REVISED / AMENDED BYE-LAWS OF FEDERATION OF FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS

(AMENDED ON 10TH APRIL, 2002)

I. Name of the Society : Federation of Farmers Associations (No Change In Name Clause)

II. Registration No. & Date : 3579 of 2000 (29.04.2000)
Registered under the Andhra Pradesh (Telangana Area) Public Societies Registration Act, 1350 Fasli (Act 1 of 1350 F)

III. Location of the Office : Flat No.208 & 209, Vijaya Towers
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IV. MOTTO : Knowledge – Quality – Unity

V. Mission : - Develop India As An Agricultural Super Power.
            - Economic Security & Social Status to Farmers.

VI. OUR ASPIRATIONS:

- To see and develop Indian an Agricultural Super Power.

- To represent, on behalf of the Farm Sector, to the Planning Commission, Govt. of India and other concerned for formulating proper Agricultural Policies, Agricultural Reforms & also for allotment of budget basing on the contribution to the national GDP and also the population of agri-sector.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY
To Propagate Modern Agricultural Techniques/methods to ensure high yielding.

To bring good recognition to the farming community, by participation of Farmers in the socio and economic developmental activities.

To establish independent Commodity Farmers Associations /Organizations at State / National levels.

To associate with like-minded national & international organizations functioning independently for the improvement of agriculture sector.

To create awareness among the agriculture sector on Modern Agricultural Methods, Biotechnology, Information Technology, etc.,

VII. The organization shall be called in Telugu as "RYTHU SANGHALA SAMAKHYA", and in English as "FEDERATION OF FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS".

VIII. The Registered Office shall be at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

IX. The Federation of Farmers Associations shall have a continuous succession, common seal, build assets and is authorized to enter into agreements to file suits and can be sued.

X. The Federation of Farmers Associations is a non-profit, democratic, service organization dedicated for the welfare of farmers, farm labour, rural artisans and development of agriculture and rural areas, beyond any political considerations.

XI. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF FEDERATION OF FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS:

1. To unite all the Registered and Unregistered Farmers Associations into a cohesive and functional organization.

2. To create awareness and propagate about Modern Agricultural Methods/Techniques, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Central and State Government rural Schemes and guide rural youth, women and farmers on marketing, Financial plan/outlay on all related areas for improvement of their social and financial status by organising/conducting Workshops/seminars/Conferences/Get together Meetings, training courses convening at various levels like Village, Mandal, District, State, Inter State, National and international Level. And also by audio, video, Brochures/Phamplets etc. and various ways and means.
3. To assist in establishing and effective functioning of Village / Mandal / District / Commodity, Associations and Cooperatives and make them members.

4. To represent Planning Commission, Govt. of India, other concerned for formulation of Proper Agricultural Policy/Reforms and for sorting out amicably Farmers practical problems for better standard of living of Farmers and Rural Population for and on behalf of Farmers and for prosperity of Farmers.

5. To bring recognition, importance to the farm sector and make participation of Eminent Farmers/Farmers Associations/Organizations to involve them in the formulation of major Policy matters in the connected Advisory Committees of Central/State Govt./Public Sector Undertakings/Banks/Financial Institutions for prosperity of Rural areas in all angles.

6. To become a member in the national / international level, Agricultural Organizations/ Associations to exchange of Technical know how, comparative study of systems being carried in the development of rural areas.

7. For the realization of its objectives, the Federation either by itself or in association with other organizations, shall act as representative of farmers and take up issues with the Central and State Governments, Financial institutions, Public Sector institutions like FCI, CCI, NABARD, MARKFED, Agro-based Industries, Procuring Agencies, Ware-housing Organizations and all other related institutions. In case of necessity empowered to enter into MOU on mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

8. To create awareness of the key role of agriculture and valuable contribution of farmers as an important and integral component of economic and social development of the country, among politicians, administrators, scientists, academicians, judiciary, journalists, members of organized sectors and other urban elite about the problems confronted by farmers and intricacies involved in agriculture. In case of necessity empowered to form Forums like MPs, MLAs, Experts/Professionals, etc.,

9. It will make efforts to create awareness among farmers, agriculture labour and rural artisans about their fundamental rights of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.

10. To promote, pursue and assist in raising the living standards of farmers and farm labour, rural artisans and others connected with agriculture and allied sectors in harmony with the environment.

11. To establish agriculture clinics to provide extension services to farmers.
12. To prepare feasibility project reports and rendering consultancy services for establishing farming, horticulture, animal husbandry, agro-processing Industries, exports and all other related activities.

13. To promote dissemination of knowledge, information and technologies relevant to farming and rural development by establishing technology and information centers by itself or in association with like-minded organizations.

