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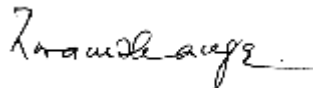
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FOREWORD

The MNF was founded on 22nd October 1961. The party constitution was born side by side with the founding of the party. The original party constitution together with the Rules made thereunder have undergone a number of changes by way of amendment. These amendments have been necessitated by the changing situations and new developments to suit the needs of these changes. This English version incorporates the latest amendment made in the month of August, 2011.



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MIZO NATIONAL FRONT CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Revering God and heeding for His guidance who founded the Mizo Nation; to serve the people of Mizoram and to preserve and safeguard its cultural heritage, the “MIZO NATIONAL FRONT” is established “For God and Our Country”

CHAPTER - 1

A. NAME AND SYMBOLS :

1. This Party shall be called the “MIZO NATIONAL FRONT”
2. Its Emblem shall be “Tiger-Head”.
3. The colour of the party’s flag shall be “Sky-Blue”. Its proportion shall be 5:3. The party’s symbol ‘Tiger-Head’ shall be engraved at the centre encircled by the words “MIZO NATIONAL FRONT : MIZORAM”.
4. *The Election Symbol of the party shall be a five-pointed “STAR”.*

B. BASIC PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES :

5. Principles

- i) Democracy,
- ii) Secularism
- iii) *Alleviation of poverty and Equality (Socialism)*

6. Aims and Objectives.

- i) To preserve and safeguard Mizoram, the God-given land of our forefathers and its sons of the soil.
- ii) Re-unification of all Mizo inhabited areas under a single administrative unit.
- iii) To preserve and uphold Mizo religion.
- iv) To promote and safeguard the good tradition and cultural heritage of the Mizos.
- v) To protect the rights and privileges of minorities living in Mizoram.
- vi) To work for the progress and development of Mizoram.
- vii) To establish a just clean and efficient government.

C. MEMBERSHIP.

- 7. Any person who subscribes to the policies of the MNF can become a member provided he/she is not a member of any other party, and by giving membership fee of Rs.2/- to the MNF Unit within whose area he/she resides.

CHAPTER - 2

ORGANISATIONAL SET UP

- 8. The General Headquarters shall be located at the capital city of Mizoram.
- 9. *The National Executive Committee may establish Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters as and where it deems necessary.*
- 10. District Headquarters may be formed in an Administrative / Autonomous District with the consent of the National Executive Committee.

11. One or more Block/Blocks may be formed within a Legislative Assembly Constituency.
12. *Group may be formed in a locality or village where there are more than one unit.*
13. One or more unit/units may be formed in every village/locality.
14. There shall be Organisers and Receptionists at the General Headquarters, the Sub-Headquarters and the District Headquarters.
15. There shall be Organisers at the Block.

CHAPTER - 3

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

17. The General Headquarters shall be located at the Capital city of Mizoram. It shall consist of the following :
 - i) General / Special Assembly,
 - ii) National Council,
 - iii) National Executive Committee,
 - iv) Office Bearers,
 - v) Joint Secretaries,
 - vi) Organisers
 - vii) Receptionists,
 - viii) National Frontal Organisation - Senior Front, Women Front and Youth Front.
18. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY / SPECIAL ASSEMBLY**
 - A. *The General Assembly shall consist of the whole party. It shall be the highest authority of the party. It shall be held once a year. If necessary, Special Assembly may be summoned and, in which case it shall have the authority of the General Assembly.*

B. Delegates Eligible to vote in the Assembly :

- i) National Council Members,
- ii) Executive Committee Members of Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters,
- iii) Block Office Bearers,
- iv) Group Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers,
- v) Unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers,
- vi) One representatives each of Village Councils formed by the MNF Party from every village/locality.
- vii) Frontal Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers of Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters
- viii) Former President of the MNF Party who remains a member of the party.

C. *The General Assembly shall deliberate the agendas introduced by the National Executive Committee and its decision shall be final.*

19. NATIONAL COUNCIL

A. National Council Members shall be the following :

- i) *50 (fifty) Members elected by the National Executive Committee.*
- ii) Members of the National Executive Committee.
- iii) Office Bearers of sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters.
- iv) *15 (fifteen) members appointed by the President.*
- v) Block Presidents and one elected representative each of the Blocks.
- vi) Organisers and Receptionists of the General Headquarters.
- vii) Office Bearers of the Front Headquarters.
- viii) Members of the District Council belonging to the MNF Party.

