

- (a) The Medal be awarded in alternate years,
- (b) The Medal be awarded to a past student of the Calcutta University who passed his M. Sc. not more than ten years before the time of the award of the Medal.

- (c) The Medal be awarded to the author of the best published work in Mineralogy and Petrology, published within the two years preceding the date of award.

The Council of the Society framed the following Regulations for the award of the Medal in 1958 :—

1. The Medal shall ordinarily be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be bestowed on a person who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contributions to the knowledge of Mineralogy and Petrology.

3. The Council shall at a meeting to be held in July appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in the Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "The Saratlal Biswas Memorial Advisory Board" and shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Biological Secretary, one of the past recipients of the medal and such other members as the Council may decide. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members who shall have a casting vote ( in addition to his own vote ) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November preceding the date of the Annual Meeting at which the award shall be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for the considera-

tion of the Council meeting to be held in November or December.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award. The period of every two years mentioned in Regulation No. 1 shall always be counted from the year of the award.

7. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

### XXIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE RABINDRANATH TAGORE BIRTH CENTENARY PLAQUE

1. The Plaque is to be called "Rabindranath Tagore Birth-Centenary Plaque".

2. The Plaque shall ordinarily be awarded annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

3. The Plaque shall be awarded annually to the author of an outstanding work constituting a creative contribution to any aspect of human culture, published in course of the ten years preceding the year in which the award is to be made.

4. The Council shall, at the meeting held in July, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted as noted in Regulation 5 below.

5. The Advisory Board shall comprise of the (1) President, (2) the Treasurer and (3) the General Secretary, Asiatic Society, (4) a nominee of the University of Calcutta, (5) a

nominee of the Visva Bharati University, (6) a nominee of the Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, (7) a nominee of the Sahitya Academy, (8) a nominee of the Rabindra Bharati University, (9) a nominee of the Indian Science Congress Association, (10) a nominee of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, and (11) a nominee of the National Institute of Sciences of India. The President of the Asiatic Society will be the Chairman of the Advisory Board.

6. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in November of the year preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made. He will at the same time request the members of the Advisory Board to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work and attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions for the award by October 31, and shall place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the work or attainments of such candidates submitted by the Fellows. The Board shall make such necessary arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name to be recommended to the Council for consideration at the meeting to be held in November or December.

7. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Plaque is to be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year, and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award.

8. In case due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by January 10th at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XXIV. BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF INDIRA GANDHI GOLD PLAQUE.

The Council of the Asiatic Society in its meeting held on 17. 11. 84 decided to award annually "Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque" to an eminent person of International repute for significant contribution to international understanding/inter-cultural cooperation or for significant contribution towards human progress. It was further decided by the Council that an endowment of Rs. 1, 00, 000/- would be created. Accordingly an endowment of Rs. 1, 00, 000/- has been created.

The Council framed the following By-Laws for the award of the Plaque.

1. The Plaque shall ordinarily be awarded annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society to be held in May.

2. The Plaque shall be bestowed on an eminent person of international repute who, in the opinion of the Council, has made conspicuously important contribution to international understanding/inter-cultural cooperation or towards human progress.

3. The Council shall, at the meeting held in November, appoint an Advisory Board comprising the members as per By-Law 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall be termed "Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque Advisory Board". The Board shall comprise not less than Seven and not more than Eleven members, including one of the past recipients of the Plaque, 3 Ex-Officio Members, History & Archaeological Secretary and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council. The Board shall appoint a Chairman from amongst its members who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday in February preceding

the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name to be submitted to the Council for consideration at the February/March meeting.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Plaque should be awarded. It shall be open to the Board to report to the Council that no award should be made for that year; and, in such case, provided the Council concurs, a new Advisory Board shall be constituted in the following year and so on, from year to year, in the manner prescribed above, till recommendation is made for an award.

#### XXV. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE CHANDA BIRTH CENTENARY MEDAL

##### *Preamble*

In September and December 1973 Srimati Amita Chanda donated Rs. 3,000.00 in two instalments (Rs. 2,000.00 and Rs. 1,000.00 respectively) for the creation of an endowment for award of a Bronze Medal to be named "R. P. Chanda Centenary Medal".

The following By-Laws governing the award of the Medal were framed.

1. A Bronze Medal, named 'R. P. Chanda Centenary Medal,' be awarded every year at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be awarded every year to a person for his conspicuously important contributions alternately in any branch of (1) Archaeology and/or Art History and (2) Anthropology.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the Medal is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner mentioned in By-Law 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall consist of the following :

1. President, 2. General Secretary, 3. Treasurer, 4. Historical and Archaeological Secretary, 5. Anthropological Secretary, the Asiatic Society, 6. Donor or her nominee, and 7-9. three Experts in the subject concerned to be nominated by the Council ( *Note* : in years following the first award a past recipient shall be included among the nominees of the Council ).

5. In September the General Secretary shall invite nomination for the award, along with statements of the works and attainments of the nominees, from the Fellows, such nominations to reach the Society by 31st of October.

6. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work and attainments of such nominees as they may wish to propose. Along with these statements the General Secretary shall also place the statements regarding nominations received from the Fellows before the Board for consideration. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for submission to the Council for consideration either at the November or December meeting.

