SOCIETY FOR SUGARCANE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SSRD)
Regd. No. TN/125/2011
(Regd. Under Tamil Nadu Societies Act, 27 of 1975)

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as of 20th May 2020

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2020
1. **NAME**
   The name of the Society shall be **Society for Sugarcane Research and Development**

2. **ADDRESS**
   Sugarcane Breeding Institute,
   Coimbatore - 641 007
   Tamil Nadu, India

3. **FOUNDING DATE**
   The Society shall be considered founded on 18-03-2011.

4. **FOUNDER MEMBERS**
   The founder members of the society shall be considered those actually present on the date of founding of the society and whose signatures are taken.

5. **AREA OF OPERATION**
   India

6. **HEADQUARTERS**
   Headquarters of Society will be ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore - 641 007
   Tamil Nadu, India. Society shall function between 9:00 am and 4:15 pm. on all working days.

7. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**
   The purpose of the Society shall be to advance the sugarcane agriculture, research and development with non-profit motive and activities in the following aspects:
   1. To promote sugarcane research and development activities in the country
   2. To promote dissemination of scientific knowledge related to sugarcane by holding national and international symposia / seminar periodically
   3. To promote scientific communication in sugarcane by publishing a journal. The journal will be known by the name 'Journal of Sugarcane Research'
   4. To create a platform for sugarcane research and development workers to interact on issues related to sugarcane agriculture and sugar industry
   5. To promote excellence in sugarcane research and development through awards, fellowships, research grants, travel grants to attend symposia, etc.

8. **MEMBERSHIP**
   1. Membership of the society shall be open to all Indian citizen over 18 years of age, interested in sugarcane research and development irrespective of region, caste, religion, sex, etc. Any such eligible individual may assume membership by applying on prescribed proforma to the General Secretary by paying the prescribed fee. Right to accept the individual as member of the society is reserved with the Executive Council of the Society.
   2. There shall be seven classes of members viz. honorary members, patron members, life members, ordinary members, corporate members, student members and institutional members.
      a. **Patron Member:** Patron member is one who is engaged in research, teaching, development, cultivation, processing, marketing and allied activities and who pays the one time membership fee.
b. **Life Member**: Life member is one who is actively involved in activities concerned with sugarcane and pays one time prescribed fee after being approved by the Executive Council.

c. **Ordinary Member**: All the individuals who are engaged directly or indirectly with activities on sugarcane shall become members by paying prescribed annual membership fee.

d. **Honorary Member**: The Honorary Membership shall be conferred by the Executive Council on an individual in recognition of his/her outstanding contributions related to the objectives of the Society, irrespective of his/her membership of the Society and his/her nationality. The total number of Honorary Members shall be limited to 20 at any time and not more than two shall be honoured in a year. The task of identifying the persons to be considered for conferment of Honorary Membership of society shall be done by the Executive Council.

e. **Corporate Members**: Corporate Members are those who are engaged in sugarcane research and development activities in private or public sector. They can become member by paying the prescribed fee.

f. **Institutional Member**: An organization/institution/association of people/body of individuals having interest in sugarcane or kindred branches of science/technology can apply for Institutional Membership in the prescribed proforma. The Executive Council will consider such applications and shall have the discretion to admit or refuse admission on adequate grounds. On admission, an Institutional Member will be required to pay annually fee with no levy of admission fee.

g. **Student Member**: The Executive Council may admit bonafide students in any branches of science/technology of recognized Universities/Institutions as Student Members in the same manner as that of a Member. The Student Member shall also pay the admission fee at the current rate and membership subscription at concessional rate, as fixed by the Executive Council.

3. A member may withdraw from the Society by expressing his desire to do so in a letter addressed to the General Secretary. The Society, however, shall not be liable to return any fee that might have been paid by the members in advance.

4. Any member who defaults to pay the annual dues for one year shall cease to be a member of the Society at the end of the year automatically without any notice.

5. A member engaged in activities that are in contravention to the objectives and interests of the society shall forfeit their membership.

9. **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

1. **Founder members**: Founder members shall enjoy all the privileges of life member. Founder member will have the right to veto any amendments. No amendments to the bye laws can be made even if it is endorsed by the majority, if challenged by 5 or more of the founder members.

2. **Patron members and life members**: Patron members and life members shall have the right to vote and hold the office and shall further be entitled for receipt of journals and newsletter. They will also receive the publications of the Society with some discount as decided by the Executive Council. They will have the privilege to introduce others for the membership. They shall also have the privilege to introduce guests to the ordinary scientific meetings of the Society.