B. Powers and functions of the National Council :

- i) It shall be the second-highest authority in the party immediately below the National Assembly. It shall be convened twice every year.
- ii) In matters of emergency, it shall have the authority of the National Assembly which shall be ratified by the latter afterward.
- iii) It shall delegate the responsibility of executing its resolutions to the National Executive Committee.

20. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

A. The National Executive Committee shall consists of the following :

- i) Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.
- ii) *50 (fifty) members elected by the National Council.*
- iii) Joint Secretaries of the General Headquarters consisting of 20 (twenty) members.
- iv) *10 (ten) members appointed by the President*
- v) Chief Organisers and Receptionist of the General Headquarters.
- vi) Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly and Chief Executive Member belonging to the MNF Party.
- vii) Presidents, Vice Presidents and Treasurers of the Sub-Headquarters and the District Headquarters respectively.
- viii) President of the Frontal Headquarters.
- ix) *Former elected Office Bearers of the General Headquarters who continue to be members of the MNF.*

B Powers and functions of the National Executive Committee :

- i) To manage, supervise and administer the General Headquarters. It shall be the main authority below the National Assembly and the National Council.
- ii) Quorum of the Committee shall be one-fourth (1/4th).
- iii) To formulate Party programmes and execute them.
- iv) To form or dissolve Committees/Sub-Committees within the Party.
- v) To frame rules and regulations of the party as necessary.
- vi) To publish Manifestos, Pamphlets and Newspaper of the Party.
- vii) To exercise disciplines and finalise decisions.
- viii) To make financial budget for the party and to appoint auditors to audit party fund atleast once every year.
- ix) To summon the General Assembly/Special Assembly and make its agenda.
- x) To conduct election to the General Headquarters and, supervise election to the Sub-Headquarters, District Headquarters, Block and Frontal Headquarters.
- xi) To follow up and execute the directions of the National Assembly and the National Council.
- xii) To form or dissolve Sub-Headquarters, District Headquarters, Block, Group and Unit as it deems necessary.
- xiii) *It shall take decision on President's proposal for making additional appointments.*
- xiv) *In case of hindrance regarding holding of organizational elections at all levels from the General Headquarters to the Unit, the National Executive Committee may issue rules and conduct of election and make additional appointments for the same.*

- xv) *In case of emergency, it may extend or shorten the term of office of all levels of organizations from the General Headquarters to the Unit.*
- xvi) *To make Rules and Regulations, including Election Rules for Frontal Organizations*

21. OFFICE BEARERS :

A. Office Bearer of the General Headquarters shall be the following:

- i) *President.*
- ii) *Senior Vice President.*
- iii) *Vice Presidents.*
- iv) *Treasurer.*
- v) *National Core Committee Members.*
- vi) *Political Affairs Committee Members.*
- vii) *Advisers.*
- viii) *General Secretaries.*
- ix) *Secretaries.*

B. Powers and functions of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters :

PRESIDENT

- i) He is the executive head of the party.
- ii) He shall summon the General Assembly and other Committees of the Party.
- iii) He shall be the Chairman of the General Assembly and other Committees of the Party.
- iv) He shall have no vote in the deliberations of the Assembly, but shall, however, have a casting vote in case of a tie in voting result.

- v) He shall appoint not more than 12 (twelve) Advisers.
- vi) *He shall appoint :*
 - a) *15 (fifteen) General Secretaries,*
 - b) *30 (thirty) Secretaries,*
- vii) *He shall appoint 45(forty five) Joint Secretaries.*
- viii) He shall appoint not more than 10 (ten) members to the National Executive Committee.
- ix) He shall appoint not more than 10 (ten) members to the National Council.
- x) He shall appoint 1 (one) Chief Organiser, 2 (two) Deputy Chief Organisers and not more than 50 (fifty) Organisers.
- xi) He shall appoint 1 (one) Chief Receptionist, 1 (one) Deputy Chief Receptionist and not more than 12 (twelve) Receptionists.
- xii) *He shall appoint the Presidents, Vice Presidents and Treasurers of the Frontal Organizational Headquarters.*
- xiii) He may revoke all appointments made by him.
- xiv) He may delegate any person from the General Headquarters to act on its behalf.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENTS

They shall assist the President and in the execution of his duties and take his charge in his absence and, in which case, they shall exercise the authority of the President.