In the absence of the President, the Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote ( in addition to his own vote ) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

7. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal shall be awarded. The Council may, for specified reasons, request the Board to reconsider the recommendation, but shall not be competent to substitute another name in place of the one already recommended by the Board.

8. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within Decem-

ber, the Board shall inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation within the 10th of January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

9. The name of the Medalist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

## XXVI. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE DR. NARESH CHANDRA SENGUPTA GOLD MEDAL

### *Preamble*

In January, 1974 Captain N. C. Sen Gupta donated a sum of Rs. 5,000-00 for the creation of an endowment for biennial award of a Gold Medal in memory of his father, late Dr. Naresh Chandra Sengupta.

The following By-Laws governing the award of the Medal were framed.

1. A Gold Medal, named "Dr. Naresh Chandra Sen Gupta Gold Medal", be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be awarded every other year to a person for his outstanding contributions in the field of Society and Law in ancient and mediaeval India.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner mentioned in By-Law 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall consist of the following :

1. President, 2. General Secretary, 3. Treasurer, the Asiatic Society, 4. Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Calcutta University, 5. Chief Justice, Calcutta or his nominee, 6. Donor or his nominee, and 7-9. three experts in the subject concerned to be nominated by the Council ( *Note* : In years following the

first award a past recipient shall be included among the nominees of the Council ).

5. In September the General Secretary shall invite nomination for the award, along with statements of the works and attainments of the nominees, from the Fellows, such nominations to reach the Society by 31st of October.

6. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work and attainments of such nominees as they may wish to propose. Along with these statements the General Secretary shall also place the statements regarding nominations received from the Fellows before the Board for consideration. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for submission to the Council for consideration either at the November or December meeting.

In the absence of the President, the Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

7. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal shall be awarded. The Council may, for specified reasons, request the Board to reconsider the recommendation, but shall not be competent to substitute another name in place of the one already recommended by the Board.

8. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, the Board shall inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation within the 10th of January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

9. The name of the Medalist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

## XXVII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE PROF. NIRMAL NATH CHATTERJEE MEDAL

### *Preamble*

In November, 1963, Professor N. N. Chatterjee donated a sum of Rs. 1, 500/- in cash to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the annual award of a medal to be named "Professor Nirmal Nath Chatterjee Medal", to a past student who passed the M. Sc. Examination not more than ten years before the time of the award of the medal and was the author of the best work in Economic Geology, published within two years preceding the date of award.

The following Regulations were framed for the award of the Medal.

1. The Medal shall be awarded every year at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be awarded to a person who passed the M. Sc. Examination not more than ten years before the time of the award of the medal, and who, in the judgement of the Council, has made conspicuously important contribution to the knowledge of Economic Geology.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the medal is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in the Regulation No. 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including the Biological Secretary, General Secretary, and the President of the Asiatic Society, and such other members as the Council may decide. In the absence of the President of the Asiatic Society the Board shall appoint a Chairman, from among the members present, who shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday of November, preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the works or attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the works or attainments of any other candidate submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider their decision but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

7. In case due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

#### XXVIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF S. C. CHAKRAVARTI MEMORIAL MEDAL

##### *Preamble*

In May 1966, Sri S. C. Chakravarti donated a sum of Rs. 5000/- in cash to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a Bronze Medal to be named "S. C. Chakravarti Medal". The Medal is to be awarded every other year for conspicuously important contribution alternatively in any branch of Indian Archaeology, and in any branch of Ancient Indian Languages.

The following Regulations were framed for the award of the Medal :

1. A Bronze Medal shall be awarded every other year at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Medal shall be awarded every other year to a person for his conspicuously important contribution alternatively (1) in any branch of Indian Archaeology, and (2) in any branch of Ancient Indian Languages.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the Medal is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in Regulation 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven Members including (1) the President, (2) the General Secretary, (3) the Treasurer, the Asiatic Society, (4) the Donor or his Nominee and as below :

##### For Archaeology :

- (5) Historical and Archaeological Secretary.
- (6) Professor of Archaeology, Calcutta University.
- (7) Carmichael Professor of Ancient Indian History and Culture, Calcutta University.
- (8) Director General of Archaeology or a person nominated by him and such other three experts as may be nominated by the Council.

##### For Ancient Indian Languages :

- (5) Philological Secretary
- (6) Ashutosh Professor of Sanskrit, Calcutta University.
- (7) Professor of Pali, Calcutta University.
- (8) Head of the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University and such other three experts as may be nominated by the Council.

In the absence of the President of the Asiatic Society, the Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members

present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them at the meeting detailed statements of the works and attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the works and attainments of any other candidate already submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions by the 31st October.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal should be awarded. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider the decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

7. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

8. The name of the medalist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

## XXIX. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SUHRIT CHANDRA MITRA MEMORIAL PLAQUE

### *Preamble*

In July, 1969, Calcutta University Psychology Alumni Association, 92, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Calcutta,

donated a sum of Rs. 2000/- to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a Bronze Plaque to be named "Professor Suhrit Chandra Mitra Memorial Plaque" to be awarded biennially for conspicuously important contribution on Psychology.

The following Regulations were framed for award of the Plaque.

1. A Bronze Plaque shall be awarded biennially at the Annual General Meeting.

2. The Plaque shall be awarded to a person for his conspicuous contribution in any branch of Psychology.

3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the Plaque is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in clause 4 below.