3. **Ordinary members**: Ordinary members shall have the right to vote and shall further be entitled for receipt of journals and newsletter. They will also receive the publications of the Society with some discount as decided by the Executive Council. They will have the privilege to introduce others for the membership. They shall also have the privilege to introduce guests to the ordinary scientific meetings of the Society. Ordinary members with 5 years of continuous membership shall hold the office.

4. **Honorary Member**: Honorary Members shall be exempted from payment of membership subscription, but shall continue to enjoy the privileges of Life Members.
without voting rights. The conferment of the Honorary Membership shall be in the form of a citation at the Annual / biennial Convention. He/she shall be eligible to all the privileges conferred by the Society.

5. **Corporate members:** Corporate members shall enjoy all the privileges conferred by the Society. However, companies have to nominate one person who can vote and participate in the meetings.

6. **Institutional Members:** Institutional Members shall have the right to receive publications as decided by the Executive Council of the Society on complimentary basis. A representative of the Institutional Member can attend scientific meetings of the Society. Institutional Member shall not have any right of voting or holding office.

7. **Student Members:** Student Members shall receive publications of the society at free of cost as decided by the Executive Council after the date of payment of subscription during the year of membership, and shall have the privilege of participating in scientific meetings organized by the Society, but shall have no right of voting and holding any office. The privileges laid down so far shall be enjoyed by a Student Member as long as he/ she is a student on the rolls of the University/ Institution.

10. **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

The membership subscription are subject to changes, on the recommendation of the Council and on approval of the General Body.

1. The membership fee of the society shall be as follows:

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2. The membership fee is subject to revision with the approval of the Executive Council.

3. The annual membership subscription shall be for a calendar year and shall be due on the 1st January each year. A Member who pays the annual membership subscription on or before 31st January each year only, shall enjoy their stipulated privileges of the Society. The defaulting members can rejoin the Society any time in that calendar year, but shall not have right to receive issues of Journal published prior to that date. The defaulting members on the 31st December of that year shall automatically cease to be members and their names shall be struck off from the register. Such a defaulting member shall rejoin the Society, by paying admission fee, besides the membership subscription.

4. The annual subscription for the 'Journal of Sugarcane Research' for Non-members shall be Rs.500/- per issue.

5. Payment shall be made by Cash or DD or Cheque drawn in favour of “Society for Sugarcane Research and Development or SSRD” payable at Veerakeralam Branch, Coimbatore (Branch Code: 10618; MICR Code: 641002031) or online transfer to the SSRD Current A/c No. 31726432277 (IFSC code: SBIN0010618). Life member or patron member or Corporate Member can make payment in one or more installments within a period of one year from the date of application as decided by Executive Council.
11. FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL BODY

1. The general body meeting of the Society shall be held annually coinciding with conference or meetings within six months of next financial year, wherein Secretary shall report the progress of the society and current initiatives and action. The audited report of the society will be presented by the Treasurer.

2. Executive Council members shall be elected once in two years.

12. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. The Executive Council shall carry on all the affairs of the Society in accordance with general policy of the society. The Executive Council shall meet once in six months. In case the Executive Council meeting is not possible, decisions may be taken using other means of communication. The period of the Executive Council, unless extended, shall be for two years.

2. The Executive Council shall consist of the following:
   - President : 1
   - Vice President : 2
   - General Secretary : 1
   - Joint Secretary : 2
   - Treasurer : 1
   - Chief Editor : 1
   - Associate Editor : 2
   - Councilors : 12

3. Eight Executive Council members shall be elected by voting using secret ballots.

4. The President shall be empowered to CO-OPT up to FOUR MEMBERS over and above the elected members, provided the Executive Council feels that various sectors of the sugarcane research / sugar industry are not adequately represented in the elected Executives.

5. Non-receipt of a ballot paper by any voter shall not invalidate any election provided that documentary evidence of mailing / supply is produced by the Secretary, on demand by such a voter not receiving the ballot paper.

6. The posts of President, Vice President (one post), General Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretary and Chief Editor are to be elected from the members at headquarters.

7. The Executive Council shall have the powers to fill the interim vacancies in the Council by nomination for the unexpired period of the term.

8. None of the elected office bearers will be eligible for more than three successive terms for the same office.

9. All the retiring office bearers shall be eligible for reelection subject to the condition in the RULE 12.8 of this by law.