TREASURER

He shall keep the fund of the party and shall be responsible for finding sources of income for the party. He shall maintain proper records of all financial transactions and be ready for audit at all times. If party fund is to be deposited in the bank, Joint Account shall be maintained with the General Secretary/Secretary in charge Finance.

ADVISER

Advisers shall assist and give advice to the President.

GENERAL SECRETARY/SECRETARY

They shall follow up and execute the resolutions of the Assembly and Committees. They shall be responsible to look after Party Office under the guidance and direction of the President. They shall execute whatever duties the President may have allotted to them.

JOINT SECRETARY

The Joint Secretaries shall assist the General Secretaries and Secretaries in the execution of their duties as necessary.

22. ORGANISER

As instruments and agents of the party, there shall be 1 (one) Chief Organiser, 2 (two) Deputy Chief Organisers and not more than 40 (forty) Organisers.

23. RECEPTIONIST

As functionaries of the party, there shall be 1 (one) Chief Receptionist, 1 (one) Deputy Chief Receptionist and not more than 12 (twelve) Receptionist.

24. NATIONAL FRONTAL ORGANISATION

There shall be three Frontal Organisations - Mizo National Senior Front, Mizo National women Front and Mizo National Youth Front to be instruments of the party. Their Office shall be located at the Capital City of Mizoram. Rules and Regulations of Frontal Organisations shall be framed by the National Executive Committee within the framework of the MNF Constitution.

CHAPTER - 4

SUB-HEADQUARTERS

25. Sub-Headquarters may be established if the National Executive Committee deems it necessary. Sub-Headquarters shall consist of the following :

- i) General/Special Conference;
- ii) Executive Committee;
- iii) Office Bearers;
- iv) Joint Secretary;
- v) Organiser;
- vi) Receptionist;
- vii) Frontal Organisations - Senior Front, Women Front and Youth Front.

26. GENERAL/SPECIAL CONFERENCE

A. The General Conference shall be the Assembly and the highest authority within the Sub-Headquarters. It shall be summoned once a year. If necessary, Special Conference may be summoned and in which case, it shall have the authority of the General Conference.

B. Delegates eligible to vote in Sub-Headquarters'

Conference:

- i) Members of Sub-Headquarters' Executive Committee;
- ii) Organisers and Receptionists of Sub-Headquarters;
- iii) Block Office Bearers within the Sub-Headquarters;
- iv) Group President, Vice Presidents and Treasurers within the Sub-Headquarters;
- v) Unit President, Vice President and Treasurers within the Sub-Headquarters;
- vi) One representative each of Village Councils formed by MNF from every village/locality within the Sub-Headquarters.

- vii) Office Bearers of Sub-Headquarters' Frontal Organisations;
- viii) Former Presidents of Sub-Headquarters who remains a member of the MNF Party.

27. SUB-HEADQUARTERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Executive Committee Members of Sub-Headquarters shall be the following :

- i) Office Bearers of Sub-Headquarters;
- ii) 35 (thirty five) members elected by the newly formed Sub-Headquarters' Office Bearers and the existing Executive Committee Members;
- iii) *15(fifteen) Joint Secretaries of the Sub-Headquarters.*
- iv) Not more than 5 (five) members appointed by the President;
- v) Chief Organiser and Chief Receptionist of Sub-Headquarters;
- vi) National Council Members within the Sub-Headquarters;
- vii) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Treasurers of Sub-Headquarters' Frontal Organisations.

B. Powers and functions of Sub-Headquarters' Executive Committee :

- i) It shall be mainly responsible to look after and manage party administration of the Sub-Headquarters;
- ii) Quorum of the Committee shall be one-fourth of all the members;
- iii) Following the direction of the General Headquarters, it shall execute Policies and Programmes of the party;
- iv) To conduct and supervise Block elections within the Sub-Headquarters;

- v) To form and lookafter Units and Groups within the Sub-Headquarters and, if necessary, dissolve them;
- vi) To inform the General Headquarters cases of breach of party discipline from members within the Sub-Headquarters on whom disciplinary action need to be taken;
- vii) To publish pamphlets and newspaper on behalf of the Sub-Headquarters;
- viii) To appoint auditors to audit Sub-Headquarters' fund atleast once a year;
- ix) To form or dissolve Committees/Sub-Committees within Sub-Headquarters;
- x) To summon Sub-Headquarters' Conference, to make its Programmes and agendas, and to execute its resolution.

