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CONSTITUTION

BHARATIYA
KRANTI
DAL

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I. Name

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The name of the Party shall be :
Bharatiya Kranti Dal

II. Aims and Objects :

The Dal shall, by and large, work according to the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi for the creation of a democratic society free from economic, political and social exploitation. It will endeavour to strengthen the faith and confidence of the Indian people in the basic values of democracy, nationalism, secularism, socialism and international fellowship. It will bear in mind that all production is meant for the use and consumption of society.

Aims and objects of the Dal in particular shall be :

- 1) To foster an agrarian organisation based on intensive application of labour and capital per unit of land, through small farms managed by independent farmers, linked together by the principle of co-operation ;
- 2) To establish an industrial economy based primarily on small decentralized units, which will maximise employment and increase production and per capita income through labour intensive rather than capital intensive industries ;

For goods and services required for Defence and Research as also those which cannot be produced or supplied through small scale units, capital-intensive undertakings shall be set up under State ownership or control ;

- 3) To work for a change in the motivations of our people so that they may shed fatalism and work hard for their own betterment as also for economic development of the country ;
- 4) To promote the principle that rights flow only out of duties well performed, so that individual happiness and social peace are assured ;
- 5) To inculcate a spirit of reliance on our own resources so that, on the one hand, the nation develops a sense of self-respect and on the other, commands the respect of the world ;
- 6) To work for removal of all discrimination in matters of social, political and economic behaviour between one citizen and another on the grounds of sex, language, caste, region or religion, so that nationalism and the feeling of a common Indian brotherhood gets strengthened day by day.
- 7) To develop in the sphere of external affairs a policy which subserves the national interest, conduces to a world order based on elimination of economic inequa

lities and international exploitation and resolves disputes among nations by discussion, negotiation and mediation and avoids war and consequent human misery but at the same time keeps our people ready for maintenance of the country's frontiers and its honour.

III. MEMBERSHIP

Any person who accepts in writing the aims, objects, policy, programme and discipline of the Dal and has attained the age of 18 years shall be eligible for the membership of the Dal provided that :

- (i) He is not a member of any other political party, or of a communal organisation designated by the National Executive;
- (ii) He has not been convicted for moral turpitude by a court of law during the period of seven years preceding the date of his Application and is not at the time under police surveillance.

Additional Qualification for holding any elective post in the Dal.

- i) He has been a primary member for three consecutive years ;
- ii) He abstains from intoxicants;
- iii) He is not a Government beneficiary on account of contracts, controls, licences and such other advantages as prescribed by rules;
- iv) He has not been removed or disqualified by the State Administration from the membership of any local authority during seven years preceding the date of his application ; except where the State executive decides otherwise and obtains for the same, the approval of the National Executive;
- v) He undergoes the minimum training and perform the minimum task as prescribed by the National or State Executive.

IV. MEMBERSHIP FEE AND YEAR

- i) Each member shall pay a membership fee of Rupee one per annum ;
- ii) The year of membership will be the Calendar year i.e. 1st January to 31st December;
- iii) The annual subscription paid by members shall be distributed in the following proportions amongst the various Dal Executives :

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| 1) National (Rashtriya) | — 10% |
| 2) State (Rajya) | — 20% |
| 3) District or City
(Zila or Nagar) | — 40% |
| 4) Kshetra (Constituency) | — 30% |
- iv) The term of every Dal Committee and of its Executive Committee shall be for a period of two years.
 - v) Permanent registers of members shall be kept by the State, District or City and Kshetriya Executives. These registers shall state full name, age, occupation, residence and date of enrolment of every member.
 - vi) Membership shall cease by death, resignation, removal or non-payment of annual fee.

V. ORGANISATION

The Dal shall have the following authorities :

a) Constituency (Kshetra)

- i) Constituency (Kshetra) Council
- ii) Constituency (Kshetra) Executive

b) District or City (Zila or Nagar)

- i) District or City (Zila or Nagar) Council
- ii) District or City (Zila or Nagar) Executive

A District shall mean :

1. A Revenue District minus the city, if any.
2. A city with a population of 3 lacs or more.

c) State (Rajya)

- i) State (Rajya) Council
- ii) State (Rajya) Executive

d) National (Rashtriya)

- i) National (Rashtriya) Conference
- ii) National (Rashtriya) Council
- iii) National (Rashtriya) Executive

VI. (a) KSHETRIYA (CONSTITUENCY) COUNCIL

The Kshetriya Council shall consist of not more than a hundred members to be elected by the members of the Dal, residing within the area of a Vidhan Sabha Constituency, according to rules to be framed by the State Council and approved by the National Executive.