4. The Advisory Board shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members including President, Treasurer and General Secretary of the Society, a representative to be nominated by the Calcutta University Psychology Alumni Association, two immediate past Presidents of the Psychology & Education Sciences Section of the Indian Science Congress Association, University Professor of Psychology, immediate past recipient (after the year of first award) and such other members as the Council may decide.

Moreover, that a certain percentage (say 70%) of the members of the Board must agree on the scholar to be selected should be mentioned in a regulation. It should also be stated that if a deserving candidate is not available, the Plaque shall not be awarded that particular year and the interest on the fund shall be added to the principal.

5. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them at the meeting detailed statements of the works and



attainments of such candidates as they may wish to propose. The General Secretary also place before the Board for consideration detailed statements of the works and attainments of any other candidate already submitted by any Fellow of the Society. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made to forward their suggestions by 31st October of the year.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the medal should be awarded. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider the decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

7. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

8. The name of the recipient of the Plaque shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

### XXX. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE DR. PANCHANAN MITRA MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

In August, 1980, Sri Ajoy Hriday Mitra, son of late Dr. Panchanan Mitra the renowned Anthropologist, donated a sum of Rs. 5400/- to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a Lectureship in memory of his father.

1. The Lectureship will be named as "Dr. Panchanan Mitra Memorial Lectureship".

2. The Lectureship shall be awarded annually.

3. The subject of the lecture will be Anthropology.

4. The value of the Lectureship shall be met from the interest to be earned from the amount of the Corpus which will be

in deposit with the State Bank of India, Park Street or invested in Govt. securities as to be decided by the Council of the Society.

5. The honorarium for the Lectureship shall be Rs. 300/-

6. The number of the lecture for each series shall be at least two.

7. The Council shall, at a meeting preceding the award of the Lectureship each year, appoint a Selection Committee consisting of the following.

President, Treasurer and General Secretary of the Society, a representative of the donor's family, and three experts to be nominated by the Council.

8. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Selection Committee on a convenient day in the second week of November at the same time requesting the members to bring with them at the meeting, detailed statements of the works and attainments of such candidate they wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Committee for consideration detailed statements of the works and attainments of any other candidate already submitted by any member of the Council or Fellow of the Society.

9. The Selection Committee shall submit to the Council the name of the scholar to be invited to deliver the lecture. The Council, may, for specified reasons, request the Committee to reconsider the decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Committee.

In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Committee be not in a position to make any recommendation within a specified period to be determined by the Council, the Committee shall inform the Council accordingly. The Council will have the option to invite a scholar of its choice to deliver the lecture.

11. The name of the lecturer and the subject of the lectures shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

12. The selected lecturer will submit his manuscript either before the lecture or within one month from the dates of the delivery of the lecture.

13. The right of printing and publishing the lectures shall be vested in the Society. But in the event of the Society's inability to do so within two years from the dates of lectures, the author may have the option of printing and publishing it elsewhere with prior permission of the Society.

### XXXI. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE MEGHNAD SAHA GOLD MEDAL

#### *Preamble*

In April, 1960, Shri Bijoy Kumar Karnani donated a sum of Rs. 5001/- to the Society for creation of an endowment for the award of a gold medal to be named "Meghnad Saha Memorial Gold Medal". The Asiatic Society started a Fund called Meghnad Saha Memorial Gold Medal Fund to perpetuate the memory of Professor Saha. A sum of Rs. 640/- was received from members of the Council towards contribution of the fund. Another sum of Rs. 100/- received from an anonymous donor through Shri S. K. Mullick of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. The medal is to be awarded every alternate year to an Indian Scientist who has made outstanding contributions in any branch of Physics.

The Council of the Society framed certain By-Laws for award of the medal.

The following are the By-Laws :

1. A Gold medal shall be awarded every two years at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.

2. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the

medal is to be awarded, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in Regulation 3 below.

3. The Advisory Board shall consist of seven members including (1) the President, (2) the General Secretary, (3) the Treasurer, (4) Physical Science Secretary, the Asiatic Society, (5) the Chief Donor or his nominee, and such other members of the Society or experts as may be appointed or nominated by the Council.

4. The General Secretary shall request the Fellows of the Society in the month of September to forward their suggestions regarding this award by 31st October.

The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory Board on the Second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them at the meeting, detailed statements of the works and attainments of any candidate already submitted by a Fellow of the Society.

5. In absence of the President of the Asiatic Society, the Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

6. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the medal should be awarded. The Council may for specified reasons request the Board to reconsider the decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.

7. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, then the Board may inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation by the 10th January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.

8. The name of the medalist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

### XXXII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE DR. BIMANBEHARI MAZUMDAR MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

In September, 1971, Dr. B. P. Mazumdar, son of Late Dr. Bimanbehari Mazumdar of Dariapur Gola, Patna, donated a sum of Rs. 5375/- to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a Lectureship in memory of his father called as "Dr. Bimanbehari Memorial Lecture" to be awarded every year.