14. To organize social, cultural and sport events to encourage talents, sportiveness, integration among farmers and rural youth and women.

15. To disseminate and update knowledge of agriculture and its related subjects through utilization of mass-media, electronic media and other ways.

16. To sponsor eminent Farmers to Seminars/Workshops/Conferences being taken up at State, National level and International level at different places in India and in other countries with or without financial assistance.

17. To develop a database on agricultural production, processing, marketing & exports and make it available to farmers and others through agri-information centers.

18. To analyze, study and take appropriate steps and deal with the problems connected with patent rights and creating awareness on World Trade Organizations (W.T.O) agreement related issues and other issues that has come up due to globalization and liberalization.

19. To Propagate / opt for usage of available everlasting non-conventional energy sources like Family Size biogas, improved chulhas, Solar Gadgets, Biomass Power Projects, etc., for environmental cleanliness, to support deforestation programme, to safeguard women health and to reduce pressure on conventional energy sources.

20. It shall constitute Commodity-wise Sub-Committees for quick feedback on the study and evaluation of practical problems and representing them to Concerned for redressal. For Constitution of Commodity wise Sub-Committees, Executive Committee/Governing Body/Board is empowered.

21. To encourage and honor eminent innovative farmers, farm labour, engineers, scientists, officials, social workers who work for the welfare of Farmers and rural areas development shall organise/facilitate Annual Awards with association of other Organisations on mutually agreeable terms and conditions.
22. To raise/receive and acceptance of funds for accomplishment of aims and objectives by means of Membership fee, donations. Contributions, Programme support, etc., by way of Indian Currency and Foreign Currency from all connected Organizations for general purposes and specific purposes.

23. In case of necessity funds shall be raised by means of Unsecured Hand Loans to the extent necessary without interest or with bank rate of interest at the discretion of Executive Committee. However, the amount receivable at a time shall not exceed Rs.50,000 and maximum receivable Unsecured Hand Loans without interest shall be Rs.5,00,000 in any financial year.


XII. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

1. There shall be a General Body.
2. There shall be a Executive Committee / Governing Board.
3. There shall be Commodity wise Sub-Committees
4. There shall be Advisory Committee / Committees
5. There shall be District Committees

XIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

GENERAL BODY: Comprises 2 categories of Members.

1. Registered and Unregistered Farmers Associations:

   a) The Village Farmers Associations:

   Any Association in a Village consisting 9 or more farmers as members shall be eligible to become a member. It should be registered and functional.

   b) Area / Commodity Associations:

   Any Farmers Association whose activities are spread over more than one village and a minimum of atleast 50 members, registered / recognized and conducting elections as per bye-laws is eligible. (Sugarcane growers under a Sugar Factory registered/ recognized Sheep Growers Associations, Cooperative Milk Unions, Water User Associations, SHGs, Tobacco Growers Unions/Associations, Farmers Clubs, Vanasamrakshana Samithies, etc. are eligible.)
c) Non-Governmental Organizations working for the welfare of farmers and development of agriculture including animal husbandry are eligible.

2. **State level Farmers Organizations**:

Any Farmers Organizations with specific activity and membership spread over more than one district are eligible to become a members. (Poultry Federation, Diary Federation, Sheep Farmers Associations, Grape Growers Associations, Coconut Growers Associations, etc.)

No restriction for enrolment of maximum No. of members.

**XIV. MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

1. **Registered Farmers Associations**
   
   3 Years Membership - Rs.500/-
   
   Life Membership - Rs.2,000/-

2. **State Level Farmers Organizations**

   3 Years Membership - Rs.3,000/-
   
   Life Membership - Rs.15,000/-

**XV. ELECTIONS:**

1. The elections to the Executive Committee / Governing Board will be conducted by secret ballot, in the absence of unanimity.

2. A 3-member committee appointed by the outgoing President will conduct the elections.

3. No person can be President of the Federation for more than one term (3 years only)

4. Any member of the Executive Committee who gets elected to Parliament or Legislative Assembly or Chairman of Zilla Praishad / Mandal Praja Parishad, or to any Key Post in a Political Party shall automatically cease to hold the position in the Executive Committee / Governing Board of Federation of Farmers Associations.

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For Federation of Farmers Associations

[Authorised Signatory]
5. General Body shall meet once in a Year Preferably In the month of April to June in every Calendar Year to transact the ordinary business of Approval of Annual Accounts, Annual Report, to chalk out future plan and Annual Action Plan, or any other Special Business. The 21 days clear meeting notice shall be sent to all concerned or any other shorter period notice at the option of Executive Committee/Governing Board. Quorum for the General Body Meeting is 10 Members. The meeting is presided over by the President, in his/her absence by the Vice-President OR one of the Executive Committee/Governing Board Members shall preside over the meeting as Chairman of the meeting in case of absence of President and Vice President.

