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CONSTITUTION AND RULES
OF THE

EAST PAKISTAN AWAMI MUSLIM LEAGUE

NAME

This Association shall be called "THE EAST PAKISTAN AWAMI MUSLIM LEAGUE", and shall be affiliated with the All Pakistan Awami Muslim League in due course.

Why Awami Muslim League was formed
ITS AIMS AND OBJECTS

All-India Muslim League struggled for Independence and its main issue was the achievement of Pakistan. After Pakistan came into being, the leaders decided to dissolve the organization and in its stead brought into existence Pakistan Muslim League.

At the inception, Muslims of Pakistan accepted this organization as the successor of the All-India Muslim League which fought for Pakistan; but as days passed by, they were disillusioned. It became clear to them that, the Pakistan Muslim League which pretended to inherit all the glories of its predecessor was in fact not meant to be a popular organization but a party whose sole aim was to maintain the Ministry in power. People who actually sacrificed their everything in the struggle for freedom could not enter the organization, thanks to the machination by the organizers, while a large number of erstwhile 'nationalists' and anti-Pakistan elements and opportunists power-loving people became Muslim leaguers overnight and formed what is called 'Muslim League' by a coterie.

The burning problems of the country remained unsolved and for these long years Muslim League did not do anything to alleviate the distress of the people. The party proved to be completely Governmental machinery and in course of time turned into a Sarkari league. Voice of opposition was gagged and measures under various Safety Acts and Ordinances were adopted to incarcerate the real and natural leaders of the people who demanded just and legitimate rights.

The country has not progressed mainly because of the attitude of the Muslim League. Education of the people collapsed, refugees have not been rehabilitated. Industry has not been developed, by-election in the seats vacant for over two years have not been held; the

quality of administration almost in every branch has deteriorated and the list of safety acts is becoming bigger every day.

In this context, it was proposed to form an organisation of the people-the common man, with the object of mobilising public opinion and ensuring economic freedom to the poverty-stricken masses and for trying to get all grievances redressed by the strength of popular will. The organisation is for all the people - the Awam - as opposed to the pocket or the Sarkari League, which is subservient to the present rulers. Awami Muslim League is distinctly a separate organisation.

Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League shall be, inter alia, as follows:

1. To preserve the Sovereignty, integrity, dignity and stability of Pakistan.
2. To ensure that the constitution and the laws of Pakistan are founded on the principles of true democracy.
3. To promote and maintain the religious, cultural, social, educational and economic interests of the Muslims of Pakistan and to ensure similar rights to other non-muslim citizens of Pakistan.
4. To secure the basic necessities of life for every citizen of Pakistan namely, food, shelter, clothes, education, medical aid and the scope to earn an honest and honorable competence.
5. To improve the lot of the common man to raise his standard of living and to procure for him full remuneration for his labour.
6. To relieve sufferings, propagate knowledge, promote equality and justice, banish oppressions, eradicate corruptions, elevate moral and material standard of the people by organizing social service on the basis of self-help and co-operation.
7. To separate the judiciary from the Executive and maintain the independence of the Judiciary and the Public Service Commission's; to provide Judicial trial before any detention unless in emergencies, such as war or mutiny.
8. To safeguard civil liberties, such as individual and collective freedom of belief, expression, association and organisation.
9. To strengthen the bonds of brotherhood amongst Muslims all over the world; to establish and strengthen friendly and economic relationship with the neighboring countries as well as with the Muslim countries all over the world.
10. To disseminate true knowledge of Islam and its high moral and religious principles among the people.
11. To promote peace in International affairs.