28. SUB-HEADQUARTERS' OFFICE BEARERS

A. *Office Bearers of Sub-Headquarters shall be the following :*

- i) President;*
- ii) Vice President;*
- iii) Treasurer;*
- iv) Advisers - 10(ten).*
- v) General Secretaries - 7(seven).*
- vi) Secretaries - 12(twelve).*

B. Powers and function of Sub-Headquarters' Office Bearers :

Within the Sub-Headquarters, it shall exercise authority and functions similar to that of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.

CHAPTER - 5

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

29. District Headquarters may be formed in the Administrative/ Autonomous Districts with the permission of the General Headquarters. District Headquarters shall consist of the following:

- i) General/Special Conference;
- ii) Executive Committee;
- iii) Office Bearers;
- iv) Joint Secretary.
- v) District Headquarters' Organiser;
- vi) District Headquarters' Receptionists;
- vii) District Headquarters' Frontal Organisation - Senior Front, Women Front and Youth Front.

30. A. GENERAL/SPECIAL CONFERENCE

The District Conference shall be the highest authority of the party within the District. It shall be held once a year. Special Conference may be summoned, if necessary, and in which case, it shall have the authority of the General Conference.

B. Qualified Voters in the District Conference :

- i) Executive Committee Members of the District Headquarters;
- ii) Organisers and Receptionist of the District Headquarters;
- iii) Block Office Bearers under the District Headquarters;
- iv) Group Presidents, Vice Presidents and Treasurers, and Unit President, Vice Presidents and Treasurers under the District Headquarters;
- v) Village Council Members of the Party under the District Headquarters;
- vi) National Council Members within the District Headquarters;

- vii) Office Bearers of Frontal Organisations under the District Headquarters;
- viii) Full time workers at the District Headquarters' Office;
- ix) Former Presidents of the District Headquarters who remain members of the MNF.

31. DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The District Headquarters' Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- i) Office Bearers of the District Headquarters;
- ii) 30 members elected by the newly formed District Headquarters' Office Bearers and the existing Executive Committee members;
- iii) *12 (twelve) Joint Secretaries of the District Headquarters;*
- iv) Not more than 5 (five) members appointed by the President of the District Headquarters;
- v) Chief Organiser and Chief Receptionist of the District Headquarters;
- vi) Frontal Presidents, Vice Presidents and Treasurers respectively of the District Headquarters;
- vii) Elected Block Office Bearers under the District Headquarters;
- viii) National Council Members within the District Headquarters;

B. Powers and Functions of the District Executive Committee :

- i) It shall be the highest authority in the District and shall look after and manage the administration of the party within the District;
- ii) The quorum of the District Executive Committee shall be one-fourth of all the members;

- iii) It shall execute the Policies and Programmes of the party under the direction of the General Headquarters;
- iv) It shall conduct election to Blocks within the District Headquarters, and also dissolve them when necessary;
- v) It shall form and lookafter Units and Groups within the District Headquarters, and also dissolve them when necessary;
- vi) It shall inform the General Headquarters cases violation of party discipline and against whom disciplinary action needs to be taken.
- vii) Publication of Newspaper and Pamphlets in the name of the District Headquarters;
- viii) Appointing auditors and audit District Headquarters' account atleast once a year.
- ix) It shall form Committee/Sub-Committee under the District Headquarters and dissolve them when necessary;
- x) It shall summon District Headquarters' Conference, formulate its programmes and agendas and execute its resolutions;

32. OFFICE BEARERS

A. The District Headquarters Office Bearers shall consist of the following :

- i) President;*
- ii) Vice President;*
- iii) Treasurer;*
- iv) Advisers - 8(eight),*
- v) General Secretaries - 4(four),*
- vi) Secretaries - 10(ten),*

B. Powers and Functions of the District Headquarters' Office Bearers :

Within the District Headquarters, it shall have powers and functions similar to that of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.

CHAPTER - 6

BLOCK

33. With the consent of the National Executive Committee, one or more Block/Blocks may be formed within every MLA Constituency. Block shall consist of the following :

- i) Block Conference
- ii) Block Executive Committee
- iii) Block Office Bearers

34. BLOCK CONFERENCE

A. Block Conference shall be the Assembly and the highest authority within the Block. It shall be held once a year. Block Special Conference may be summoned, if necessary, and in which case it shall have the authority of Block Conference.

