

# Constitution of 'TIPRA MOTHA PARTY' as on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## [Amendment I]

### ARTICLE 1: NAME OF THE PARTY

Name of the Party shall be TIPRA MOTHA PARTY

### ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

1. To provide constitutional protection and work for socio-economic and political upliftment of people belonging to the Indigenous Tribes of Tiprasas;
2. To work for unity and integrity among all the Indigenous Tiprasa Tribes and Communities;
3. To promote, protect and safeguard the rich culture, heritage and tradition of Tripura and the North-eastern India;
4. To strive for a corruption free clean, accountable and efficient administration;
5. The TIPRA MOTHA PARTY shall bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of India as by law established and to the principles of socialism, secularism and democracy and would uphold the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India;

### ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY

#### A. Eligibility for Membership

Any citizen of India of the age of 18 years or above who subscribes to the objectives of the Party shall be eligible to become a member of the Party, provided that he or she:

- i. Is not a member of any other political Party registered with the Election Commission of India
- ii. is not a member of any organisation whose views, policies or actions are in conflict with the objectives of the Party; and/or
- iii. Has not been convicted of any offence involving moral turpitude.

#### B. Categories of Membership

There shall be two categories of members:

**i. Ordinary member:** Every person who becomes the member of the Party as per the procedure prescribed shall be an ordinary member. An ordinary member shall not have any voting right and shall not be eligible to be hold any official post in the Party.

**ii. Active Member:** A person who has been an ordinary member for at least one month and who has followed the Code of Conduct for members and has actively participated in various programs of the Party shall be eligible for Active Membership of the Party. An Active Member shall have the right to vote and shall also be eligible to be hold any official post in the Party.

### **C. Membership Process**

- i. A person shall become an Ordinary Member of the Party on submitting the prescribed declaration and payment of the membership fee as prescribed from time to time.
- ii. A person seeking Active Membership of the Party shall apply to the office of the concerned Primary Unit in prescribed format. Each application should be supported by at least two existing Active Members.
- iii. Respective District Unit shall take the final decision on each application and approve application of the active members in its meeting held after the receipt of the application.
- iv. The Party shall maintain a register of its members in the manner as may be prescribed in the Regulations.
- v. The President shall have the power to directly admit new members or confer the status of an Active Member on any person.
- vi. An Active Member shall pay membership fee as prescribed from time to time.

### **D. Term**

Term of ordinary member will be for life unless he/she ceases to be a member due to any of the reason as described in Article III. E.

The term of active membership shall be 3 years. A member shall have to get his membership renewed after every 3 years. For the purpose of this clause a year shall be the period commencing from 1st of April of a calendar year or the date of enrolment of a member up to 31st of March of the succeeding year.

### **E. Cessation of Membership**

A person shall cease to be a member of the Party in the event of:

- i. Death;
- ii. Resignation;
- iii. Expulsion/Removal; or
- iv. Non-Renewal of Membership
- v. If he/she joins any other political party
- vi. On being convicted by a court of law for a crime involving moral turpitude.

### **F. Suspension from Membership**

The President may suspend an Active Member from the membership of the Party in case of his/her involvement in any in-disciplinary or anti-party activities, either on the recommendation of the Unit Presidents or by taking self-cognisance.

## **ARTICLE 4: ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### **A. Organs of the Party**

The organisational set-up of the party shall be as below:

- i. **Central Working Committee** – The Central Working Committee shall be the highest elected and main decision making body of the party. It shall be responsible to oversee the functioning of the party and all its units.

#### **a. Power and Functions of the Central Working Committee:**

1. To formulate and amend the Party Constitution and Party Policies
2. To take decisions pertaining to all levels of elections conducted by the Election Commission of India
3. To form as many teams or make special appointments as required to carry out the objectives of the party. The President in consultation with the Central Working Committee may make any appoint outside of the mentioned committees or sub-committees of the party
4. To restructure or redraw the geographical demarcation of each of the committee i.e. District, Block or the Local Committee
5. Appointment of Office bearers at District Committees
6. Monitor and supervise the activities of all party functionaries across all levels
7. Have all the residual powers not specifically assigned to any other body/organ/committee/authority in this constitution
8. The Central Working Committee shall sit every after six months first half yearly session and the second as the planning session. Special session may also be convened with 15 days' notice on emergency
9. The General Secretary shall in consultation with the President, convene the meeting of Central Working Committee. Provided that, the President may, in absence of the General Secretary, empower any of the other Central Working Committee Member to convene meeting. Further provided that, notice for meeting must contain Agenda and discussion should confirmed within it. The General Secretary shall circulate decision, resolution of the Central Working Committee to all District/Block and Divisional Committee for information and implementation.