Immediate Programme

1. Abolition of the system of Zamindary without compensation and equitable distribution of land among the tillers of the soil.
2. To nationalize the key Industries, essential to the life of the nation; to establish Industries on Govt. initiative and also to organise, expand and encourage cottage industries, etc.
3. To introduce free and compulsory primary education; to reorganise secondary and higher education on modern and scientific basis.
4. To eradicate corruption, favouritism, nepotism, and all other kinds of anti-social evils from the administration and social life.
5. To take bold and swift measures to rehabilitate the Muhajereen in the life of the country and make them useful citizens.
6. To utilise to the fullest advantage-JUTE-the golden fiber, in the interest of the State and to ensure the highest price for the GROWERS and to establish sufficient number of mills to assure proper market for Jute.
7. To adopt austerity measures and to curtail the expenses of administration to the necessary minimum and provide for honest living of the lowly-paid officers.
8. To provide a net-work of Govt. charitable dispensaries to afford free medical aid all over the country.
9. To fix a just and fair apportionment of all revenues between the Centre and the Provinces.
10. To eradicate the evil of begging and make provision for establishment of 'Work houses' and to undertake the maintenance education of the destitute orphans to make them useful citizen.
11. To improve the means of communication by roads, railways and river navigation.

Composition of the Organisation

3. The organisation of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League shall consist of:-
 - (i) The Annual and Special Sessions of the Provincial Awami Muslim League.
 - (ii) The Council of the Awami Muslim League as constituted under section 9.
 - (iii) The Working Committee of the Provincial Awami Muslim League as constituted under section 11.
 - (iv) The District Awami Muslim Leagues as constituted under section 28 and affiliated to the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

- (v) The Sub-Divisional Awami Muslim Leagues and City Leagues.
- (vi) Primary Leagues.

Membership of the Awami Muslim League

4. Every member of a primary branch of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League must be (a) a Muslim, (b) a citizen of East Bengal, and (c) not less than 18 years of age, provided that a candidate for membership who does not fulfill all or any of the above conditions, may be exempted from all or any of the said conditions by the Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

5. Every member of a primary League shall declare in writing that he/she adhere to the objects and rules of the League mentioned herein. A member shall cease to be a member unless he/she renews his/her membership by signing membership form for the next following year within two months.

Office Bearers of the East Pakistan Awami League

6. There shall be the following office-bearers of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League:-

(a) President	1
(b) Vice Presidents	5
(c) Hony. General Secretary	1
(d) Hony. Treasurer	1
(e) Permanent Secretary	1
(f) Asst. Secretaries	3

7. The office-bearers of the Provincial Awami Muslim League shall be elected every year by the Council of the Provincial Awami Muslim League from amongst its members at the first meeting, hitherto referred to as the annual meeting, to be held after the annual election to the Council by the different District Leagues and its reconstitution in accordance with Section 9 and they shall hold office until the next annual election but shall be eligible for re-election.

8. No person shall be an office-bearer of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League unless he/she is a member of some primary branch of the organisation.

The Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League

9. There shall be a Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League constituted under the following rules:-

- (i) The Council shall consist of 1043 members elected annually by the District Leagues from amongst the members of the Primary Leagues (other than

elected members of the legislature), who shall hold office till the next annual election to the Council by the District Leagues and shall be eligible for re-election. The District Awami Leagues shall, on giving fifteen days notice, elect their representatives at least one month before annual election of the office-bearers of the Provincial Awami League.

- (ii) (a) The number of Council members from each District shall be fixed as follows:

Bakerganj	72	Khulna	32
Bogra	32	Mymensingh	135
Chittagong City	20	Kushtia	32
Chittagong District	40	Noakhali	50
Dacca City	50	Pabna	45
Dacca District	80	Rajshahi	45
Dinajpur	30	Rangpur	60
Faridpur	48	Saidpur City	10
Narayanganj City	10	Tippera	85
Jessore	40	Sylhet	50

- (b) Over and above the numbers so fixed, all the elected Muslim members of the East Bengal Legislature and the elected Muslim members of the Central Legislature from East Bengal shall be Ex-officio members of the Council of the League, provided they are members of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.
- (c) The elected and the ex-officio members shall, at the first annual meeting of the Council, co-opt 20 persons who are members of some primary branch of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.
- (iii) In case a District Awami League fails to elect within the prescribed time its quota of members, the Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League shall have power to nominate the requisite quota to represent the said District. Such nominated members shall be entitled to attend, to take part, and vote at meetings of the Council until the next annual meeting of the Council or the next annual election to the Council by the District for which they have been nominated.
- (iv) The Council shall not be deemed to have been improperly constituted merely by reason of any defect in the election, nomination or cooption of members or for similar reasons.