B. Qualification of Voters in Block Conference :

- i) Block Executive Committee Members
- ii) Group Office Bearers, Unit Office Bearers and elected Office Bearers of Frontal Organisations within the Block
- iii) National Council Members, Sub-Headquarters' and District Headquarters' Executive Committee Members within the Block
- iv) Block Frontal Office Bearers and Frontal Headquarters' Executive Committee Members within the Block
- v) Former Block Presidents who remain members of the MNF.

35. BLOCK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Block Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- i) Block Office Bearers
- ii) Group Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and Village Council Members of the MNF within the Block

- iii) Unit President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurers within the Block
- iv) National Council Members, Sub-Headquarters' and District Headquarters' Executive Committee Members within the Block
- v) Frontal Block Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries.

B. Powers and functions of Block Executive Committee:

- i) It shall be mainly responsible to lookafter and manage administration of the party within the Block.
- ii) The quorum of the Block shall be one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of all the members
- iii) It shall execute the Policies and Programmes of the party
- iv) It shall try to foster cooperation between Groups and Units and strengthen them thus.
- v) It shall manage income and expenditure of the party. It shall appoint auditors and audit party account atleast once a year
- vi) Holding of Block Conference once a year and Executive Committee atleast twice a year.
- vii) Helping Groups and Units regarding revision of Electoral Roll, and forming Sub-Committee when necessary
- viii) To follow and execute the directions of the General Headquarters, Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters.

36. BLOCK OFFICE BEARERS

- A. i) *President*
- ii) *Vice-President*
- iii) *Treasurer*

- iv) *One National Council Member, an elected representative of the Block*
- v) *Block Advisers - 7(seven)*
- vi) *Secretary - 2(two)*
- vii) *Financial Secretary*
- viii) *Joint Secretaries - 6(six)*
- ix) *Block Organisers - 6(six)*

B. Powers and functions of Block Office Bearers :

Within the Block, it shall have powers similar to that of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.

CHAPTER - 7

GROUP

- 37.** With the permission of the National Executive Committee, Group may be formed in a village/locally where there are 3(three) or more Units. Group shall consist of the following :
- i) Group Executive Committee
 - ii) Group Office Bearers

38. GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Group Executive Committee Members shall be the following :

- i) Group Office Bearers
- ii) Unit Office Bearers and Village Council Members of the MNF within the Group
- iii) National Council Members and Block Office Bearers within the Group
- iv) Frontal Unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries within the Group.

39. GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

A. *Group Office Bearers shall be the following :*

- i) President*
- ii) Vice-President*
- iii) Treasurer*
- iv) Advisers - 4(four)*
- v) Secretary*
- vi) Financial Secretary*
- vii) Assistant Secretaries - 4(four)*

B. Powers and functions of Group Office Bearers :

Within the Group, it shall have powers and functions similar to that of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.

CHAPTER - 8

UNIT

40. With the permission of the National Executive Committee, one or more Unit/Units may be formed in every village/ locality.

Unit shall consist of the following :

- i) Unit Executive Committee
- ii) Unit Office Bearers

41. UNIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Unit Executive Committee Members shall be the following :

- i) 3 (three) Unit Elected Office Bearers
- ii) 6 (six) members appointed as Office Bearers by the committee of the elected Office Bearers of the unit
- iii) Not more than 20 (twenty) members nominated by not less than two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rd}}$) of the Office Bearers' Committee.
- iv) National Council Members and, Sub-Headquarters' and District Headquarters' Executive Committee Members within the Unit.
- v) Block and Group Office Bearers and Village Council Members of the party within the Unit.
- vi) Frontal Unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries.

B. Powers and functions of Unit Executive Committee :

- i) It shall look after and manage the administration of the party within the Unit.
- ii) The quorum shall be one-fourth of all the members.

- iii) It shall propagate Policies and Programmes of the party and also execute them.
- iv) It shall strive to enroll as many members as possible and collect Membership Fee.
- v) It shall work for the making of accurate Electoral Roll.
- vi) It shall uphold disciplines of the party and report to the concerned authority cases demanding disciplinary action.
- vii) Giving advice to the General Headquarters, Sub-Headquarters and District-Headquarters regarding Village Council and administration of the village.
- viii) Holding Unit Executive Committee as frequently as possible and to work diligently for the strength and progress of the party.

