CONSTITUTION OF TRADERS FEDERATION SOPORE

Governing Document & Bylaws

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 IMPORTANT NOTICE: This constitution outlines the fundamental rules and regulations governing the Trader Federation Sopore. All members, officers, and committees are bound by these provisions.

PREAMBLE

We, the traders of Sopore, recognizing the need for unity, mutual cooperation, and collective progress, hereby establish this Constitution to govern our Federation. This document serves as the supreme law of the Trader Federation Sopore, guiding our operations, protecting our rights, and defining our responsibilities towards the trading community and society at large.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND ESTABLISHMENT

1.1 Official Name: The name of this organization shall be "Traders Federation of Sopore".

1.2 Legal Status: A complete organizational structure representing all trader organizations within the locality.

1.3 Establishment: Formally established on March 12, 1989, and registered under applicable laws.

1.4 Jurisdiction: This constitution is binding on all members and office bearers of the Federation.

ARTICLE 2: AREA OF OPERATION

2.1 Primary Area: The Federation shall function within the limits of the Municipal Council Sopore.

2.2 Extended Jurisdiction: Includes sub-urban areas falling within a three-kilometer radius from municipal boundaries.

2.3 Operational Scope: All trading activities, business establishments, and commercial enterprises within the defined area.

ARTICLE 3: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Officers: Persons appointed as office bearers in the Working Committee and other committees.

Members: Individuals appointed as members of the Working Committee, General Council, and other committees.

Basic Member: Persons or their nominated partners trading in their own or rented shops within prescribed limits, having paid membership fees, and not being government employees.

Government Employees: Cannot become basic members during service. Retirees may become members after five years of business experience.

Working Committee: The executive body responsible for day-to-day operations and decision-making.

General Council: The advisory and supervisory body representing all members.

ARTICLE 4: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To unite all traders of Sopore through continuous efforts and collective action.

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To work tirelessly for the welfare and betterment of all traders.

To actively resolve legitimate problems of traders without discrimination.

To assist each basic member through legitimate interventions in trade matters.

To maintain liaison with government departments (Electricity, Water Works, Municipal Council, etc.) for members' benefit.

To resolve disputes between owners-tenants, traders-buyers, traders-authorities through mediation and reconciliation.

To absolutely not support any illegal business activities.

To discourage hoarding, adulteration, and other illegal trade practices.

To provide financial and moral support to members affected by disasters.

To keep members informed about government decisions and departmental orders.

To protect the legitimate interests of each basic member as a primary duty.

ARTICLE 5: RULES AND REGULATIONS

5.1 Political Neutrality: The Federation shall have no affiliation with any political party.

5.2 Individual Rights: Political neutrality does not affect individual members' political rights.

5.3 Prohibition: Officers or members shall not use the organization for political party purposes.

5.4 Disciplinary Action: Violation of political neutrality rules may lead to disciplinary proceedings.

ARTICLE 6: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

6.1 Basic Members: Foundation of the Federation.

6.2 General Council: Advisory and supervisory body.

6.3 Working Committee: Executive decision-making body.

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6.4 Unit Committees: Local area committees.

6.5 Market Committees: Specialized market-based committees.

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CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS (2023-2026)

 Term Period: Three Years | **Elected On:** August 20, 2022 | **Next Election:** August 2025

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patron: Haji Inayatullah Hajni

President: Haji Mohd Ashraf Ganaei

Vice President 1st: Haji Mohd Ashraf Zargar

Vice President 2nd: Haji Ab Rashid Badroom

General Secretary: Haji Mohd Ismail Khuroo

Secretary: Haji Latif Ahmad Lungoo

Joint Secretary: Zahoor Ahmad Damna

Publicity Secretary: Gh Hassan Wani

Spokesman: Mohd Shaffi Changal

Accountant: Mahrajudin Janwari

Casher: Manzoor Ahmad Dand

Organisers: Haji Ab Majid Kanjwal

Chief Advisor: Gh Ahmad Beigh

Advisor: Mohd Aslam Mir

Legal Advisor: Irshad Ahmad Wani

SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES

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TRADE COMMITTEE

Convenor: Noor Mohd Hajam

Vice Convenor: Bashir Ahmad Trumboo

Secretary: Gh Mohidin Teli

SALES TAX COMMITTEE

Convener: Haji Mohd Ashraf Zargar

Vice Convenor: Shafqat Hussain Dar

Secretary: Ab Gugoor Dand

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Convenor: Zafar Iqbal Butt

Vice Convenor: Mr. Bilal Ahmed Lango

Secretary: Sheikh Rashid

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IMPORTANT BYLAWS

Membership Eligibility: Only active traders within municipal limits are eligible for basic membership.

Voting Rights: Only verified members with valid identity cards can vote in elections.

Meeting Quorum: General Council requires 1/3 members, Working Committee requires 50% members.

Financial Management: All funds must be deposited in approved bank accounts within 24 hours of receipt.

Audit Requirement: Annual audit by independent auditors is mandatory.

Code of Conduct: All members must maintain ethical business practices and professional conduct.

Dispute Resolution: Internal mediation is mandatory before seeking external legal remedies.

Amendment Process: Constitution amendments require Working Committee approval and General Council ratification.

Election Guidelines: Elections must be conducted by independent Election Board every three years.

Record Keeping: All proceedings, decisions, and financial transactions must be properly documented.

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⚖ **LEGAL COMPLIANCE:** This constitution complies with all applicable laws of Jammu & Kashmir and Government of India regulations. Any provision found to be in conflict with statutory laws shall be automatically amended to ensure compliance.

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