10. Every member of the Council shall pay an annual subscription of Rs.2/- to the Provincial Awami Muslim League within one month from the date of notice by the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League. In any event the subscription must be paid before the

annual general meeting of the council. An ex-officio or co-opted member shall not be entitled to attend any meeting of the Council, if he or she has not paid the annual subscription of Rs. 2/-, but an elected or nominated member, who has not paid the said subscription within the above time limit, shall cease to be member of the Council. The Working Committee shall have power to nominate members to the Council in the vacancies created by the non-payment of subscription.

THE WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE EAST PAKISTAN AWAMI MUSLIM LEAGUE

11. There shall be a Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League consisting of 35 members, besides the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, the Permanent Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, who shall be ex-officio members as well as office-bearers of the Working Committee. Of the 35 members 30 will be elected by the Council members from amongst themselves, and 5 will be nominated by the President from amongst the members of the Council of the League. In case, of any vacancy occurring amongst the members elected by the Council, the same will be filled by election by the Working Committee, and in case of a vacancy occurring from amongst those nominated by the President, the same shall be filled by the President by nomination.

Sessions of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

12. The Annual and Special sessions of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League shall be held at such suitable times and places as the Working Committee of the League may determine.

13. The Working Committee may convene a Special session of the League when it considers it necessary so to do, and shall convene within two months such a session when not less than 100 members of the Council of the League shall call in writing on the Hony. Secretary of the League to hold such a session.

14. The President of the Annual or Special Session of the Provincial Awami Muslim League shall be elected by the Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League from amongst those who have been nominated by the different District Awami Muslim Leagues. The Working Committee may, instead of convening a meeting of the Council for this purpose, obtain in its discretion, the votes in writing of the members of the Council.

15. The quorum of the Annual and Special sessions of the League shall be 125.

16. (a) As the Annual and Special sessions of the League the members of the Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League and delegates of all affiliated District Awami Leagues shall be entitled to attend take part and vote on payment of a fee of Rs.,2/- each for every such session.

(b) The delegates for such sessions shall be elected by each District League in numbers not exceeding three times the quota fixed for the Council from that particular

district. The District Leagues shall, in so doing, equitably distribute the numbers allotted to them among the sub-divisions. Where representatives of a District have been nominated to the Council by the Working Committee, the Working Committee shall be entitled to nominate the delegates to the sessions in accordance with the above principles.

17. The Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League, together with such persons not exceeding 50 in number as the President may nominate from amongst the delegates, shall act as the Subjects Committee to frame and adopt the resolutions to be put forward at the Annual or Special sessions of the League. All resolutions that may be moved at the annual or special sessions of the League must be placed before the Subjects Committee. Only such resolutions may be moved in the open session as have been approved of by the Subjects Committee.

Meetings of the Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League

18. Meetings of the Council of the League shall be held from time to time at the discretion of the Hony. Secretary with the approval of the President, but the Council shall meet at least twice a year. Besides on a written requisition by ICO members of the Council a Special meeting of the Council shall be convened within 30 days of the receipt of such requisition by the Hony. Secretary.

19. Forty members shall form the quorum of all meetings of the Council, provided that the requirement of a quorum shall not apply to adjourned meetings.

20. The Secretary shall issue to each member a notice with the agenda, stating the time and place of the meeting, not less than 15 days previous to ordinary meetings and seven days previous to special meetings.

21. The meetings of the Council shall be held under the Chairmanship of the President and in his absence under one of the Vice-Presidents. In the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents- the Council shall elect its own Chairman from amongst the members present, for the purpose of carrying on the business of that particular meeting.