42. UNIT OFFICE BEARERS

A. Unit Office Bearers shall be the following :

- i) President
- ii) Vice-President
- iii) Treasurer
- iv) Advisers - 5(five)
- v) Secretary - 2(two)
- vi) Financial Secretary
- vii) Assistant Secretaries - 4(four)

B. Powers and functions of Unit Office Bearers :

Within the Unit, it shall have powers and functions similar to that of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters.

CHAPTER - 9

COMMITTEES IN THE PARTY

43. NATIONAL CORE COMMITTEE :

There shall be a National Core Committee to manage important political and party issues. It shall also strive to develop good cooperation between the government and the people. The President shall be the Chairman and the Elected Office Bearers shall be ex-officio members. There shall be 7(seven) other members to be appointed by the President. Its term of office shall be coterminous with that of the National Executive Committee.

44. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nomination Committee to select candidates for election to Members of Parliament; Members of Legislative Assembly, Members of District Council and. Members of the Municipal Council. The President of the party shall be the Chairman and the elected Office Bearers of the General Headquarters shall be ex-officio members. There shall be 7 (seven) other members to be appointed by the President. Its term of office shall be for one election.

45. POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Political Affairs Committee shall be formed to manage matters relating to Inter State, Inter Party and NGO affairs. The President shall be the Chairman and the elected Office Bearers of the General Headquarters shall be ex-officio members. There shall be 7(seven) other members to be appointed by the President. Its term of office shall be coterminous with that of the National Executive Committee.

46. NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

National Finance Committee shall be formed to manage party fund. The Treasurer of the party shall be the Chairman. Other members shall be appointed by the President. Its terms of office shall correspond to that of the appointee.

CHAPTER - 10

AUDITOR

- 46.** The Financial Accounts of the General Headquarters shall be audited every year. The National Executive Committee shall appoint not more than 3 (three) auditors for the purpose. Likewise, the Financial Accounts from Sub-Headquarters to the Unit shall be audited every year by auditors appointed by the concerned organisations.

CHAPTER - 11

PARTY ELECTION

47. ELECTED POST

- i) **General Headquarters** : President, *Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents (two), Treasurer, National Executive Members (fifty), National Council Member (fifty)*
- ii) **Sub-Headquarters** : President, Vice President and Executive Committee Members (thirty five)
- iii) **District Headquarters** : President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members (thirty)
- iv) **Block** : President, Vice President, Treasurer and one National Council Member as representative of the Block

- v) **Group** : President, Vice President and Treasurer
- vi) **Unit** : President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Committee Members (twenty)

48. ELECTION NOTIFICATION

Election shall be notified as under :

- i) **General Headquarters** : 30(thirty) days before the date of election.
- ii) **Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters** : 25 (twenty five) days before the date of election.
- iii) **Block** : 15 (fifteen) days before the date of election.
- iv) **Group and Unit** : 7(seven) days before the date of election.

49. QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS

- i) The President, Vice President and Treasurer of the General Headquarters shall be elected by Assembly delegates eligible to vote as per Rules of Election. National Executive Members shall be elected by the National Council. National Council Members shall be elected by the National Executive Committee.
- ii) Presidents, Vice Presidents and Treasurers of the Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters shall be elected respectively by Conference delegates eligible to vote as per Rules of Election. Executive Committee Members shall be elected by the newly elected Office Bearers and the existing Executive Committee Members.
- iii) Block President, Vice President, Treasurer and one National Council Member shall be elected by the Block Conference delegates eligible to vote as per Rules of Election. Executive Members shall be elected by the newly elected Office Bearers and the existing Executive Committee Members.

- iv) Group President, Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected by the Unit Committee Members whose names are registered in the Group Electoral Roll.
- (v) Unit President, Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected by members of the Unit whose names are registered in the Unit Electoral Roll. Unit Committee Members shall consists of not more than 20 (twenty) members appointed by not less than two-thirds of the Unit Office Bearers' Committee.

50. QUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates must be members of the MNF Party whose names are registered both in the MNF Unit and the Unit Electoral Roll.

51. CANDIDACY

- (i) Any member of the MNF Party may contest election to the posts of President, *Senior Vice President*, *Vice Presidents* and Treasurer of the General Headquarters, Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters. National Executive Committee may nominate candidates if it deems necessary.
- (ii) National Executive Committee/Executive Committee may nominate candidates for election to National Executive Committee/National Council/Executive Committee.
- (iii) In Block, Group and Unit election, candidates may be proposed from the floor which must be seconded by other members. Such candidates must be accepted by the Returning Officer. During special circumstances. Block Executive Committee may make candidates with the consent of the General Headquarters/Sub Headquarters / District Headquarters while Group/Unit Executive may do the same with the Consent of the Block.

