

APPENDIX—II

CONSTITUTION OF THE SAMATA SAINIK DAL

Sainik's Oath

I, a member of the Scheduled Caste Community, entering the ranks of the Samata Sainik Dal, do hereby take an Oath and solemnly swear to be an honourable, brave, disciplined and resolute fighter in the glorious cause of the emancipation of my class from all oppression, exploitation and slavery.

I shall ever be ready at the Command of the S. S. D. to go forward for the defence of the just and human rights of the people of my class and community.

Should it be out of weakness, cowardice, or evil design, I violate this oath and betray the interests of my people, I shall be ready to suffer the full measure of punishment at the hands of the Dal.

A Conference of the Samta Sainik Dal was held at Kanpur on 30th January 1944. Mr. B. K. Gaikwad was the President of the Conference. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was present and also addressed the Conference. In this Conference few resolutions were passed. According to resolution No. 6 a Committee to draft the Constitution of Samta Sainik Dal was Constituted under the Presidentship of Mr. B. K. *alias* Dadasaheb Gaikwad. Mr. M. M. Sasalekar, S. B. Jadhao. R. R. Patil, K. N. Walmiki, A. L. Kosare, P. L. Lalingkar were the members of the Committee. (Janata : dated 6th January 1945).

Accordingly Mr. B. K. Gaikwad sent the draft of the Constitution to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar for approval on 8th December 1944 (Khairmode, Vol. 9, P. 405.) which Dr. B. R. Ambedkar received on 13th December 1944. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar acknowledged the letter as "I have received your letter and also a copy of the Constitution of the Samta Sainik Dal." (*ibid*, P. 407.)

Constitution of the Samata Sainik Dal

I Name and Organization :

- (1) The name of the organization shall be 'Samata Sainik Dal' hereafter referred to as the S. S. D.
- (2) The Samata Sainik Dal shall be affiliated to the All India Scheduled Castes Federation. The President of the Federation on the advice of the Executive Council of the Federation shall appoint a nominee of the Federation to supervise the affairs of the Samata Sainik Dal in each town and in each Province and the Samata Sainik Dal in each town and Province shall work under the guidance of a Supervisor, so appointed.

II Aims and Objects :

- (1) The aim of the Samata Sainik Dal is to strive for the removal of all inequality based on race, religion, caste, sex or class and to unite all members of the Scheduled Caste Communities for a struggle to build a society based on the freedom and equality of all.

- (2) **To achieve this aim :**

1. The Samata Sainik Dal shall unite and organize the Scheduled Caste youths under its banner.
2. The Samata Sainik Dal shall promote all social, cultural and other activities among the Scheduled Castes particularly among the youth so as to cultivate self respect, self reliance, and a spirit of self sacrifice in their minds.
3. The Samata Sainik Dal shall co-operate, with all such organizations and movements that help to further its aims and objects.

III Membership :

Any person belonging to the Scheduled Castes above the age of 18 who agrees with the above aims and objects can join the Samata Sainik Dal on payment of yearly subscription of twelve annas.

IV Training :

- (1) Samata Sainik Dal training shall consist of physical, intellectual and military type.
- (2) The Samata Sainik Dal shall organise training camps, Schools, Clubs, Classes, Lectures, Debates, Libraries etc., and such other forms of activities as it may consider expedient from time to time.
- (3) Branches of All India Samata Sainik Dal shall function in all India Provinces and branches shall also be set up, wherever possible in the Indian States.

Each Provincial branch will organize its District Committees and each District Committee in its town will organize Town and Village Committees.

- (4) The General Body of Samata Sainik Dal in a Town or a Village shall select, according to their ranks, a Town or Village Committee of 5 members, one President, two Secretaries and also select delegates from among themselves to the District Conference in the following manner:—

For 1 to 25 members-One Delegate.

For 25 to 50 members-Two Delegates and so on.

- (5) The District Conference shall select a District Committee of 10 members, one President and two Secretaries as also delegates to the Provincial Conference from amongst themselves according to their ranks in the following manner:—

For 5 delegates to the District Conference and one delegate to Provincial Conference.

For District delegates numbering above five and upto ten, two delegates to the Provincial Conference and so on.

- (6) The Provincial Conference shall select according to their ranks a Provincial Committee of 20 members, one President, two Secretaries and also delegates to the All India Conference. The number of such delegates to the All India Conference shall not exceed 5% of the total strength of membership in each Province.

- (7) The All India Conference of Samata Sainik Dal shall select on All India Council consisting of one President, one Vice-President, one General Secretary, two Joint Secretaries and one member from each Province selected by the All India Central Committee,
- (8) All Provincial units affiliated to the All India Samata Sainik Dal shall pay an affiliation fee of Rs. 25 per annum to the All India Samata Sainik Dal as also 5% of their gross annual income.
- (9) An All India Conference of Samata Sainik Dal shall be held at least once in every year.