#### **b. Formation of the Central Working Committee:**

1. The Central Working Committee shall be formed at the State Conference of the Party and from among the Active Members of the party.
2. The incumbent Central Working Committee can call the State Conference of the party on a prior notice of 15 days. All the active members of the party shall be eligible to participate in the State Conference.
3. The Central Working Committee shall consist of the following office bearers:
  - a) One (1) President
  - b) Maximum three (3) number of Vice President
  - c) Maximum three (3) number of General Secretary
  - d) One (1) Treasurer
  - e) Maximum ten (10) number of Secretaries

f) **Members – Central Working Committee**

4. The Presidents of all the Frontal organisations of the party shall by virtue of position be a permanent member of the Central Working Committee. Also, all the constitutionally elected representatives of the party i.e. Ministers, MLAs, EMs and MDCs shall also be a permanent invitee member to the Central Working Committee.
5. The President of the Party can nominate a maximum of 20 (twenty) members to the Central Working Committee.
6. Duration of the Central Working Committees, shall be two years, which may however extend or reduce in special cases like national/international force majeure
7. The Members can be either nominated through the District and Block Committee i.e. one (1) each from every District and Block or can also be appointed by the President

ii. **District Committee** – It is an intermediary Committee between the Central Working Committee & the Block Committee. It shall be responsible to run the party activities at the District level.

**a. Power and Functions of the District Committee**

1. The District Committee shall meet quarterly
2. The District Secretary in consultation with the District President shall convene the meeting
3. The District Secretary shall circulate the decision, Resolution of the District Committee to the concerned Block Committee for information and implementation and also mark a copy to the Party President and members of the Central Working Committee

**b. Formation of the District Committee:**

1. The District Committee shall be formed from among the Active Members of the party.
2. The President in consultation with the Central Working Committee may make direct appointments to the District Committee
3. The District Committee might or might not have the similar composition as of the Central Working Committee. The recommended structure is as below:
  - a) One (1) President
  - b) One (1) Vice President
  - c) One (1) of General Secretary
  - d) One (1) Organising Secretary
  - e) Maximum two (2) number of Members from each Block (as mapped under the respective District)
4. The duration of the District Committee shall be two years. The Central Working Committee may however extend or reduce the duration for six months, on Prevailing situation.

- iii. **Block Committee** – The Block Committee shall be functioning under the respective District committee of the party and shall implement the decisions of the Central Working Committee in their respective geography

**a. Power and Functions of the Block Committee**

- 1. To hold the block committee meeting once in a month to Deliberate and decide on any issue or action program and take all such to further the objective of the Party including electoral participation, struggles, opinion making and/or other constructive actions in that primary level
- 2. To implement party decision or assigned tasks at grass root level
- 3. To send report to district committee regarding organisational progress on regular intervals

**b. Formation of the Block Committee:**

- 1. The Block Committee shall be formed from among the Active Members of the party.
- 2. The respective District President may make direct appointments to the Block Committee
- 3. The District Committee might or might not have the similar composition as of the Central Working Committee. The recommended structure is as below:
  - a) One (1) President
  - b) One (1) Vice President
  - c) One (1) of General Secretary
  - d) One (1) Organising Secretary
  - e) Maximum 1 (one) Member from each Local Committee (as mapped under the respective Block)
- 4. The duration of the Block Committee shall be two years. The Central Working Committee in consultation with the respective District Committee may however extend or reduce the duration for six months, on Prevailing situation.