(b) KSHETRIYA EXECUTIVE

The affairs of the Kshetra Council shall be managed by Kshetra Executive consisting of :

- i) Not more than ten members to be elected by the Kshetriya Council ;
- ii) Member of the Vidhan Sabha elected from the area ;
- iii) Member of the District Executive residing in the area ;
- iv) Members of the Central and State Legislature residing in the area ;
- v) Leader of the Dal party in the Block Committees in the area.
- vi) Delegates of the National Conference.

VII. (a) **DISTRICT (ZILA) COUNCIL**

District (Zila) Council shall consist of :

- i) The President and Secretary of every Kshetriya Council.
- ii) Members of the Central and State Legislature elected from the District.
- iii) Member of the Rajya Executive residing in the district.
- iv) Leader of the B.K.D. party in the Zila parishad or the Municipality or the Corporation.
- v) Two members elected by every Kshetriya Council.
- vi) All delegates to the National Conference from the district.

VII. (b) **DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

It shall consist of a Chairman, a Treasurer and 13 members elected from amongst the members of the district council. The Secretary or Secretaries, who shall be elected members of the Executive shall be nominated by the Chairman.

VIII. (a) **STATE COUNCIL (RAJYA PARISHAD)**

The State Council shall consist of :

- i) All the delegates to National Conference from that State.
- ii) Chairman and Secretary of the District Council (But they will not be eligible to stand for the Office of Chairman or Secretary of the State Council).
- iii) Leader of the B.K.D. Legislature party in the State.
- iv) Ex-Chairmen of the State Dal.

(b) **STATE EXECUTIVES**

The State Executive shall consist of Chairman, Treasurer, Leader of the Dal Legislature Party and 18 members elected by the member of the State Council.

IX. **NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

- (a) The National Conference of the Dal shall consist of:
 - i) All members of the National Council ;
 - ii) One delegate elected by each Kshetriya Council;
 - iii) Ex-Chairmen of the Dal.
- (b) The National Conference of the Dal shall be convened annually at such time and place as may be fixed by the National Executive. A special Conference may be convened by the National Executive or by the decision of the National Council.

(c) **Fuctions**

The Conference *inter alia* shall have the following functions :

- (a) to consider the Report and Audited Accounts presented by the General Secretary on behalf of the National Executive.
- (b) to elect the Chairman, Treasurer and 18 other members of the National Executive from amongst the delegates, for the ensuing year. The National executive will continue in Office till a fresh election is held for the next National Conference.
- (c) The Chairman of the National (Rashtriya) Executive shall be the Chairman of the National Council as well as the National Executive.
- (d) to amend the Constitution according to the procedure laid down in XV.
- (e) to consider the following :
 - i) Each resolution recommended by the Executive.
 - ii) Each resolution of which due notice of one month has been given by two delegates and which has been discussed by the Executive and at least one fourth of its members have accorded support to it.
 - iii) Each resolution of which notice has been given by 50 or more delegates before the commencement of the day's sitting.

... **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

The National Council shall consist of :

- i) members elected by the State (Rajya) Council by the system of single transferable votes, quota of a State being equal to the Lok Sabha seats in that State.

- ii) Leader of the B.K.D. Party in Parliament.
- iii) Ex-Chairmen of the Dal.

XI. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

- i) The National (Rashtriya) Executive shall consist of the Chairman, Treasurer, Leader of the Party in Parliament and 18 members elected by the delegates to the National Conference.
- ii) The National Executive shall be the highest executive authority of the Dal and shall have power to carry out the policy and programme laid down by the Dal. It shall be the final authority in all matters relating to interpretation and application of Provisions of the Constitution.
- iii) The National Executive shall frame rules for proper working of the Dal. Such rules shall be placed for approval before the National Council.
- iv) The National Executive shall superintend, direct and control all subordinate committees, it shall take such disciplinary action against a committee or a member as it may deem fit.
- v) The National Executive shall appoint auditors to check the account of the Dal under it, annually or at more frequent intervals.
- vi) The Chairman shall after his election and during his term of office, preside over the National Conference and meetings of the National Council and National Executive of the Dal. In special circumstances, when a meeting of the National Executive cannot be held, he shall exercise all powers of the National Executive.
- vii) The Chairman shall appoint the General Secretary from among the elected members of the National Executive and not more than four Secretaries.