V Formation :

1. (a) 12 (Twelve Sainiks-One Section.)

A group of twelve Sainiks makes one Section. The elected two leaders of such section will be called section leader First and Second.

2. (b) 24 (2 Sections-One Platoon.)

Two such sections make one Platoon. The leader of a Platoon elected by the section leaders will be called Platoon Leader.

3. (c) 96 (Four Platoons-One Company.)

Four such Platoons will make a Company. The Company Leader elected by the Platoon Leaders will be called a Company Commander.

4. (d) 384 (Four Company Commanders-One Battalion.)

Four such Company Commanders will make a Battalion. The Leader elected by the Company Commanders of the Battalion will be called a Lieutenant.

5. (e) 1152 (Three Battalions-One Regiment)

Three of such Battalions will make a Regiment and the leader elected by the Lieutenants will be called a G. O. C.

6. (f) 2500 All such G. O. Cs, from all districts and provinces will make a division. The Leader elected for this division will be called as All India Commander-in-Chief.

Meeting of the Dal :

- (1) **QUORUM** :—The S. S. Dal shall meet together not less than once in every six months and shall, from time to time, make regulations consistent with this constitution.
- (2) The President shall fix the dates for the six monthly meetings and may whenever he thinks fit and shall upon the written request of not less than one third of the members and for a date within twenty days from the receipt of such request call a special meeting.
- (3) Fifteen clear days notice of a six monthly meeting and ten clear days notice of a special meeting specifying the time and place at which such meeting is to be held and the business to be transacted there and shall be circulated to the members.
- (4) If less than one third of the whole of the members be present at a meeting at any time from the beginning to the end thereof, the presiding authority shall adjourn the meeting to such hour on the following or some other future day as he may reasonably fix and the business which would have been brought before the original meeting and there have been a Quorum there and shall be brought before the adjourned meeting and may be disposed of at such meeting or at any subsequent adjournment thereof whether there be a Quorum present or not.
- (5) Every meeting shall be presided over by the President or he be absent by the Vice-president and if Vice-president is absent by such one of the members present as may be chosen by the meeting to be Chairman for the occasion.
- (6) All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present, the President, Vice-president or Chairman, as the case may be having a second or casting vote in all cases of equality of votes.

VII Routine Duties :

Monday	...	Moral
Tuesday	...	Games & Physical Drill
Wednesday	...	Military Drill
Thursday	...	Games & Physical Drill
Friday	...	First Aid
Saturday	...	Military Drill
Sunday	...	Political & Social

VIII Discipline :

If any Sainik or Officer of the Dal is found guilty of smoking, drinking or disobedience to lawful orders or any other mischiefs by his superior he will be given warning once in a way. In spite of the warning, if he takes no pain of avoiding such troubles, his uniforms and his rank will be taken back and he will be dismissed from the Dal.

IX Uniform :

The following rules regarding dress must be observed by the Sainiks and Officers of the Dal :

SAINIK Half Pant Khaki
 Half Shirt Khaki
 Folding Cap
 Canvas Brown Shoes or Pathani Socks
 and (Chappals)
 a stick ($4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long)

NON-OFFICER Half Pant Khaki
 Half Shirt Khaki
 Brown Boots
 Woollen Socks Khaki
 Hat-Khaki
 One cane, one whistle and Khaki
 Bandage cloth.

OFFICER

SUPERIOR Everything as above with the addition of
 Bush Coat.

X Funds of the Dal :

- (1) All the funds of the Dal shall be deposited in a Bank or Banks approved both by the Supervisor appointed by the All India Scheduled Castes Federation and the G.O.C. of the Dal and in the name of S.S.D. shall be operated upon by the G.O.C. and the General Secretary of the Dal.
- (2) All the branches of the S. S. Dal shall select any Bank or Banks in their own respective provinces or Districts and shall deposit in such Bank or Banks all the funds in the name of the S. S. Dal and such funds shall be operated upon by any three persons authorised by the General Body in this behalf.

XI Flag :

The flag of the All India Samata Sainik Dal will be four feet in length and $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width. The whole ground of the flag will be deep blue and in the top left corner there shall be 11 pointed stars in white colour. Also there shall be a sun in the middle of the flag in white colour. The letter S. C. F, shall be boldly written under the sun in blue colour. In the Bottom right corner of the flag there shall be letters S. S. D. in white colour.

The meaning of the FLAG is liberty, equality & fraternity and to fight to achieve our goal.