52. ELECTION PROCEDURE

Election shall be conducted by Secret Ballot if there are more than one candidate for a single post. Only Ballot Paper stamped with party seal must be used for the purpose

53. DECLARATION OF ELECTION

Uncontested candidates shall be declared elected. When election is conducted by secret ballot, candidate polling the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If there is a tie in the highest number of votes polled among the candidates, repolling shall be done to decide between them. If, even after repolling, the election result is still undecided, decision shall be made by means of drawing of lot or tossing of coins and the result shall be declared thus. The number of votes polled by each candidate may be declared along with the declaration of election result if the Returning Officer feels it necessary to do so.

54. ELECTION COMPLAINT

Complaint in election may submitted through the Returning Officer within 24 (twenty four) hours of the declaration of election result. The Returning Officer shall submit such complaint to the authority that appoints him.

55. MAINTENANCE OF ELECTION SITE

Only qualified/eligible voters shall be allowed to stay within the election site. Besides the Returning Officer and his assistants, only those permitted by the Returning Officer may stay in such premises.

56. HANDING OVER OF CHARGE

The Returning Officer shall submit the list of the elected to the concerned authority. Charge shall be handed over within 7(seven) days from the date of election.

CHAPTER - 12

RETURNING OFFICER AND POLLING OFFICER

57. Returning Officer and Polling Officer shall be appointed as under :

- (i) The General Headquarters shall appoint returning Officer and Polling Officer for election to the General Headquarters, Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters. Returning Officer and Polling Officer for Block election shall be appointed by the concerned Headquarters.
- (ii) Returning Officer and Polling Officer for Group and Unit election shall be appointed by Block.
- (iii) Election conducted without Returning Officer shall be deemed null and void.

CHAPTER-13

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISER

58. From the General Headquarters to the Unit, Advisers shall be appointed by each President concerned.

CHAPTER-14

APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISER AND RECEPTIONIST

59. Organisers and Receptionists of the General Headquarters, Sub-Headquarters and District Headquarters shall be appointed by each President concerned. Block Organisers shall be appointed by the Presidents of the Headquarters concerned on the recommendation of the Block.

CHAPTER-15

60. MODE OF CONSTITUTING PARTY LEADERS:

Sub-Headquarters., Dist. Headquarters., Block, Group and Unit Office Bearers shall be elected or appointed by the National Executive Committee as per Election Rules .

CHAPTER-16

TERM OF OFFICE

- 61.** The term of the Office Bearers of the General Headquarters shall be three years (i.e.thirty six months). The term of office of the Office Bearers of the Sub-Headquarters/District Headquarters/ Block shall be two years (twenty four months). The term of office of the Office Bearers of Group/Unit shall be one year (i.e.twelve months). If in case the prevailing situation demands, election may be held before or after the date the election falls due. In such event, the on-going term of the officers holding such office shall be deemed to be shortened or extended as the case may be. The National Executive Committee shall have the authority to shortened or extend the terms of the Party Leaders. The term of office of the Office Bearers elected or nominated to fill casual vacancy shall be coterminous with that of the existing office bearers.

CHAPTER - 17

PARTY DISCIPLINE

- 62.** The National Executive Committee shall be the final authority in matter concerning suspension/expulsion of members from primary membership of the party due to violation of the constitution/anti-party activities.

CHAPTER - 18

INTERPRETATION OF PARTY CONSTITUTION

- 63.** With regards to the interpretation of the Constitution of the Party, the National Executive Committee shall have the final word.

CHAPTER - 19

PROPERTIES

- 64. i)** From the General Headquarters to the Unit, the Office Bearers concerned shall be responsible for the maintenance and safe-custody of party properties.
- ii)** The National Executive Committee shall have the right to exchange/disposed of moveable properties. The right over immoveable properties shall be at the disposal of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER - 20

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

- 65.** The National Executive Committee shall discuss proposal for amendments to the Constitution signed and submitted by not less than 10 (ten) members of the National Executive Committee. If not less than two-thirds of the Executive Committee Members present endorse the proposal for amendments to the Constitution, arrangements to that effect shall be made forthwith. The proposal so endorsed by the National Executive Committee shall be introduced in the National Council meeting. Decision made by not less than two-thirds of the National Council Members present shall be final.

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