XVI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / GOVERNING BOARD:

1. The duration of the Executive Committee/Governing Board shall be 3 years.

2. The President & Members of the Executive Committee / Governing Board will be elected in the General Body meeting as members of Executive Committee of the Federation of Farmers Associations.

3. The proposed Maximum No. of Members in the Executive Committee/Governing Board including President shall be 30 Nos., of which 20 shall be elected by the General Body and 10 shall be nominated by the President in consultation with Executive Committee / Governing Board members to ensure representation of Women, SCs, STs, Minority, Experts/Scientists in the fields of Agriculture, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Industries, etc., and progressive farmers. The representatives of the state level commodity-wise organization will be in addition to the above.

4. Executive Committee / Governing Board shall meet at least once in three months and Four times in a year or as many No. of times of necessity.

5. The Quorum for the Executive Committee / Governing Board meeting is 05. The Executive Committee / Governing Board meeting is presided by President. In his absence, Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of President and Vice President to the meeting one of the members of Executive Committee/Governing Board shall be elected as Chairman of the meeting and transact the business/affairs. Any major Policy issues decisions shall be preserved for the final decision of President.

6. Executive Committee / Governing Board is empowered to allocate work to the Office Bearers and frame internal rules and regulations for smooth functioning of office.
XVII. COMMODITYWISE SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. For Administrative and Practical convenience there shall be Commodity Wise Sub-Committees. They will be headed by one of the members of Executive Committee / Governing Board as nominated by EC and act as head of such Committee.

2. Minimum Members in each Commodity Sub-Committee is 05.

3. Concerned Commodity Sub-Committee is empowered to prepare their scope of activity and obtain prior approval of the President. The President should ensure placing of such given approval to the concerned Commodity Sub-Committee's scope to Executive Committee / Governing Board for information and record.

4. The Constituted Commodity wise Sub-Committees can meet as many no. of times possible on need basis at any shorter notice/intimation to all concerned. The minutes/proceedings of such meetings shall be conveyed to the President in order to place the same before the Executive Committee / Governing Board meeting for information and record. If necessary, the Executive Committee / Governing Board can represent to Government or any Agency for formulation of major policies towards the betterment of farmers.

5. Proposed Commodity Wise Sub-Committees:

a) Food grains – Paddy, Maize, Bajra, etc.
b) Cereals – Pulses
c) Oil Seeds – Groundnut, Sesame, Sun-flower, Castor, etc.
d) Horticulture – Vegetable, Mango, Banana, Oranges, Citrus, Grapes, Guava, Cashew, Coconut, oil palm etc.

e) Medicinal, Aromatic and Herbal plants.
f) Commercial crops – Sugarcane, Cotton, Tobacco, Turmeric, Chillies
g) Cooperative societies.
h) Consumer Organizations.
i) Agriculture Electricity Consumer Committees.
j) Irrigation Project Committees.
k) Animal Husbandry – Poultry – Dairy, etc.
l) Aqua Culture – Prawn, Fish, etc.
m) Tractor and other Agriculture implements Centre.
XVIII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On need basis Executive Committee can constitute Advisory Committees by nominating related line eminent personalities as members apart from President and Vice-President. The President of Federation of Farmers Associations or his/her Nominee shall preside over Advisory Committee meetings.

XIX. HONORARY CHAIRMAN:

The General body can nominate any person as HON.CHAIRMAN of the Federation, taking into consideration of his/her contribution to Agriculture sector or to the Federation. The person so nominated will be holding the post for a period of 3 years and is eligible for re-appointment. The Honorary Chairman will also be automatically one of the members of Executive Committee / Governing Board with all the powers.

XX. PRESIDENT:

1. The President of the Executive Committee / Governing Board shall be the Head/Chief Executive of the Federation. He shall oversee the day-to-day affairs relating to Administration, Finance and implementation of Activities. He may delegate any of his/her powers to other Members of the Executive Committee.

2. He will preside over the meetings of General Body, Executive Committee/Governing Board and Advisory Committees and shall take CARE to conduct them in a true democratic manner. He/She shall exercise the casting vote only when there is equal division of votes.

3. The President of the out going Executive Committee / Governing Board shall in consultation with the members of the Executive Committee / Governing Board will appoint 3-men Committee to conduct elections to the President and Executive Committee / Governing Board members.

4. The President in consultation with the Executive Committee / Governing Board members shall nominate 10 members to the Executive Committee / Governing Board from among SC, ST, BC category. The nominated members will have powers as that of elected members.

5. The President shall represent the Federation of Farmers Associations in all activities or authorize any Executive Committee / Governing Board member or
members to represent on his behalf. He will appoint the Vice-President, General Secretary & Treasurer from among the Members of the Executive Committee / Governing Board.

