

CONSTITUTION

1. Name.

The name of the Party shall be "The All-India Workers and Peasants' Party."

2. Object.

The object of the Party is the attainment of Complete Independence from Imperialism in general and British Imperialism in particular and thorough democratization of India based on economic, social and political emancipation of the Masses.

3. Means.

The means shall be the Party programme adopted from year to year at the Annual Session of the Party or at any extra-ordinary Congress called for the same purpose.

4. Extent.

The jurisdiction of the Party shall extend over the territories including Indian States, known as India proper, adjoining territories under the influence of British Imperialism.

5. Membership.

(A) The membership of the Party shall be of two kinds:—

1. Individual.
2. Affiliated body.

(B) Any person who will subscribe to the object, constitution and programme of the Party may be taken in as an individual member of the Party subject to the approval of the National Executive Committee. Every individual member, except students and women will have to become a member of some Workers' or Peasants' Union within two months of his becoming a member of the Party. Special exception may be made by Executive Committee provincial or Central.

(C) Candidates and members shall not be members of any communal organisation or take part in communal propaganda.

(D) The National Executive Committee of the Party shall have power to affiliate with it any Workers' or Peasants' Union which is in sympathy with the object and programme of the Party. The Party shall undertake the work of giving the members

affiliated Unions class-conscious education in trade-unionism and politics, and shall assist the work of the Unions by advice and propaganda.

(E) Members will have to pay party dues regularly and perform the organised work of the Party assigned to them.

6. Subscription.

(a) Each individual member of the Party shall pay Rs. 3 per annum to be collected by quarterly instalments. The Executive Committee may exempt or suspend anybody from subscription if it thinks so desirable.

(b) Affiliated organisations:—The affiliated organisations shall pay subscription at the rate of Rs. 3 per thousand or part thereof per annum.

(c) Donation of any amount will be received by the party from sympathisers.

7. Management.

The work of the Party shall be conducted as follows:—

(a) There shall be an Annual Congress of the Party. This Congress or any special Congress of the Workers and Peasants' Party of India shall direct and control the policy and programme of the Party.

(b) The Annual Congress of the Party shall be held with all individual members and representatives of affiliated organisations on the basis of one per thousand or part thereof.

(c) Special Congresses:—In case of emergency the National Executive Committee shall have power to summon a special Congress.

(d) National Executive Committee:—There shall be an Executive Committee of the Party elected every year at the Annual Congress from amongst the members (individual and affiliated).

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

(f) The National Executive Committee; shall be entrusted to carry out the programme of work of the Party and shall be responsible to the Congress for its work.

(g) The National Executive Committee shall submit a report of its work to the Annual Congress of the Party.

7. Management. (H) The work of the Party shall be conducted under the guidance of the National Executive Committee which shall meet every three months.

(1) For facilitation of work of the Party shall be divided into departments. One member of the National Executive Committee shall be placed in charge of a department. The National Executive Committee members in charge of such departments shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for work of the departments.

8. Office (A) Bearers. The National Executive Committee shall elect from among its members, a General Secretary and Treasurer. Departmental leaders shall also be elected from among members of the Executive Committee.

(B) *Meetings* :—At a meeting of the National Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall elect its own Chairman. At all meetings of the Executive Committee five members shall form a quorum. At least 14 days notice must be given prior to calling National Executive Committee meetings.

(C) *Meetings of the N.E.C.* :—A National Executive member not attending two consecutive meetings without giving satisfactory excuse shall be considered to have vacated his seat and the National Executive Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy.

9. For a meeting of the Congress the National Executive Committee shall give one month's clear notice to all Provincial Committees and affiliated organisations who shall communicate the same to all the members within a week of receipt.

10. Rules. The Executive Committee shall have power to frame general rules for carrying out the programme of the Party.

The National Executive Committee shall have power to decide whether or not the Party members shall participate in outside bodies such as the Indian National Congress, Legislatures and Local Boards, International organisations etc.

11. Discipline. It is essential for Party work that individuals should observe the requirements of a Party discipline. Decisions once taken by the appropriate organ of the Party must be obeyed.

Any member found acting against the interests of the Party or violating its decisions can be expelled by the Provincial Executive Committees. Such members shall have the right of appeal to the Central Executive Committee.

12. Organisation. Provincial Committee should be elected under the direction of the National Executive Committee of the Party.

Branches should be set up in towns, Talukas and Villages under the direction of Provincial Committees.

Groups set up in Factories, Railways, Mines etc. should work on Factory Committees.

Fraction or groups should be set up in Trade Union Branches, Management Committees, Executive Committees etc; and also in Provincial Congress Committees. This applies to the Trade Union Congress and All India Congress Committee.

A definite Youth Organisation should be brought into being to work in the existing Youth movements, Trade Unions and Congress Committees etc.

A Women section must be set up to work among women.

OPERATION OF ORGANISATION.

Study circles must be started forthwith in order that members may understand and correctly interpret Party Policy, and most important the application.

It is essential that all committees, branches and fractions should meet regularly, and keep up to date with current events. Therefore Provincial Executive Committees must meet at least once per month. Branches and Fractions or Groups every week.

12. Organisation The entire Branch membership shall be grouped in accordance with their special party work e. g. in Trade Union group, Congress group, Peasants group etc. Each member must belong to at least one group. Each group shall appoint a group Leader, who shall be responsible to the provincial or Branch Committee according to size.

Fractions or working groups must elect a group Leader, who shall be responsible to the provincial or Branch Committee. These fractions must carry out decisions of a higher body. These decisions will be conveyed to the group by the Group Leader.

After discussion and decision by the Group or Fraction of resolution or nominations for official position etc; the decisions of the group must be binding on the whole of the group. The work of the party groups within the Trade Unions and Congress Committees shall be guided by the programme and policy of the party. The demands of the party must be pressed forward for acceptance by these bodies, adherents and new members be gained and the propaganda of the party thus advanced. This applies to groups operating in the T. U. C. and A. I. C. C.

Branch Committees:--The Branch Committee shall co-ordinate the entire work of the Town or Village, and be responsible to the provincial Committee to which it must report all work, and receive instructions and general line of policy, which it should convey to the groups. The Branch Committee must get reports of work from Group Leaders.

Provincial Committees:--These committees when elected shall co-ordinate the Party activity in the Province. They will receive instructions and policy on current affairs from the National Executive Committee. The Provincial Committee in turn conveys this information to

12, Organisation. Branches, groups etc; and must receive reports regularly from Branches, groups etc on work done, future meetings of organisations, election of officers etc. The Provincial Committee shall have power to deal with immediate problems, issue urgent manifestoes and leads in the name of the Provincial Committee, Workers and Peasants' Party, and shall be responsible for the same to the National Executive Committee.

Committees Elected:--The Branch Chairman, Secretary, Executive members and Treasurer shall be elected by the whole branch membership and with group Leaders shall constitute the Executive Committee of Branch.

The Provincial Committees:--This Committee shall be elected by an annual meeting of representatives, elected by Party Branches and groups and affiliated organisations throughout the Province.