The following regulations were framed for award of the Lectureship :

1. The Lectureship shall be awarded annually.
2. The value of the Lectureship shall be met from the interest to be earned from the amount of the Corpus which will be in deposit with the State Bank of India, Park Street or invested in Govt. securities as to be decided by the Council of the Society.
3. The honorarium for lectureship shall be awarded to a person, who has made notable contribution to Indian History or Vaishnavism or Comparative Religion or Bengali Language and Literature or Political Thought of Indians or Sanskrit Literature in Medieval India.
4. The Council shall, at a meeting preceding the award of the Lectureship, appoint an Advisory Board consisting of the members as noted in clause 5 below.
5. The Advisory Board shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members including President, Treasurer and General Secretary of the Society, a representative of the donor's family.
6. The General Secretary shall call a meeting on a convenient day in the second week of November preceding the day of Lecture at the same time requesting the members to bring with them at the meeting, detailed statements

of the works and attainments of such candidate they may wish to propose. The General Secretary shall also place before the Board for consideration of detailed statements of the works and attainments of any other candidate already submitted by any member of the Council or Fellow of the Society.

7. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Lectureship should be offered. The Council, may, for specified reasons, request the Board to reconsider the decisions, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Board.
8. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, the Board shall inform the Council accordingly by 10th January at the latest provided the Council agree to such a postponement.
9. The name of the lecturer shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.
10. The selected lecturer shall submit his lecture papers either before the lecture given or within one month from the date of his delivering lecture.
11. The authority of printing and publishing the lecture shall be vested in the Society, but in the event of the Society's inability to do so within one year from the date of lecture, the author may have the option of printing it elsewhere with the prior permission of the Society.

### XXXIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE SAILENDRANATH AND MANJULA DEY MEMORIAL MEDAL

#### *Preamble*

By letter of June 23, 1975 Shrimati Rubi Dey proposed to donate Rs. 5,000/- in November, 1975 for the creation of an endowment for Triennial award of a Gold Medal

in memory of her parents, late Sailendranath and Manjula Dey.

The following By-Laws governing the award of the Medal were framed :

1. A Gold Medal, named Sailendranath and Manjula Dey be awarded every three years at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society.
2. The Medal shall be awarded every three years to a Medical Scientist for his conspicuously important contribution in any branch of medical science viz. Allopathic, Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic, Unani or any other recognised system in any part of the world.
3. The Council shall, at a meeting to be held in July preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, appoint an Advisory Board to be constituted in the manner as laid down in Clause 4 below :
4. The Advisory Board consisting of not less than nine and not more than eleven members will be as follows :
  1. President, 2. General Secretary, 3. Treasurer, 4. Medical Secretary, the Asiatic Society, 5. Director, Board of Tropical Medicines, 6. Director, All India Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, 7. A Representative of the State Faculty of Homoeopathy, 8. A Representative of the State Faculty of Ayurveda, 9. Donor or her nominee, and 10-11. two experts in the subject concerned to be nominated by the Council.
5. In September the General Secretary shall invite nominations for the award, along with statements of the works and of the nominees from the Fellows, such nominations to reach the Society by 31st October.
6. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Advisory

Board on the second Monday of November preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the award is to be made, at the same time requesting the members to bring with them to the meeting detailed statements of the work and attainments of such nominees as they may wish to propose. Along with these statements the General Secretary shall also place the statements regarding nominations received from the Fellows before the Board for consideration. The Board shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the selection of a name for submission to the Council for consideration, either at the November or December meeting.

In the absence of the President, the Board shall appoint a Chairman from among the members present. The Chairman shall have a casting vote (in addition to his own vote) in the event of the number of votes being equally divided.

7. The Advisory Board shall submit to the Council the name of the person to whom, in the Board's opinion, the Medal shall be awarded. The Council may for specified reasons, request the Board to reconsider the recommendation but shall not be competent to substitute another name in place of the one already recommended by the Board.
8. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Board be not in a position to make any recommendation within December, the Board shall inform the Council accordingly and submit the recommendation within the 10th of January at the latest, provided the Council agree to such a postponement.
9. The name of the Madallist shall be printed in the Society's Year Book.

#### XXXIV. BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF INDIRA GANDHI MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP

The Council of the Asiatic Society in its meeting held on 17.11.84 decided to award annually a Lectureship in memory of Sm. Indira Gandhi called as Indira Gandhi Memorial Lectureship on the subjects such as unity in diversity, secularism, cultural pluralism, historical and philosophical trends and national integration. It was further decided to create an endowment of Rs. 1,00,000/- for the purpose. Accordingly it was done.

The Council framed the following By-Laws for the award of the Lectureship :

1. The Lectureship will be named as "Indira Gandhi Memorial Lectureship".
2. The Lectureship shall be awarded annually.
3. The subject of the lecture will be chosen as far as possible by turn year after year from the following subjects :
  - (a) Unity in Diversity (b) Secularism (c) Cultural Pluralism (d) Historical and Philosophical Trends and (e) National Integration.
4. The value of the Lectureship shall be met from the interest to be earned from the amount of the corpus which will be in deposit with the State Bank of India, Park Street or invested in Government securities as to be decided by the Council of the Society.
5. The honorarium for the Lectureship shall be Rs. 5000/-.
6. The number of the lecture for each series shall be at least two.
7. The Council shall, at a meeting preceding the award of the Lectureship each year, appoint a Selection Committee consisting of the 3 Ex-Officio Members, three experts to be nominated by the Council and such other members of the Society as may be appointed by the Council.