10. The time of retirement of the office bearers shall be immediately after the close of annual meeting in which election takes place.

13. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS

1. President shall preside over the Executive and General Body meetings and shall have power of taking decision in consultation with the Executive Council members. He/She shall take all the decision with majority endorsement of the Council and call for meeting of the Council. He is empowered to give suggestions and directions. The President shall also advise and direct the secretary in the day to day functioning of the Society.

2. Vice President in absence of the President, he/she shall perform the duties of the President and take the responsibilities as decided by Executive Council.

3. General Secretary shall be responsible for execution of the decisions taken by Executive Council, file annual reports, make reports to the President and execute the order of President. He/she shall be responsible for all the day to day activities for smooth functioning of the society. He/she will present the annual report before the General
Body. The General Secretary shall be responsible for recording the proceedings of the Society and Council. The General Secretary shall be responsible to the Executive Council and General Body regarding assets of the Society. General Secretary will also comply with all mandatory requirements specified by the Registrar of Societies as per the RULE 25 of this by law.

4. Joint Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Joint Secretary to maintain the membership list of the Society to supply and receive applications for membership and assist the General Secretary in all the matter requiring his help. In the absence of the Secretary, he/she shall perform all duties of the Secretary. He shall do all the work assigned by the General Secretary.

5. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Society. He/She shall keep accounts, receipts, deposits and disburse money on behalf of the Society. A Savings Bank Account in the name of the Society shall be opened in a Scheduled Bank and shall be operated jointly by any two of the three office bearers, viz. President, General Secretary and Treasurer. No salaries to office bearers shall be permissible but honoraria as decided by the Executive Council shall be paid depending upon the necessity. The Treasurer may keep with him any time 1% of the total fixed deposit amount in the bank remitted in the bank or Rs.5,000/-, which ever is lower, for the day to day expenditures of the Society. TA/DA to office bearers for undertaking Society's business shall be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Council and availability of finance. The Treasurer shall present the Audit Report of the previous year at the time of the Annual General Body Meeting with his remarks on the report.

14. THE EDITORIAL BOARD

1. The Editorial Board shall consist of one Chief Editor and two Associate Editors. Seven members of well known repute in the field sugarcane research and development shall be nominated by the Executive Council, who will assist in the publications of the Society. Two Associate Editors to assist Chief Editor shall be nominated by the Executive Council.

2. Chief Editor shall act as Convener of Editorial Board. The Editorial Board shall be the final authority for the scrutiny and publication of the articles. The Board will also plan the policies concerned with Society's publication.

15. MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Council meeting shall be held periodically at the discretion of the President or on the request of at least six members of the Council.

2. The date, venue and time of meeting shall be notified by the General Secretary to each member of the Council at least two weeks before the date on which such meetings are to be held. Non receipt of such notice or postal delay in reaching the notice to any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of such meetings. A minimum of 1/3 members are required to complete the quorum.

3. All decisions will be by consensus, in the absence of which voting will be resorted to. However the founder member shall have the veto as in 9.1.

4. Proceedings of the council meeting shall be circulated to the members.

16. MEETING OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

1. An annual meeting of the Editorial Board shall be held at the time of the Annual General Body meeting of the Society, if desired by the President.

2. Ordinary meetings of the Editorial Board may be called by the Chief Editor with the consent of the President.
17. INCENTIVES AND AWARDS

The Executive Council based on the nomination received and adjudged by a committee appointed by the Executive Council may decide to give incentive and award to outstanding Researchers, Entrepreneurs or growers for their contribution in increasing the productivity of sugarcane. Award may be announced and presented in one of the meetings.

18. TIME LIMIT FOR PAYMENT OF MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION

If the membership is not renewed before 31st December, membership will be treated as fresh and shall attract an admission fee.

19. RECORDS TO BE MAINTAINED

Records of membership, Cash book, monthly account ledger, receipt book, minute book, correspondence with the registrar should be maintained. Audited balance sheet will be filed with the registrar.

20. SOCIETY’S ACCOUNTS

Under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, the following accounts books shall be maintained by writing daily.

1. THE DAILY CASH BALANCE REGISTER-

The daily expenditure shall be written in the chitta book and daily cash account should be closed, showing actual balance on that day. The amounts exceeding than those minimum cash balance which is permitted by the executive committee shall be remitted in to the account.

