

SECTION 6: SOCIETIES ACT 1966 AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SATHYA SAI BABA CENTRES

1.0 GENERAL

It is a legal requirement for any organisation, movement or body to be registered under the Societies Act 1966. In this context, Sathya Sai Baba Centres, as branches of the Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of Malaysia are accordingly registered under the same Act.

2.0 SOCIETIES ACT

It is therefore pertinent for every Sathya Sai Baba Centre to be conscious of some of the essential sections of the Act in its day-to-day function. Sai Baba Centres should therefore not contravene any aspect of the Act, and for convenience, the essential sections of Act are reproduced below.

2.1 Any Registered Society must act in accordance with the Federal and State Constitutions (Section 2A)

It is compulsory for every Registered Society to carry out its activities and manage its affairs in accordance with the Federal and State Constitutions. In particular, it is prohibited to act against the following:-

- Democratic system of Government, headed by a constitutional monarchy.
- The position of Islam as the Official religion, with other religions allowed to be practised.
- The use of Bahasa Malaysia for official purposes.
- The special position of Malays and Bumiputeras.
- The importance accorded to the rights of other communities.

If any Registered Society were to act against the provisions under Section 2A, its registration may be withdrawn.

2.2 Disqualification of any holder of any position, advisors or workers in a Registered Society (Section 9A)

A person will be disqualified to hold the above mentioned positions under the following conditions:-

- i. If he contravenes any provisions under the Societies Act 1966;
- Or
- ii. If he breaks any law and is fined not less than RM 2,000.00 or is sentenced to a jail term of not less than one year. The disqualification will end after a period of 5 years commencing from the date on which he is freed or the date when the fine was imposed;



Or

- iii. If he is served with any detention order, restrictions etc. under any relevant laws pertaining to security and public order, or if he commits any crime which warrants a detention order, travel restrictions or exile.
- iv. If he is declared a bankrupt.
- v. If he is not of sound mind.

Under Section 9A, the term 'holder of any position' includes the following:-

- i. Any committee member of branches that are established or formed by the organising party of a registered body or by its branch.
- ii. Any person who is in any way responsible for the management of activities that are carried out by the Registered Society or its branches.
- iii. Any person who is appointed or empowered to represent or act by permission of a Registered Society or its branches in any matter, in any professional capacity or if he does so on a contract basis.

2.3 Changes of Name, Address and Registered Rules (Section 11)

- a. The Society cannot change its name, address or amend its rules without getting prior approval from the Registrar of Societies. The word "change" in Section 11 involves any amendments, increase or decrease in the existing registered rules. Applications for any such changes must be submitted to the Registrar of Societies or his Deputy in five (5) copies signed by two (2) holders of major positions in the Society. Such applications must be made within 28 days from the date where a decision to make any change is finalised.
- b. Officials of the Society who contravene any rules under this Section may be fined not more than RM 1,000.00

2.4 Society's Branch (Section 12)

- a. A Society cannot register any of its branches without prior approval from the Registrar of Societies. If a Registered Society does so, the Society and its branches will be considered as unlawful Societies.
- b. If approval to form a branch is granted then that branch must be formed within 3 months of the date of approval. The Society must in that duration of time submit four (4) copies of the list of Committee Members of its branch to the Registrar of Societies. Information must also include the names, position, race, date and place of birth, occupations, names and address of employers and addresses of the Committee Members.



2.5 Responsibility of Ex-holders of position in Society

Under Section 15 (1A) of the Societies Act 1966, if a notice, order or document is sent to a person who no longer holds any position in the Society, then he must immediately send it to any holder of position in the Society. However if he does not know these persons then he must send the notice etc. to the Registrar of Societies or his Deputy. If he fails to do so, then he is liable to a fine not more than RM 1,000.00

2.6 Society / Branches which Contravene Laws

Under Section 41 of the Societies Act, 1966, any Society or branches which are established without the approval of the Registrar shall be considered unlawful Societies. Any person who manages such Societies will be deemed to have contravened section 42 of the Societies Act, 1966 and may be jailed for a period of not more than 5 years and or liable to a fine of not more than RM10,000.00

2.7 Flag , Symbol, Badge or Any Other Symbols (Section 50)

- a. Symbols of any Society cannot be used or shown without prior approval from the Registrar. Any official who infringes this section can be jailed for not more than 3 months or fined not more than RM1,000.00
- b. Applications on the use and the design of the symbol etc. must be submitted to the Registrar or his Deputy in seven (7) copies and samples of the symbol or flag must be enclosed. These copies must bear the signature of two (2) holders of major positions in the Society.