8. The General Secretary shall call a meeting of the Selection Committee on a convenient day in the second week of February.
9. The Selection Committee shall submit to the Council the name of the Scholar to be invited to deliver the lecture. The Council, may, for specified reasons, request the Committee to reconsider the decision, but shall not be competent to substitute another name for the one already recommended by the Committee.
10. In case, due to any unavoidable reason, the Committee be not in a position to make any recommendation within a specified period to be determined by the Council, the Committee shall inform the Council accordingly. The Council will have the option to invite a scholar of its choice to deliver the lecture.
11. The selected lecturer will submit his manuscript either before the lectures or within one month from the dates of the delivery of the lectures.
12. The right of printing and publishing the lectures shall be vested in the Society. But in the event of the Society's inability to do so within two years from the dates of the lectures, the author may have the option of printing and publishing it elsewhere with prior permission of the Society.

#### XXXV. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE ELLIOTT PRIZE.

(a) The prize is to be awarded, whether in cash or partly in the form of a gold medal and partly in cash, for any original essay giving the results of original research or investigation in any branch of (1) Mathematics, (2) Chemistry, (3) Physics, (4) Geology and Biology (including Pathology and Physiology) published during the four calendar years immediately preceding the year on account of which the prize is given. It shall be called the "Elliott Prize for Scientific Research".

(b) Any people of Bengal, or of Bihar and Orissa, or any Anglo-Indian or domiciled European residing in Bengal, or in Bihar and Orissa, may compete for the prize.

(c) The Trustees to be appointed under section 5 (i) of Act VI of 1890 to administer the property shall be—

The President of the Asiatic Society ;  
The Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University ;  
The Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal.

(d) These Trustees shall be at liberty to make such arrangements as they see fit for obtaining expert advice on the essays submitted to them.

(e) The essays of competitors are to be sent in so as to reach the President, Asiatic Society, by the end of June of the year on account of which the prize is given. Author's reprints are to be submitted and not manuscripts. The prize is to be adjudged to the best competitor and awarded publicly at the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society in May of the year following the order in which they have been named in (a).

(f) The Trustees to announce, in January of each year, in which of the four branches of Science named in (a) the prize will be offered on account of that year, at the same time giving a list of the subjects for the four following years. The subjects are to be taken in rotation in the order in which they have been named in (a).

(g) Preference is to be given to researches leading to discoveries likely to develop the industrial resources of Bengal, or of Bihar and Orissa. In the case of no essay being deemed by the trustees to be of sufficient merit, no prize is to be awarded, but the amount to be given, or the prize is to be enhanced in the case of an exceptionally good essay.

#### XXXVI. BY-LAWS REGARDING DEBATES IN COUNCIL.

1. The Proposer of a resolution shall not be allowed more than ten minutes to move its adoption.

2. The Member seconding the motion shall not be allowed more than five minutes.

3. The Member opposing the motion shall not be allowed more than ten minutes.

4. Other Members wishing to support or to oppose the motion shall obey the ruling of the Chair in respect of priority of speaking and the time to be allotted to each speaker.

5. The Chairman may allow amendments, if any to be proposed but the proposers shall not be allowed more than four minutes to speak.

6. No Member shall speak twice on the same resolution, except the proposer, who shall be allowed, if he so chooses, to reply to the debate before the final vote is taken. He shall not be allowed more than five minutes for his reply.

7. The Chairman shall intimate by the ringing of a bell or in any other suitable manner when a Member is exceeding his time limit and the Member in question shall then at once resume his seat without protest.

8. After the discussion has been closed, amendments, if any, duly proposed and seconded, shall be voted upon first. If carried, the original resolution as amended shall be put to final vote. If the amendments are lost, the original resolution shall be voted upon.

#### XXXVII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLICATION.

##### *Journal and Monographs*

1. All communications submitted to the Society for publication should be fairly written or type-written on one side of the paper only and in all respects ready for printing. If accepted by the Society they shall be printed at its expense.

2. Papers must be accompanied by an abstract as brief as possible, and on no account exceeding 600 words, which shall

indicate the subject of the paper and the nature of the addition to existing knowledge contained in it. The object of this abstract is to save time at the Meetings of the Society and for publication in those cases where the paper does not seem of sufficient importance to justify the expense of printing in full.

3. To ensure early publication of papers, the powers of the Council in respect of arrangements for publishing papers are delegated to a Committee called the Publication Committee, composed of not less than eleven and not more than fifteen members excluding the three *ex-officio* members, (viz. : The President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer) but including such other Sectional Secretaries and members as may be appointed by the Council. This Committee shall have the powers now resting with the Council, except in the matter of rejection of a paper or when the publication of a paper will involve an expenditure exceeding Rs. 200/-. In both these latter cases, the previous sanction of the Council is needed before rejecting or sending any paper to the Press for publication.

4. It shall be within the power of the Publication Committee to refer, any paper or communication received, to an expert for scrutiny and opinion, be the latter a Fellow or Member of the Asiatic Society or not.

5. While deciding to refer a paper or communication to an expert, the Publication Committee shall fix a target date by which the paper or communication is to be recalled from the referee with or without opinion. The General Secretary shall take such steps as are necessary for ensuring the return of the item referred by the date fixed.