- iv. **Local Committee** – This shall be the primary unit of the party and shall be responsible to execute the decisions of the Central Working Committee on the ground level

**B. Frontal Organisations of the Party**

The party shall have the following frontal organisations:

- i. Youth TIPRA Federation (for Youth)
- ii. TIPRA Women Federation (for Women)
- iii. TIPRA Indigenous Students Federation (for Students)

The party may further form or recognise the following type of organisations in party interest:

- i. Employees Association
- ii. Trade Union
- iii. Lawyers Association
- iv. Other Professional Associations

The frontal organisations shall follow the same structure as that of the main wing.

## **ARTICIE 5: OFFICE BEARERS OF THE PARTY**

A. The following shall be the powers and functions of the office Bearers of the Party at various Levels :

**a) President:**

1. The President shall be in charge of functioning of the Party at the concerned level
2. Facilitate and organize the meeting of the concerned committee
3. Chair the meeting of the respective committee
4. Implement and execute the decisions of the Party and carry out all such work as assigned from time to time
5. President can also appoint a Central Advisory Committee to help and assist his/her functioning with maximum 5 members

**b) Vice President:**

1. Assist the President in day-to-day functioning of the party at the concerned level
2. Chair the meeting of the respective committee in absence of the President
3. Implement and execute the decisions of the Party and carry out all such work as assigned from time to time

**c) General Secretary or Secretary:**

1. Managing the day to day affairs of the secretariat at the concerned level
2. Maintaining records and keeping minutes of the meetings at the concerned level
3. Carrying out all such work as given to him/her by the Party from time to time

**d) Treasurer:**

1. Ensure that the accounts of the Party are properly maintained and are audited by an Auditor who is on the panel of CAG
2. Ensure that all statutory compliances regarding accounts and Party funds are duly made
3. Ensure that audited annual accounts of the Party are submitted to the Election Commission of India within the time prescribed under the RP act
4. Maintain all accounts at the concerned level in accordance to the guidelines shared from time to time

## **ARTICLE 6: RULES OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION & DISCIPLINE**

### **A. Code of Conduct**

a. Every member of the Party shall abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- i. A member shall not engage himself in any immoral or illegal activity or such activity as would damage the party and/or tarnish the image of the Party and/or such conduct as would bring disrepute to it
- ii. A member shall not undertake any activity, which is in violation of or is contrary to the objectives of the Party as set out in this Constitution or is contrary to the official policy of the Party
- iii. A member shall not violate any Rule made by the Party or disobey any direction given by it
- iv. Members including office bearers and elected representatives, shall be free to express their own opinion within the party fora. Mere expression of difference of opinion, within the party fora will not be considered as violation of Code of Conduct unless it violates the Objectives of the Party

b. Without prejudice to the generality of the above, an office bearer must also:

- i. Not have any pending criminal case of a crime involving moral turpitude or should not have been convicted of any such crime in the past
- ii. Not be a part of any organization which spreads disharmony or division between the indigenous tribes
- iii. Not indulge in drug addiction or drunken behaviour
- iv. Not involve himself/herself in any corrupt practices
- v. Make an annual declaration of his/her income and assets and that of his family honestly and correctly to the Party

### **B. Authorities for Disciplinary Action**

Complaints in respect of alleged violation of Article VI.A and any other matter including internal disputes, grievances etc. shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committees to be constituted by the Central Working Committee.

### **C. Penalties**

Disciplinary action may result in penalties ranging from warning, suspension or expulsion from the Party. No disciplinary action shall be taken against a member without giving an opportunity to that member to explain and answer the charges against him/her.

In case disciplinary action is proposed against a member of Central Working Committee, the penalty will be imposed only after approval by the President of the Party.

## **ARTICLE 7: RULES FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

### **A. Meetings**

- i. The respective Committee President shall chair all meetings of the Central Working/District/Block Committee. In the event of the President not being available, the Vice-President shall chair the meeting and in case of absence of both the President and Vice-President, the concerned body may elect any person among them to chair the Particular meeting.
- ii. Committees at various levels shall meet at least at the following intervals:

Central Working Committee –Half-yearly/Quarterly/Monthly basis.

District Committee – Quarterly/Monthly basis.

Block Committee – Monthly/ Weekly basis.