2. RECEIPT BOOKS-

The receipt book with its counterfoils shall be maintained immediately on receipt of the payment. It should be entered in the original receipts and its counterfoils. The original receipts shall be issued to the remitter.

3. THE VOUCHERS AND BILLS FILE-

The daily expenditures should be borne with necessary vouchers and bills, and this shall be put into accounts file, by entering the proper serial numbers for the same.

4. GENERAL LEDGER-

This register should be properly maintained. This will show the item wise heads for all accounts.

5. MONTHLY REGISTER-

The monthly income and expenditures shall be written as statement in this register. In all the registers maintained by the Society, the following declaration will be signed by anyone of the Executive committee member:-

 DECLARATION

The entries recorded in this register are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do hereby declare that this is true and correct.

21. THE METHODS TO SPENT THE FUNDS

For anyone of the purposes of the society as prescribed in the aims of the society. The benefits of the society/funds are open to all irrespective of region, caste, religion, sex, etc.

22. THE DISALLOWED EXPENSES AND METHODS OF SPENDING THE FUNDS

1. No salary or wages shall be paid to any of the member, or Executive committee member or to anyone of the office bearers of the society for any cause.

2. The funds of the society will not issued as gifts or shares in any profits. But as per RULE
20 of this by-law, funds may be granted to any of the demised members, heirs or to any of the family of handicapped members, on merciful basis.

23. THE PROCEDURES FOR INVESTMENTS OF THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

The funds of the society shall not be deposited with any of the individuals. The assets of the immovable kinds, Tamil Nadu Government's Loan Certificates, Central government loan certificates and national savings certificates can be purchased from the funds, in the name of the society. In the case of depositing any amounts in to the banks it may be with the scheduled bank as per the banks act 1949 deposited. The savings bank accounts, bank accounts, with the post offices may also be opened, and invested. The units under the Unit Trust of India, Tamil Nadu Government's Scheme loans documents of certificate and the central Government scheme of loan documents and other investments prescribed from time to time by the government, or permitted schemes for the investments of the funds of the society. The funds of the society will be invested in accordance with provision of section 11(5) read with section 13(1)(d) of Income Tax Act, 1961.

24. METHODS FOR LOANS PERMITTED TO OBTAIN THROUGH MORTGAGING THE PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY

Whenever any of the loans received by the manner of pledging the property of the society through a registered document, such as copy of the document should be signed by any of the Executive committee member of the society to effect that this is certified. Along with this, Form No.8 shall be filled up and with the fee towards the registration fees, it should be sent to the Registrar of the societies within 30 days, of the receipt of such loans. In the case of any property newly purchased, which is under pledging the same, Form No.9 must be filled up and sent along with the registration fee to the Registrar of the Societies and when any pledged loans or completely repaid, and whenever it is cancelled, the copy of such document should be sent to the Registrar of Societies along with the fee only within 30 days.

25. ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS AUDITING

All accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by a Charted Accountant appointed by the Executive Council. Treasurer shall present the audit report of the previous year at the Executive Council Meeting and General Body Meeting for approval.

26. THE REPORTS TO BE FURNISHED TO THE REGISTRAR OF SOCIETIES

1. On every year a declaration of the good functioning of the society shall be submitted to the Registrar.
2. The annual accounts statement for every year, on its approval by the General body meeting shall be forwarded within 6 months of the completion of the meeting.
3. The members register shall be maintained in Form No.6 on every end of years, the list of remaining members shall be furnished in Form No.6 within 6 months completion of the General body meeting. The above three reports shall be furnished to the Registrar within 6 months after the completion of the General body meeting. If any new member is admitted, it should be informed in Form No.7 and reported within 90 days of the admission.
4. Whenever a member expires, it should be reported in form No.7 within 90 days of the death.
5. Whenever a member is dismissed or resigning, it should be reported within 90 days of the occurrence. Whenever the Change of address or transferring the address are proposed, it should be informed within 90 days of such action in the prescribed Form No.5.
6. Whenever the By-laws and subsections of the by laws are amended for corrections, deletions or inclusions it should be reported in the duplicate within 90 days time.
7. The aforesaid by-laws corrections, deletions or inclusions if any required, it should be passed through a special resolutions and this resolutions copy shall be furnished in duplicate within 90 days time.
8. Each and every report shall be furnished separately. For every report a prescribed fee shall be sent towards filing fees.
9. For every report, it should bear the true copy of connected resolutions of the same.

27. FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE SOCIETY
The Society's financial year will from the 1st April to 31st March succeeding.

28. GENERAL BODY MEETING
This General body meeting should be convened once in every year. It should be convened within 6 months time from the financial year ending (i.e) within six months. The time, date and venue of the annual general body meeting shall be arranged by the Executive Council. The venue shall be fixed by the Executive Council according to facilities and convenience of the members. Before convening the general body meeting, it should be sent notice before 21 days previously. The said 21 days should be exclusive of the day of the General body meeting proposed. One copy of the General body meeting notice must be sent to the Registrar of Societies. The General body meeting notice may be sent on the following methods of anyone.
1. Personal delivery
2. Postal delivery
3. Sending circulars to members
4. By publishing in the newspapers
The General body notice may be sent in anyone of the methods described above. The notice shall be exhibited in the office Notice board also. The quorum for the General body meeting will be the presence of 1/3 rd members. If the minimum members will not arrive even after 1 hour of the commencement of the meeting, the meeting may be postponed for the same day and time on the next week at the same place. In spite of required Quorum, the meeting could be held. There is no need of quorum for this meeting.

29. THE POWERS OF THE GENERAL BODY
a. To elect the Executive committee members once in three years.
b. To approve the annual accounts placed by the executive committee before the General body.
c. To approve the annual Income and expenditure reports.
d. To appoint an Auditor to audit the transactions and accounts of the Society.
e. To make amendments in by-laws or in sub sections of relevant by-laws, for corrections, deletions or inclusions or changing.
f. To enquire the appeal petitions by the members and to decide about the cases.
g. To come to a conclusion, of the No confidence motion if any against the Executive committee or against any member of the Executive committee and decide.
h. To increase or reduce the members subscription or entrance fee.
i. To finalize any others special resolutions brought up by any of the members.
j. A Member can be removed by 2/3 majority of the founder members in case of activities against the interest of the society.

30. SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
The Special general body meeting shall be held on the following times:
a. If the executives require any special permission of the General body in specific matters.
b. This meeting shall be held if 2/3 rd of the members wish to convene or 50% of the Executive members wish. to convene the meeting. Such members or the Executive members must make this in writing. These applications must be addressed to the
President or the General Secretary. On receipt of such applications, the special General body meeting should be convened within one month's time. Otherwise, the members who had sent for request for convening this special general body meeting may themselves unite together and send a notice about the date of commencement of such meeting and convene the Special General body meeting accordingly. This notice also must be of 21 days previous to the meeting. The quorum for this meeting will also apply equally to the usual General procedure of the ordinary General body meeting.

31. MINUTE BOOK REGISTER

The Executive meeting functions and the General body meeting functions will be recorded separately in the Minute book. The Secretary will take short notes of the functioning of the meetings during that time and after the ending of the meeting he will show them to the President making serially numbered, and register the same in the Minute book. The Minute books for executive committee meetings and the General body meetings should be maintained separately and recorded.

32. ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

If will be an ordinary resolution if it is approved by more than 50% of the members of the General body meeting.

33. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS:

The following activities should be carried out only through passing the Special Resolutions:

1. The documentary changes in any manner.
2. The sub sections of the by laws change.
3. The division of the Society into two units.
4. The changing of the name of the Society.
5. To arrive at a decision on the subject of dissolving the society 3/4th members who are present in the Special general body meeting should support the resolution and approve and then only it can be executed.

34. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COPY OF DOCUMENTS OF THE SOCIETY TO THE MEMBERS DULY CERTIFIED

a. The by-laws, sub sections of the by-laws, reports of income and expenditures, property assessment report can be obtained by payment of Rupee 10/= for each copy.

b. The members who want to get the copies as above should submit their applications to the President or Secretary. They should remit the prescribed fee at the office hours and receive the copy.

c. The members can always inspect the original Minute book records of the general body meetings, executive committee meetings Minute records, the members register and other office accounts registers with the permission of the President at the office hours. No fee may be paid for this. The members should not take any copies.

35. THE METHODS OF ALTERATIONS IN THE BY-LAWS OR IN THE SUB SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY

1. If any alterations in the main by-laws or in the sub sections of the by-laws, this should be passed as a special resolution for doing so in a General body or in a Special General body meeting.

2. The rules may be amended at any special general body meeting of the society by voting for the amendment after being endorsed by majority of founder members. Any
amendment proposed by a member should be forwarded to the General Secretary two months in advance of the special general body meeting for circulation among the members.

