THE RAMAYANA CENTRE ACT 2001

Act No. 7 of 2001

I assent

CASSAM UTEEM
President of the Republic

14th June 2001

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

An Act

To provide for the establishment, incorporation and management of the Ramayana Centre

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows-

1.   Short title

      This Act may be cited as the Ramayana Centre Act 2001.

2.   Interpretation

      In this Act -

      "Centre" means the Centre established section 3;

      "Committee" means the Committee established under section 5.

3.   Establishment of the Centre

      (1)   There is established for the purposes of this Act The Ramayana
             Centre.

      (2)   The Centre shall be a body corporate.

      (3)   The Centre may be affiliated to an organizationin another country
             whose objectives are similar to those of the Centre.

      (4)   Membership of the Centre shall be open to all persons having an
             interest in the Ramayana.

4. Objects of the Centre

The objects of the Centre shall be

(a) to promote and propagate the Ramayana and the Spiritual, social and cultural values flowing therefrom;

(b) to publish, sell or distribute material for the propagation of the Ramayana;

(c) to organize sermons, talks and lectures;

(d) to enhance the chanting and explanation of the Ramayana;

(e) to set up schools and libraries and undertake their management and maintenance;

(f) to provide guidance and support for the intellectual and moral advancement of the Hindu community and society at large;

(g) to provide facilities for exchange programmes between the Centre and other international organizations having similar objectives;

(h) to reward and honour persons or organizations who have contributed to the promotion and propagation of the Ramayana;

(i) to open branches in Mauritius; and

(j) to open or to provide assistance for the opening of Centres and Branches abroad.

5. Management of the Centre

(1) The management of the Centre and the exercise of any of its powers shall vest in a Committee of Management composed of not less than 7 nor more than 11 members.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), the members of the Committee of Management shall in the first instance be composed of the persons specified in the Schedule to this Act.

(3) The registered office of the Centre shall be at such place as the Committee of Management may decide.

6. Accounts of the Centre

The financial year of the Centre shall start on the 01 January and end on the 31 December of the ensuing year except for the first accounting period which shall start on the date of the coming into operation of the Act.

7. Property of the Centre

The Centre may own, buy, lease, mortgage, exchange or otherwise dispose of its property.

8. Donations and Legacies

Article 9 10 of the Code Napoleon shall not apply to the Centre.

9.   Rules

    (1)   The Committee of Management may make rules for the purposes of this Act.

    (2)   Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, rules made under subsection (1) shall not be required to be-

        (a)   approved by any Minister;

        (b)   laid on the Table of the Assembly; and

        (c)   published in the Geizette.

10.   Exemption

Notwithstanding any other enactment, the Foundation shall be exempt from payment of-

    (a)   any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax;

    (b)   any duty on donations and legacies made to it; and

    (c)   duty or registration fee in respect of any document under which the Centre is the sole beneficiary.

Passed by the National Assembly on the twenty second day of May two thousand and one.

ANDRE POMPON

Clerk of the National Assembly

SCHEDULE
(section 5)

1. Mr Rajendra Arun - President
2. Mrs Vinod Bala Arun - Vice President
3. Mr Mohun Lall Gangoo – Secretary
4. Mr Duthnarain Rudhun - Treasurer
5. Mr Nund Kishore Tacouri – Member
6. Mr Hallooman Girdharee - Member
7. Mr Ravi Coomar Bhugobaun - Member