### **B. Quorum**

Quorum for all meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the concerned body. If the quorum is not complete at the appointed time, those assembled will wait for a maximum period of 30 minutes. If the required Quorum is still not available, the meeting shall be adjourned. A new meeting will then be convened and there shall be no need of a quorum for a meeting that was adjourned due to want of quorum.

There will be no requirement for a Quorum in case of Emergency or Extraordinary meetings. However resolutions passed in such meetings shall be required to be ratified in the next ordinary meeting of the concerned body.

### **C. Notice**

- i. The notice period for all meetings of any committee shall be given before 15 days of such meetings except any emergency arises.
- ii. Emergency meetings may be convened by the concerned Committee President or General Secretary (with prior consent/knowledge of President) by giving such notice as deemed fit. The above time periods would not be applicable for such meetings.
- iii. Members may attend their meetings either in person or via video/teleconference.

### **D. Decision Making**

All decisions at all Levels in any meeting shall be taken by consensus, failing which by a majority vote. However, approval of two-third of members, present and voting, will be required for a resolution for amendment of the Party Constitution and/or decision to merge, split or dissolve.

### **E. Minutes**

Respective Committees shall maintain to records in writing the minutes of all its meetings



## **ARTICLE 8: PARTY FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS**

### **A. Collection of Funds**

- i. Funds shall be collected by means of membership fee, voluntary donations, sale of party material, cultural programs etc.
- ii. Only such persons, as are authorized by the respective Committee President, shall receive the funds

### **B. Donation and Membership Receipts**

Fund collection receipt shall be printed centrally only and each receipt will be duly numbered and issued in books containing receipt as prescribed from time to time

### **C. Bank Account**

The Party shall open such number of bank accounts and at such places as considered necessary and shall be maintained by the concerned treasurer.

### **D. Utilisation of Funds**

- i. The funds received by the Party shall be utilized for the meeting, political activities and other purposes of the Party.
- ii. The Accounts shall be maintained on accrual basis. The Details of all donations and expenses will be made transparent.

## **ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution can be amended by the Central Working Committee. Provided that the amendment must have the approval of two-third of its members present and voting after due notice to all the members.

However, the power of amendment cannot be exercised in a manner so as to bring the amended Constitution in conflict with the statutory provisions or guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India.

## **ARTICLE 10: MERGER SPLIT AND DISSOLUTION**

- i. Decisions regarding merger, split and dissolution shall be taken at a Plenary Session comprising of all office bearers, members of all organs at every level and Members of Parliament, State Legislature, Autonomous District Councils, Corporations and Panchayats
- ii. The quorum for the meeting of the Plenary Session shall be 30% of the persons entitled to participate in the Plenary Session
- iii. A resolution in respect of merger or split or dissolution to be effective shall require the approval of at least two-third of the persons present and voting

## **ARTICLE 11: INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Central Working Committee alone shall have the power and authority to interpret this Constitution and the regulations framed there under. The Decision of the Central Working Committee in respect of above shall be final and binding.

## **ARTICLE 12: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- i. The party shall contest an election conducted by the Election Commission of India within 5 years of registration.
- ii. The party will not, in any manner, promote, instigate or participate in violence.
- iii. The party shall submit its audited annual financial statements to the Election Commission of India within a period of 60 days after the end of each financial year
- iv. The party shall ensure that all the internal elections and appointments are made as per the guidelines prescribed in this constitution

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<b>District</b>	<b>Block</b>
North	Nogaon
	Damcherra
	Khedacheera
	Ananda Bazar
	Vangmun
	Dasda
	Laljuri
Unakoti	Machmara
	Rajkandi
	Deovelley
Dhalai	Maharani
	Kanailal
	Ambasa
	Ganga Nagar
	Gandhatwisa
	Ram nagar
	Raisyabari
	Manu
	Kormo Twisa
	Hakutwisa
	Chawmanu
Manikpur	
Khowai	Bachaibari
	Tulasikok
	Baijal
	Hareb Kuwar
	Mungia Kami
	Twimadu
	Duski
West	Khumulwng
	Belbari
	Mandwi
	Dakdu Twisa
	Hezamara
	Sumili
	Abhicharan
Sepahaijala	Mohanbhug
	Toksa Para
	Promod Nagar
	Jampuijala
	Gabordi
	Bishramganj

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