

# THE HINDI-SPEAKING UNION ACT 1994

**Act 33/1994**

**Date in force: 12<sup>th</sup> December 1994**

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To provide for the establishment and management of the Hindi-Speaking Union

### **1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Hindi-Speaking Union Act 1994.

### **2. Interpretation**

In this Act -

“Council” means the Executive Council appointed under section 5;

“Fund” means the General Fund established under section 8;

“Union” means the Hindi-Speaking Union established under section 3.

### **3. Establishment of the Union**

- (1) There is established for the purposes of this Act a body corporate which shall be known as the Hindi-Speaking Union.
- (2) The Union shall have its registered office at the INDIRA GANDHI CENTRE FOR INDIAN CULTURE, Quatre Bornes, or at such other place as the Council may determine.
- (3) The Union may be affiliated to an organisation in another country whose objectives are similar to those of the Union.
- (4) The Union may open branches throughout the country on a regional basis.

- (5) Membership of the Union shall be open to all persons who have a keen interest in the promotion of Hindi.

#### **4. Objects of the Union**

The objects of the Union shall be -

- (a) to promote the Hindi language in its spoken and written forms;
- (b) to promote friendship and understanding between the Hindi-speaking peoples of the world and to engage in any educational work designed to further that objective;
- (c) to provide facilities for the, interchange of views affecting the interests, well-being, development, relationships and common problems of the Hindi-speaking peoples of the world;
- (d) to promote and encourage education: amongst all peoples interested in Hindi with special reference to the historical, cultural, artistic, economic and social development of those peoples;
- (e) to provide facilities for exchange programmes,, scholarships and social intercourse between the Union and other organisations;
- (f) to promote and encourage correspondence, debates and other activities in Hindi between universities, colleges, schools, and other bodies situated either in Mauritius or in another country;
- (g) to promote and encourage the interchange of Hindi books, pamphlets, periodicals and other information between local colleges, schools and other educational establishments situated overseas;
- (h) to promote and encourage the publication, exhibition, distribution and sale of Hindi books, magazines, newspapers;
- (i) to promote and encourage debating competitions in Hindi, GEET and GHAZAL concerts, BHAJANS and QAWALI programmes, KAVI and MUSHAIRA meetings and other cultural activities.

#### **5. Executive Council**

- (1) The Union shall be managed by an Executive Council composed of not less than 20 nor more than 30 members.
- (2) The members of the Council shall be the persons specified in the First Schedule to this Act.
- (3) The office bearers of the Council shall be the persons specified in the Second Schedule to the Act.

(4) The Council may remove any member, other than an ex-officio member, or fill any vacancy arising in its membership or any office thereof.

(5) One third of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

#### **6. Patron of the Union**

(1) The Council may appoint a suitable person to be the Patron of the Union.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the first Patron of the Union shall be His Excellency Sir Rabindrah Ghurburrin, G.O.S.K., Q.C., Vice President of the Republic of Mauritius.

#### **7. Execution of documents**

(1) Every document of a financial nature issued by or on behalf of the Union shall be signed by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

(2) Where the President, the Treasurer or the Secretary is absent or, for any other reason, unable to act, the Vice-President, the Deputy Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary, as the case may be, shall act in his stead.

#### **8. General Fund**

(1) There shall be a General Fund into which shall be paid all monies accruing to the Union, including the fees and contributions that may be raised from its members and its donors.

(2) The Council may pay out of the Fund any sum which is lawfully due by the Union or any sum to promote the objects of the Union.

#### **9. Audit**

(1) The Council may appoint a qualified person as its auditor.

(2) The auditor shall not later than the end of March in every year, furnish to the Patron of the Union and to the Council, a report on an audit of accounts of the Union for the previous year.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the first auditor of the Union shall be Mr Chandra Kumar Gujadhur of Morcellement G.I.D.C., Floreal.

#### **10. Donations**

Article 910 of the Civil Code shall not apply to the Union.

#### **11. Rules**

(1) The Council may for the purposes of this Act, make rules for the Union which shall be binding on the Union and the Council.

- (2) Rules under this section shall not be required to be -
- (a) approved by the Minister
  - (b) laid before the Assembly; or
  - (c) published in the Gazette.
- (3) A copy of such Rules shall be forwarded within a reasonable time to the Patron of the Union.

Amended by [\[Act No. 38 of 2002\]](#)

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
**(section 5(1))**

1. Mr Deepchand Beeharry
2. Mr. Dhundev Bauhadoor
3. Mr. Narainduth Bhowon
4. Mr. Vivek Chadda
5. Dr. Moonishwuriall Chintamunnee
6. Dr. Bushan Gupt Domah
7. Mr. Hallooman Girdharee
8. Honourable Rajnarain Guttee, M.P.
9. Mr. Ajamil Matabadal
10. Mr. Rampersad Proag
11. Miss Suchita Ramdin
12. Mr. Pahlad Ramsurrun
13. Mr. Deotam Santokhee
14. Mr. Satiadev Seeboruth
15. Mrs Meenakshi Seetulsingh
16. His Excellency The Indian High Commissioner or his representative
17. The Director, Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture
18. The Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute or his representative
19. A representative of the Hindi Pracharini Sabha
20. A representative of the Ministry of Education & Science
21. A representative of the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Youth Development
22. Mrs Nazma Currimjee
23. A representative of the Mauritius Sanatan Dharma Temple Federation
24. A representative of The Arya Sabha, Mauritius
25. A representative of the Mauritius Arya Ravived Pracharini Sabha
26. A representative of the Mauritius Gahlot Raiput Maha Sabha

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**(section 5)**

1 .Mr. Deepchand Beeharry	...	President
2. Dr. Moonishwurlail Chintamunnee	...	Vice President
3. Dr. Bushan Gupt Domah	... ..	Vice President
4. Mr. Rampersad Proag.	... ..	Secretary
5. Mr. Ajamil Matabadal	... ..	Assistant Secretary
6. Mr. Vivek Chadda...	...	Treasurer
7. Mrs. Nazma Currimjee	...	Assistant Treasurer
8. Miss Suchita Ramdin	...	Public Relations Officer