6. All authors of papers or communications published in the Asiatic Society's Journal shall be entitled to receive *gratis* a copy of the issue of the Journal in which their article or articles are published and also 30 printed copies of the papers or communications and as many more as he wants, provided he defrays the cost of paper and printing in respect

of the extra reprints ordered for by him. All reprints prepared for the purpose of this Regulation shall bear the same page headings and pagination as in the original publication, and shall be in all other respects identical with the paper as published in the Journal of the Society. Additional pagination may be permitted in special cases if the Council so permit and then too, strictly in terms of the conditions laid down by the Council at the time of granting such a permission.

7. Papers by persons who are not Members of the Society must be presented through a Member of the Society, who shall satisfy himself that the paper is suitable for submission to the Society.

8. No communication under consideration or accepted for publication by the Society may be published elsewhere without express consent of the Council.

9. The General Secretary shall intimate to the authors whose papers or communications have been accepted for publication that no alteration or addition necessitating any considerable change of type may be made in the proof. Should any such alteration or addition be necessary, it must be put in as a footnote duly dated and initialled. If the press charges any extra sum in respect of the additions or alterations made by the authors after the page proofs have been prepared, that extra cost shall be borne by the authors making such last minute corrections or alterations.

#### XXXVIII. BY-LAWS REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ITEMS FOR THE BIBLIOTHECA INDICA SERIES.

##### *Bibliotheca Indica*

1. The General Secretary shall consult the Philological Secretaries and may further consult independent experts if he considers it advisable in respect of any manuscript submitted to him for publication in the Bibliotheca Indica Series of the Asiatic Society.

2. Any work before being accepted shall be reported on to the Council by the General Secretary as per recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee if any as to :—

- (a) Whether the work is worthy of publication.
- (b) What manuscripts are available.
- (c) The qualifications of the Editors to undertake the work.
- (d) The extent and approximate cost and time required for the completion of the work.
- (e) Specimen pages including editorial notes.

3. The manner of remuneration, when any item is to be paid for, shall be determined by the Council before accepting the same for publication by the Society.

4. The Council may delegate its powers, if necessary, to a Committee to be termed the "Bibliotheca Indica Committee" which shall be composed of not less than seven and not more than eleven members excluding the President, the Treasurer, the General Secretary but including the two Philological Secretaries of the Asiatic Society and such other members as may be appointed by the Council.

5. The Bibliotheca Indica Committee, if constituted, shall meet at least once a quarter for advising the Council about the suitability or otherwise of the items to be taken up for publication by the Society in the Bibliotheca Indica series.

#### XXXIX. BY-LAWS REGARDING GENERAL LECTURES.

1. The Council shall arrange for the delivery of general lectures, to be held in the Society's rooms, during the winter season, between the first of November and the last day of March.

2. The Lectures shall be designed to convey instructive and interesting information in attractive form to a generally

cultured audience, not necessarily composed of specialists in the subjects of the lectures. The purpose of the lectures is to awaken interest in and draw attention to the work of the Society.

3. Attendance at the lectures shall be open to all Members of the Society, and to such non-members as are invited to them by the Council on its own initiative, on the recommendation of Members or at the request of non-Members desiring to attend.

4. The lectures shall embrace all subjects investigated by the Society, but equal representation of Scientific and literary subjects shall be striven after.

5. The lectures shall be so arranged as to serve to communicate to a generally cultured public, either summaries of specialist knowledge, i.e., intelligent popularization, or the announcement or exposition of new results, either in the nature of new discovery or new theory.

6. Lecturers shall be invited by the Council, but offers to lecture shall be received first and considered by the Council, and invitations to lecture shall not be confined to Members of the Society.

7. Lecturers shall be chosen with strict consideration for their special competence in the subject of their lectures as well as for their skill as public speakers and their ability to interest and instruct.

8. Lectures may be given with or without the aid of lantern slides, demonstrations or exhibits.

9. The Council may invite the lecturers to forward written summaries of their lectures for publication in a special General Lecture Series.

10. In case of publication of the lectures in the above-mentioned Series, they shall be printed as uninterrupted, continuous, non-technical texts, to which, however, the author may add, in the form of appendices, any technical notes, references, bibliographies or other explanatory material he thinks desirable.



11. Record shall be kept of the lectures, and notice of them shall be given beforehand to all Resident Members.

12. The Council may in their discretion in special cases may dispense with any or all of the foregoing Regulations while arranging for a lecture to be delivered at the Society.

#### XL. BY-LAWS REGARDING DISCUSSION MEETINGS.

1. The Council shall arrange to hold Discussion Meetings in the premises of the Society if possible every month between the first of November and last day of March every year.

2. The purpose of these meetings shall be to afford opportunities for informal discussion with a view to awakening interest in the work of the Society. Members and non-members introduced by Members or invited by the Council may take part in the discussions.

3. The topics for discussion shall embrace all subjects investigated by the Society, and such other subjects as, in the opinion of the Council, will contribute to the progress and improvement of the work of the Society. No political or personal matters, or any other topics detrimental to the aims of the Society shall be allowed to be introduced for discussion.

4. Scholars in any particular branch of study, including science, literature and philosophy, may be invited to open discussions and offers from Members will be received and considered by the Council. Members wishing to suggest or open topics for discussion shall inform the General Secretary. All topics must be approved by the Council before coming up for discussion.

5. Each meeting may elect its own Chairman in the absence of the President of the Asiatic Society and there shall be an

opener at every meeting who shall be entitled to speak for 20 minutes only for introducing the topic for discussion to be followed by a general discussion lasting for about 40 minutes. No speaker shall be allowed to speak for more than 5 minutes unless the Chairman decides otherwise in consideration of the special importance of the points raised by the speaker.