6. a) The Bank Accounts of the Federation of Farmers Associations will be operated jointly by at least 2 Office Bearers – President, Vice-President & Treasurer OR ANY OTHER AUTHORISED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/ GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/GOVERNING BOARD IN ITS MEETING.

b) In the event of receiving funds from International Agencies for the empowerment of farmers or for strengthening the farmers organizations in India, through the Federation of Farmers Associations, the President will obtain a Code No. as per Foreign Contribution Regulatory Act (FCRA), Govt. of India. Separate Bank Account will be operated for each of such foreign currency receipts. The procedure for operation of such account will be same as (a) above.

7. The President shall take steps to submit audit report, inspection, memos and take corrective measures on any administrative / accounts matters of the Federation. However, he/she can delegate this power to any of the Members of the Executive Committee / Governing Board.

8. The President is empowered to assign/re-assign, change works from time to time in the interest of Federation for speedy accomplishment of tasks among the EC members.

9. The President will appoint Legal Advisors and other experts as per requirement in consultation with the Members of Executive Committee / Governing Board.

10. The President shall constitute Advisory Council/Committees on need basis.
11. The President shall oversee elections / constitute District Farmers Federations.
12. The President is empowered to recruit personnel / consultants on contract basis as and when required.
13. The President shall take necessary measures for redressal of complaints.

XXI. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Federation of Farmers Associations shall be from April 1 to March 31 of the ensuing year.
XXII. FUNDS:

The **Federation of Farmers Associations** shall generate funds through membership, consultancy, grants, donations, fees, loans, and other contributions from Central and State Governments, Corporate Bodies, local Bodies, Institutions, Individuals, State or National or International Institutions, Associations, Banks, Mutual Funds, Charitable Trusts or Philanthropic institutions, NGOs, NRIs and other agencies for general as well as specific purposes.

XXIII. DONOR COUNCIL:

In order to carry out the activities of the Farm Fed AP, it is proposed to have a Donor Council. The donations will be kept in fixed deposits and interest thereon will be utilized for the proposed activity.

a) Corporate Donors - Rs.1,00,000 and above
b) Memorial Lecturers - Rs.50,000/-
c) Any specified amount for a particular activity subject to the approval of Governing Board.

XXIV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The Federation shall be autonomous in respect of all its decisions and activities and shall only be subject to laws of the country as applicable to such organizations. The Members of the Executive Committee / Governing Board shall not be liable for any loss causes to it as a consequence of any of its decisions.

2. It shall have the power to enter into Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U) with like-minded national and international institutions/organizations and will be governed by such Memorandum of Understanding.

3. No act or proceedings of the Governing Board shall be deemed to be void because of the insufficiency of or defect in the notice for convening a meeting of the Executive Committee / Governing Board.

4. **Transacting of Issue/Subject by Circulation:** In case of necessity and emergency the concurrence of members on any issue shall be obtained by resolution by circulation for which President ensure circulating all material facts. The obtained such consents/resolutions shall be placed in the ensuing EC meeting for confirmation.
5. The Office Bearers/Executive Committee/Governing Board members entitlement to Honorarium/ remuneration and reimbursement of incurred amount for official purposes shall be decided by the EC in its convened meetings from time to time by reviewing the financial status quo of Federation subject to availability of funds. Extension of Sitting fee to EC and Advisory Committee Members is at the discretion of E.C. subject to availability of Funds.

XXV. AMENDMENTS:

No amendment shall be made in this bye-law, unless such amendment has been passed as special resolution on unanimous or by two-third (2/3rd) of the members of the General Body present at a special meeting of the General Body Meeting convened for the purpose and approved by the General Body.

XXVI. WINDING UP:

1. The Federation of Farmers Associations shall not be amalgamated, merged or dissolved unless such proposal has been passed as Special Resolution by two-thirds (2/3rd) of the members present at a special meeting of the General Body convened for the purpose.

2. In case of the Federation of Farmers Associations has to be wind up, the property and the funds that will remain after full satisfaction of all the liabilities of the Federation will be transferred to some other Trust or Registered Institution with similar objects and aims (which is exempt from paying Income Tax and Donations) registered U/s. 12A and to which provisions of section 80G shall apply.

THE ABOVE BYE LAWS APPROVED IN THE EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 10.04.2002 UNANIMOUSLY AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED BY THE FOLLOWING:

DATE: 17.04.2002

for FEDERATION OF FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS

(AKKINENENI BHAVANI PRASAD) (P.CHENGAL REDDY) (DR. M.SITARAMA SWAMY)
VICE-PRESIDENT PRESIDENT (outgoing) & PRESIDENT
HONORARY CHAIRMAN