

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA



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To

The Secretaries of all daughter Lodges

Dear Sir and R/V/W/.Bro.,

This is to inform you that in the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of India held at Nagpur on 24th November 2018, Rules 13, 19 and 67 of the Book of Constitutions were considered and amended which has been confirmed at the Especial Communication held at New Delhi on 23rd February 2019. Copies of the amended version of abovementioned Rules as well as the previous Rules are enclosed.

Kindly read these amendments in the first rising of the next Regular Meeting of your Lodge.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(VISHAL BAKSHI)
Grand Secretary

- Copy to:
1. M.W.G.M.
 2. Regional Grand Secretary, RGL of EI/NI/SI/WI
 3. All Board Members

Rule 13(EXISTING PROVISION)	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS	REASON
<p>The Grand Master, or failing him the Deputy Grand Master, or failing him the Assistant Grand Master, shall summon Half Yearly Meeting of the Grand Lodge every year. It will be held either in July or with Half Yearly Meeting of any one Region</p>	<p>This paragraph from the Rule will be deleted.</p>	

RULE 19(EXISTING PROVISION)	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS	REASON
<p>The Grand Secretary, who shall be a whole time officer of the Grand Lodge, shall be appointed by the Grand Master from out of a panel of three names submitted to him by the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Secretary shall initially be appointed for a period not exceeding five years which term may thereafter be extended for a period of not more than two years at a time. The service of the Grand Secretary may be terminated at any time, by the Grand Master, by giving him three months notice in writing, or three months salary in lieu thereof. Similarly, if the Grand Secretary wishes to resign, he shall give three months notice in writing or pay an amount equivalent to three month's salary in lieu thereof, or such shorter notice, or lesser payment, as may be</p>	<p>The Grand Secretary, who shall be a whole time officer of the Grand Lodge, shall be appointed by the Grand Master from out of a panel of three names submitted to him by the Board of General Purposes. The Grand Secretary shall initially be appointed for a period not exceeding THREE YEARS STARTING FROM THE DATE OF INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND MASTER AND ENDING ON THE DAY A NEW GRAND MASTER IS INSTALLED, which term may thereafter be extended for a period of not more than two years at a time. The service of the Grand Secretary may be terminated at any time, by the Grand Master, by giving him three months' notice in writing, or three months' salary in lieu thereof. Similarly, if the Grand Secretary wishes to resign, he shall give three</p>	<p>The reason is that the Grand Master is free to appoint all fresh officers except the Grand Secretary, whose 5 years term may not have been over on the day of his installation . The incoming Grand Master at his discretion may continue the Grand Secretary for another term, if he so desires.</p>

<p>decided by the Grand Master, in his sole discretion.</p>	<p>months' notice in writing or pay an amount equivalent to three months' salary in lieu thereof, or such shorter notice or lesser payment, as may be decided by the Grand Master in his sole discretion.</p>	
<p>RULE 67(EXISTING PROVISION)</p>	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS</p>	<p>REASON</p>
<p>67 a) The Regional Grand Master shall determine all cases of Masonic complaints or irregularities respecting daughter Lodges or individual masons within his jurisdiction.</p> <p>b) The Regional Grand Master is empowered to admonish, fine or suspend any daughter Lodge or individual mason, found guilty or Masonic impropriety or irregularity.</p> <p>c) The Regional Grand Master may delegate the duty of investigating and reporting to him the circumstances of the case to an existing Board or committee of the Regional Grand Lodge or to any Committee consisting of a brother, or brethren of his Region as the case may require or admit, nominated or set up him for that purpose and shall have power to accept or reject either in whole or in part the findings of such Board or Committee, or to act either in whole, or in part upon its recommendations.</p> <p>d) A reasonable opportunity shall be given to the Lodge, or individual, to show cause against the charges.</p> <p>e) A report of the case with all necessary particulars and the determination of the Regional</p>	<p>67 a) The Regional Grand Master shall determine all cases of Masonic complaints or irregularities respecting daughter Lodges or individual masons within his jurisdiction.</p> <p>b) The Regional Grand Master is empowered to admonish, fine or suspend any daughter Lodge or individual mason, found guilty or Masonic impropriety or irregularity.</p> <p>c) The Regional Grand Master may delegate the duty of investigating and reporting to him the circumstances of the case to an existing Board or committee of the Regional Grand Lodge or to any Committee consisting of a brother, or brethren of his Region as the case may require or admit, nominated or set up him for that purpose and shall have power to accept or reject either in whole or in part the findings of such Board or Committee, or to act either in whole, or in part upon its recommendations.</p> <p>d) A reasonable opportunity shall be given to the Lodge, or individual, to show cause against the charges.</p> <p>e) A report of the case with all necessary particulars and the determination of the Regional</p>	<p>In a recently held case in the court of Law, the power of the Grand Master to appoint a Committee and make enquiries was challenged on the grounds that no specific provision of this nature exists in the Book of Constitutions. The clause will remove that anomaly.</p>

<p>Grand Master shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Grand Secretary, unless the Regional Grand Master shall consider the case to be of in sufficient importance to require this to be done.</p> <p>f) The decision of the Regional Grand Master shall be final, unless an appeal there from is preferred under Rule 160.</p>	<p>Grand Master shall be forwarded as soon as practicable to the Grand Secretary, unless the Regional Grand Master shall consider the case to be of in sufficient importance to require this to be done.</p> <p>f) The decision of the Regional Grand Master shall be final, unless an appeal there from is preferred under Rule 160.</p> <p>THE GRAND MASTER SHALL HAVE IDENTICAL POWERS UNDER THIS RULE.</p> <p>g) In case where the Grand Master assumes his power, the Regional Grand Master shall not proceed in that matter and shall cause to immediately send the relevant papers to the Grand Lodge.</p>	
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