6. Discussion Meetings shall be held at such hours as the Council may decide and notices shall be issued to Resident Members at least a week in advance of the dates fixed by the Council for the meetings.

7. The Chairman, if so thinks fit, may keep an informal record of a Discussion Meeting held under his Chairmanship but the same shall not form part of the Proceedings of the Asiatic Society.

8. The Council in special circumstances may dispense fully or partly with the procedure laid down in the foregoing Regulations regarding the Discussion Meetings.

## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A

#### A SHORT NOTE ON THE DIFFERENT STAGES THROUGH WHICH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PASSED BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL OF

#### THE PRESENT REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS.

When the Society was first established in 1784, there was no written Code of Rules because Sir William Jones, the founder expressed a strong feeling of disapprobation against an elaborate Code of Rules. It is worthwhile to quote extracts from his inaugurated address in this connection : "In the infancy of any Society, there ought to be no confinement, no trouble, no expense, no unnecessary formality. It may be advisable at first.....to establish but one rule, namely, to have no rules at all."

In August 1796 the necessity having been felt for devising "the best means of rendering the Institution Permanent", a set of Rules was first framed. A reference about this is to be found on page 590 of Volume VI of the "Asiatick Researches". Other rules were framed from time to time but nothing like a regular Code was adopted until the beginning of the second half of the 19th century. After examination of the rules of European Societies, a special Committee appointed for the purpose, prepared a Code of By-laws, which was formally adopted at the General Meeting held on the 5th January, 1851. In practice, however, as it was found that some rules were unworkable, a general revision of rules was made in 1859. After the Indian Museum had been established, it was felt that in the altered circumstances of the Society, the rules then in force, required to be changed thoroughly, and accordingly a new Code was framed and adopted in 1869. Again the necessity for

recasting the rules was considered desirable and hence in November, 1876, the rules were redrafted and finally approved. After 1876, although several amendments were made from time to time they were of the type required under the stress of different periods of the working of the Society. But no major change was introduced till 1945 when a revision of Rules and Regulations was made.

Then again in 1951-52 the Council of the Society appointed a Rule Revision Committee to revise thoroughly the Rules which were then in force without any noteworthy major change since the last quarter of the preceding century.

The main changes then introduced, relate to (1) the abolition of the two categories of membership, viz., non-resident and foreign, (2) increase in the subscription rates and consequent enhancement of the compounding fees, (3) provision for a seat of the nominee of the Government of India as a supporter of the Society, (4) introduction of a statutory period for the compulsory retirement from office of both the General Secretary and the Treasurer and of 4 other members, who serve longest on the Council, and (5) the opportunity thrown open to the general body of members of discussing the annual report inclusive of the accounts and budget estimates.

The Regulations regarding the use of the library and reading rooms, leave, office attendance and provident fund were thoroughly revised on the recommendation of Regulations Revision Committee constituted in 1952-53 and new Regulations were framed regarding research fellows and payment of gratuity to the staff as per rules of the Central Government.

The Regulations bearing on the award of medals were also recast with a view to speeding up the procedure for proper choice of likely recipients by obtaining as much authoritative opinion as is practicable.

The revised Rules and Regulations of the Society, corrected up to 6th April 1953, were published by the then Secretary Prof. J. M. Sen.

Further revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Society became necessary due to the enactment of the Societies Registration Act (Act XXXVI of 1961) and the Rules thereunder. The amendments were made in the General Meeting held on 15th May, 1972. Thereafter certain other amendments in the Regulations were made on 6th January, 1975, 15th March, 1975, 6th August, 1979 and 12th August, 1983, before it took the present shape.

Chandan Roy Chaudhuri  
General Secretary

## APPENDIX B

### CHANGES MADE IN THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT UP TO JULY, 1951, WHEN THE PRESENT NAME WAS ADOPTED.

#### I. ASIATICK SOCIETY, (1784-1825)

On the 15th of January, 1784 through the exertions of Sir William Jones, a Puisne Judge of the then Supreme Court at Fort William in Bengal and a distinguished scholar and linguist, a meeting was held at the premises of the Court under the presidentship of Sir Robert Chambers, Kt., Chief Justice, Supreme Court. At that meeting a resolution was passed unanimously for establishing a Society under the name of the "Asiatick Society" for enquiring into "the History, Civil and Natural, the Antiquities, Arts, Sciences, and Literature of Asia." Thirty leaders of the European community then settled in Calcutta who took part in the meeting became the founders of the Society and later on became the leading officers of the East India Company in India. Among them were some of the principal contributors to the usages of the Society's Translations.

The name "Asiatick Society" continued in use up to the beginning of 1825.

#### II. THE ASIATIC SOCIETY (1825-1832)

In 1825 the antique "K" was dropped without any formal resolution having been passed to that effect. In 1829 the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland was established and that Society requested the Asiatic Society to be affiliated to that organisation but the Society declined that offer with thanks. The Literary Society of Bombay set up in 1806 was affiliated to the London Society under the designation of "the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society."