3. No amendments in Memorandum of Association/ Bye laws / Rules and Regulations shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provisions and without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemption).

36. FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY

1. The funds of the society shall consist of
   a. Admission fee
   b. Membership fees
   c. Donations
   d. Grants in Aid from Govt. Institutions, Societies or individuals interested in the activities of the Society
   e. Subscriptions to the journals of the society and sale proceeds of its publications
   f. Charges for publishing advertisements in the publications of the Society; and
   g. Any other sources determined by the Council

2. The funds and the income of the Society shall be solely utilized for the achievement of its objectives and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment to the members by way of profit, interest, dividend etc.

3. The organization may invest the cash fund, corpus fund and income in such investment as are authorized under the income tax act for the time being and the organization may accumulate the funds for any particular purpose and confirm to the requirements of income tax act in relation thereto.

37. ELECTIONS

1. All election to the office shall take place at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society. The Executive Council will co-opt members to fill up interim vacancies.

2. The following procedures shall be adopted for all the election to office. The secretary shall circulate a list of members TWO MONTHS BEFORE the Annual General Body Meeting and shall invite nominations from members.

3. The nominations need not be seconded by another member. The secretary shall also ascertain the willingness of the nominee for the office before 30 days of each election. The list of members contesting shall also be circulated before 15 days of the General Body Meeting. If nominations are lacking for any office, the new Executive Council shall have the power to nominate a member to that office.

4. Voting shall be by SECRET BALLOT supplied by secretary and returned to the Returning Officer. The Executive Council shall nominate Returning Officer for conducting the election.

5. Voting by proxy shall not be permissible.

6. Votes shall be scrutinized by the Returning Officer and person/persons nominated by the President. The results shall only be announced at the Annual General Body Meeting.

7. Candidate getting majority votes will be declared elected for all posts except Councilors. In case of tie decision will be taken by drawing lots. For electing councilor, three zones were made i.e. North, Central and South Zones. The North zone comprises States such as Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The Central zone comprises States such as Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana. The South zone comprises States such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala. All eligible members may cast their vote for the contesting Councillors irrespective of zones (zone-wise demarcation of Members is not made for voting). However, while electing 8 Councilors to the EC, if member of any zone is not represented in the ‘top 8 highest received vote category’ the
contesting candidate(s) with the highest votes will be declared as Winner(s) of the zone where representation is lacking and other seven winning Councilors will be the highest votes receiving candidates. If there is no contesting candidate from any one of the zone, the top 8 candidates with higher votes will be declared winner.

8. A list of members with their occupation and address shall be filed with Registrar of Societies once in every year after one month from the date of the General Body Meeting of the Council.

9. A member may withdraw from the Society by stating his / her desire to do so in a letter addressed to the Secretary. The Society, however, shall not be liable to return any fee that may have been paid by the member in advance.

10. Any member who defaults payment of subscription to the Society for a period of more than one year ceases to be a member. The membership fee is always payable in advance.

11. Members who have not paid annual subscription pay by date shall not be eligible to vote or contest in elections, nor eligible for nomination to any office.

38. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

1. The society is non profit scientific and educational body. No member of the society shall be entitled to any distributive share of its assets and profits. In the event of dissolution its assets, remaining after payment of its just debts, shall be given to another society whose objectives are similar to those of this society and which enjoys recognition under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1975 as amended from time to time.

2. Dissolution of the society shall be decided by the majority of the members.

3. Regarding amalgamation of the association, Society Act 1960 shall be followed.

39. GENERAL

Those things which are not stated in the above by-laws, they will be taken according to the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975.

40. IRREVOCABILITY

The Society/Assets created is irrevocable

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To
The General Secretary
Society for Sugarcane Research and Development
In the campus: Sugarcane Breeding Institute
Coimbatore - 641007
Tamil Nadu, India

Sir,

I/We request that I / We may be enrolled as a Patron Member / Life Member / Corporate Member / of SSRD from .......................... or Institutional Member / Ordinary (Annual) Member / Student Member of SSRD for the year(s) ..............................

I am remitting a sum of Rs. .......... (Rupees..................................................only) towards the above, by cash / Cheque / demand draft / Online transfer.
(Transaction ID or Cheque or DD No: ......................................................dt.......................)

Signature:

Name (in Block Letters) :

Full address :

Mobile :

E-Mail :

Date: ...................

SSRD Membership Subscription Fee as on 1st Jan 2020

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