2.8 A list of State offices of the Registrar of Societies is attached in Appendix 6A



Addresses of the Offices of The Registrar Of Societies Malaysia, Headquarters, And State Offices

1.	Headquarters Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Malaysia Aras 5, Blok D2, Parcel D, Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan Persekutuan 62545 Putrajaya.	Tel: 03-88868785, 03-88868615 Fax: 03-88891695
2.	State Offices Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Wilayah Persekutuan, Suite 2101-02 Tingkat 21, Plaza Permata, No. 6 Jalan Kampar, Off Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur.	Tel: 03-40411577 03-40411578 Fax: 03-40436885
3.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Selangor Tingkat 16, Wisma MPSA, Persiaran Perbandaran, 40675 Shah Alam, Selangor.	Tel: 03-55106427 Fax: 03-55109281
4.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Pulau Pinang No. 5-8 Tingkat 1, Kompleks Sempilai Jaya (SJ), Jalan Sempilai, 13700 Seberang Jaya, Pulau Pinang	Tel: 04-3803635 /04-3803636 Fax: 04-3803638
5.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Terengganu Tingkat 3, Wisma Sri Amar, Jalan Sultan Ismail, 20200 Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu.	Tel: 09-6223713 Fax: 09-6236753
6.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Perak Aras 4, Kompleks Pejabat, Kementerian Hal Ehwal Dalam Negeri, Persiaran Meru Utama, Bandar Meru Jaya, 30020 Ipoh, Perak.	Tel: 05-5288445 /05-5288446 Fax: 05-5268793
7.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Johor Unit P - 01, Aras 14 (Pent House), Manara TJB, No. 9, Jalan Syed Mohd Muffi 80000 Johor Bahru, Johor.	Tel: 07-2234109 Fax: 07-2441742
8.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Sabah Tingkat 7, Wisma Bandaraya, Jalan Padang, 88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.	Tel: 088-255488 Fax: 088-218771
9.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Sarawak Bangunan Queen's Court Blok E Tingkat 2, Jalan Wan Alwi, 93550 Kuching, Sarawak.	Tel: 082-425925 Fax: 082-241708
10.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Sarawak, Cawangan Miri, Tingkat 1, Blok A, Wisma Persekutuan, Fasa 2, Jalan Cahaya Lopeng, 98000 Miri, Sarawak.	Tel: 085-415087 Fax: 085-420413
11.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Melaka Aras 4 Blok Pentadbiran, Kompleks KHEDN, Jalan Seri Negeri, 75450 Ayer Keroh, Melaka	Tel: 06-2324180 Fax: 06-2321380
12.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Sembilan, Tingkat 2, Wisma Cahaya, Jalan Tuanku Antah, 70100 Seremban, Negeri Sembilan.	Tel: 06-7644839 Fax: 06-7644635
13.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Pahang Tingkat 3, Wisma Kompleks KHEDN, Bandar Indera Mahkota, 25720 Kuantan, Pahang.	Tel: 09-5733360 Fax: 09-5734809
14.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Kedah Tingkat 2, Menara Peladang, Jalan Teluk Wanjah, 05200 Alor Setar, Kedah.	Tel: 04-7312700 Fax: 04-7336062
15.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Perlis Tingkat 5, Bangunan KWSP, Jalan Bukit Lagi, 01000 Kangar, Perlis.	Tel: 04-9778290 Fax: 04-9760384
16.	Jabatan Pendaftaran Pertubuhan Negeri Kelantan Wisma Sukan, Jalan Telipot, 15150 Kota Bharu, Kelantan.	Tel: 09-7436886 Fax: 09-7437887