## III. THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL (1832-1935)

In 1832 the Society accorded permission to Mr. James Prinsep to publish Captain J. D. Herbert's Journal "Gleanings in Science" under the new name of "Journal of the Asiatic Society." Mr. Prinsep in order to distinguish it from the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society at London added the words "of Bengal" on the title page. The introduction of the words "of Bengal" was not noticed by the then Council of the Society as no formal permission was taken by Mr. Prinsep to add those words. In 1842 when the Council of the Society took upon it, the responsibility of publishing the Journal, the name "Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal" had become so very familiar all over the world that the title in question was tacitly retained. In the Code of By-Laws of the Society printed by the Society in 1851, the words "of Bengal" were allowed to stand.

In 1899, the Council went into the question of resumption of the original name of the Society by dropping the words "of Bengal" but the general body of Members to whom the matter was referred in January 1900, did not approve of the proposal of the Council to the effect that the Society should be designated simply as "the Asiatic Society."

## IV. THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BENGAL

(1936-1951, June)

The Society celebrated the 150 anniversary of its foundation on the 15th January, 1934, and on that occasion the then President proposed that the Society should apply for a Royal Charter to be known under the name and style of "The Royal Asiatic Society of India (Asiatic Society of Bengal)." A formal application to the British Crown was submitted through the Viceroy with the result that the Royal permission came in 1936 and since then the Society came to be known as "The Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal."

## V. THE ASIATIC SOCIETY (Since July 1951)

On the suggestion of some members and on the basis of the letter from the Government of India which was received in July 1949, recommending a change in the name of the Society by clipping the word 'Royal' and changing the word Asiatic to 'Asian' the question of a further change in the name of the Society was considered but the general body of members did not agree to adopt the name "The Asian Society" but voted for the adoption of the title "The Asiatic Society" at the general meeting held on the 2nd of January, 1950. As the technical formalities about the alteration in the name in the books of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Government of India (who is also the Registrar under the Registration Act XXI of 1860) could not be completed till about the middle of June 1951, the formal change in name could not be effected before 1st July, 1951.

## APPENDIX C

### NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE RULES REVISION COMMITTEE

1951

Prof. S. K. Mitra, D. Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S. (Chairman)  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M.A., B.L.  
Dr. S. C. Law, M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I., F.Z.S.  
Prof. J. M. Sen, B.Sc., M.Ed., T.D., Dip. Ed., F.R.G.S., F.N.I.  
Dr. S. L. Hora, D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.  
Dr. K. N. Bagchi, B.Sc., M.B., F.R.I.C., F.N.I., D.T.M.  
Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen, M.A., B.L.  
Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray, M.A., D.Litt. et Phil., Dip. Lib., F.L.A.

### NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE REGULATIONS REVISION COMMITTEE

1952

Prof. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S. (Chairman)  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M.A., B.L.  
Dr. K. N. Bagchi, B. Sc., M.B., F.R.I.C., F.N.I., D.T.M.  
Prof. J. M. Sen, B.Sc., M. Ed., T.D., Dip.Ed., F.R.G.S., F.N.I.  
Dr. S. L. Hora, D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.  
Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen, M.A., B.L.  
Prof. Nirmal Chandra Bhattacharyya, M.A., B.L., M.L.C.

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### NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE REGULATIONS REVISION COMMITTEE

1953

Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, M.A., D.Litt., F.A.S., M.L.C.  
(Chairman)  
Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.  
Dr. K. N. Bagchi, B.Sc., M.B., F.R.I.C., F.N.I., D.T.M.  
Prof. J. M. Sen, B.Sc., M.Ed., T.D., Dip.Ed., F.R.G.S., F.N.I.  
Prof. Nirmal Chandra Bhattacharyya, M.A., B.L., M.L.C.  
Dr. S. L. Hora, D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.  
Mr. Nirmal Kumar Sen, M.A., B.L.

*N. B.*

A large portion of the Regulations was drafted by the Committee appointed in 1952 and the remaining portion was drafted by the Committee of 1953, and they were passed by the General Body of Members after suitable modifications made by the Councils of 1952 and 1953.

### NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE (RULES REVISION COMMITTEE)

1968

Professor S. N. Bose, F.R.S., F.A.S., National Professor  
in Science (President, 1968-69)  
Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji, M.A., D.Litt. (Lond),  
D.Litt. (Rome), F.A.S., National Professor in Humanities  
(President, 1970-71)

Shri P. C. Chatterjee, M.A., *Solicitor*

Shri M. M. Basu, I.C.S. (Retd.)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M.A., B.L.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. K. Mukerjee

Shri Hiranmoy Banerjee, I.C.S. (Retd.)

Shri S. N. Sengupta

Dr. S. K. Mitra, M.A., LLB., D.Phil., F.A.S.

Dr. B. N. Mukherjee, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.), F.A.S.

## APPENDIX D

### THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

#### OBLIGATION FORM TO BE EXECUTED BY RESEARCH FELLOWS.

[OBLIGATION FORM to be signed by the Research Fellow of the Asiatic Society as per Regulation No. X (10) for the Guidance of Research Fellows.]

I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that I have carefully read the regulations regarding the Asiatic Society Research Fellowships, of which I possess a copy, and engage that I shall observe the terms and conditions laid down therein so long as I shall continue a *Research Fellow of the Asiatic Society*.

Date.....  
(Signature)

Name of the Research Fellow .....  
(in block letters) .....

Countersigned.  
(Name of the Supervisor Scholar in full)

Date.....  
(Official designation)