XII. ELECTION

- i) Election to all B.K.D. Executive and National Council shall be by the system of single transferable vote and nobody shall be elected to the office of the Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary or Secretary for two consecutive terms.
- ii) The Executives of the Zila, Nagar and Kshetriya Council shall each consist of a Chairman, a Treasurer and 13 members elected from amongst the members of the respective council. The Secretary or the Secretaries shall be nominated by the Chairman.
- iii) The State (Rajya) Executive shall elect, by single transferable vote a screening committee of three members to scrutinise enrolment of members. The

Screening Committee shall have power to reject any application for membership, even without assigning reasons.

- iv) The State (Rajya) Executive shall frame rules for the conduct of elections and disposal of election disputes or complaints and disciplinary proceedings, and obtain the approval of the National Executive for the same.
- v) On failure of any Zila, Nagar or Kshetriya Council to function in terms of this constitution or in accordance with the directions of the Rajya Executive the latter may suspend the existing Council, and form an Ad-hoc council to carry on the work of the Dal. The National (Rashtriya) Executive shall have the same power in respect of State and Territorial Councils.
- vi) Every member whose name appears in the roll of members prepared in accordance with the rules framed in this behalf by the National Executive, shall be entitled to vote in the Elections according to the rules prescribed.

XIII. PARLIAMENTARY BOARDS

The Parliamentary Board of the National and State (Rashtriya and Rajya) Dal shall each consist of seven members with the Chairman of the relevant Council as its Chairman. The leader of the Party in Parliament or State Legislature shall be an ex-officio member. Five other members shall be elected by the respective council by single transferable vote. The National Executive shall frame rules, defining powers and functions of the Board.

XIV. QUORUM

The quorum for a meeting of a Dal Committee shall be one-half of the total membership of the Committee concerned.

XV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution can be made by simple majority at a meeting of the National Conference, if the amendments are proposed by the National Executive after securing the approval of a majority of the State Councils, or otherwise by a two-thirds majority at the National Convention provided they have been circulated to the State Councils at least sixty days before the meeting of the National Conference.

XVI. RULES

- i) The National Council as well as the State (Rajya) Council shall meet at least twice a year, the National (Rashtriya) Executive and the State (Rajya) Executive once in two months, and District, Nagar, Kshetriya

Council at least once in three months, and the respective Executive at least once every month.

- ii) On receipt of a requisition signed by at least one-fifth of the members, the Secretary of the Committee concerned, in consultation with the Chairman, shall cause a meeting to be held after giving due notice to all members. The signatories shall state in the requisition the purpose for which the meeting is required to be summoned.
- iii) The office of a delegate or a member of any Council or Executive formed under this constitution shall be vacated by resignation, removal or death.
- iv) All vacancies shall, unless otherwise provided for, be filled in the same manner in which the vacating member was chosen and the member so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term of the seat vacated.
- v) In the absence of any provision to the contrary a Council, Executive or Board, once it is properly constituted, shall not become invalid by reason of any vacancy on it.
- vi) A Dal council may delegate any of its power to a smaller committee or a member for a specific purpose.
- vii) A notice including agenda of 15 days, in the case of an ordinary meeting and a notice of 3 days in the case of an urgent meeting shall be necessary. The period in each case shall be reckoned from the date on which the notice is issued and shall exclude the date fixed for the meeting.
- viii) The outgoing Chairman will preside at the National Conference. The new Chairman, along with the new Executive will be elected by the delegates at the conference and shall take charge after the Conference is over.
- ix) Members of the National Council shall form the Subjects Committee of the National Conference.
- x) A city (Nagar) Council shall be constituted on the lines of the District (Zila) Council.
- xi) Any member of the Dal, who approaches any outside authority for relief or intervention in respect of any matter concerning the affairs of the Dal, shall automatically forfeit his membership of the Dal.