Meetings of the working Committee

22. The Working Committee shall meet at least once a month or as frequently as may be necessary.

23. (a) Seven members shall form the quorum of the meeting of the Working Committee.

(b) The Secretary not less than seven days previous to an ordinary meeting, shall issue to each member a notice with the agenda stating the time and place of the meeting. Emergency meetings may be called at shorter notice.

24. All resolution of the Working Committee shall be placed before the Council of the League for approval.

Functions of the Council

25. The Council shall exercise the under mentioned functions:

- (a) To elect office-bearers as provided for in Section 7;
- (b) To elect a President for the Annual or Special Session of the League as provided for in Section 14;
- (c) To consider and pass resolutions in regard to all matters relating to the object of the League;
- (d) To take all necessary steps for giving effect to the resolution passed at the Sessions of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League or at the meeting of the Council of the Provincial Awami Muslim League;
- (e) To control and regulate the expenditure of the funds of the Provincial Awami Muslim League;
- (f) To appoint Auditors;
- (g) To appoint Sub-Committee for carrying out its duties and exercising its powers with such limitations and conditions as it may deem fit to impose;
- (h) To affiliate and disaffiliate Branch Leagues;
- (i) To pass the Annual Budget;
- (j) To elect members for the Council of the All Pakistan Awami Muslim League for the Province of East Pakistan (when affiliated);
- (k) To take disciplinary action against members of the League and against Branch Leagues;

(1) To frame Rules for:

- (i) Regulating the conduct of the Sessions of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League and the meeting of the Council;
- (ii) Regulating the conduct of the Sub-committees appointed under clause (g);
- (iii) Such other and further matters necessary for carrying out the objects of the League:

Provided that no rule framed by the Council shall be valid if it is inconsistent with the principles embodied herein.

26. The Council may delegate one or more of its powers to the Hony. Secretary of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League with such limitation and conditions as it may deem fit to impose.

Functions of the working Committee.

27. The Working Committee shall exercise the following functions:-

- (a) To prepare the Annual Budget for the approval of the Council and to authorize payments in accordance with it;
- (b) To sanction all payment exceeding Rs. 50 not included in the Budget;
- (c) To employ and dismiss employees;
- (d) To appoint Sub-Committees for carrying out its duties and powers, with such limitations and conditions as it may deem fit to impose;
- (e) To remove the name of such member of the Working Committee who absents himself from four consecutive meetings without sufficient grounds satisfactory to the Committee;
- (f) Convene Annual and Special sessions at such suitable times and places as it may determine;
- (g) To ascertain the views of the members of the Council regarding the election of the President of the Annual or Special session;
- (h) To nominate representatives of the District on the Council where it has failed to elect its representatives;
- (i) To nominate delegates from a District to the Annual or Special Session where the District has failed to elect representatives to the council;
- (j) To perform all functions necessary to carry out the objects of the Awami League;
- (k) To perform all functions of the Council except the powers conferred on the Council by Sections 7, 11, 14, 17, 25(f) (g) (i) (j) unless otherwise decided by the Council.

BRANCHES OF THE PROVINCIAL AWAMI MUSLIM LEAGUE DISTRICT LEAGUE

28. There shall be a District League in each District, which shall be constituted as follows:-

- (a) 25 members elected by each Sub-Divisional League within the District.
- (b) 25 members elected by each City League Vide Sec. 31 (ii).
- (c) 5 members per Sub-division and City co-opted by members elected under (a) and (b) before the Annual election of office-bearers.
- (d) The quorum for a meeting of the District League shall be one-fifth of the total number of members of the District League.

29. Each member of the District League shall pay an Annual subscription of Re. 1/- to the District Fund. Members of the District League who have not paid such subscription

within one month of the receipt of notice from the office of the District Awami League calling upon them to pay their subscriptions, may be declared by the Executive Committee to have vacated their office as members of the District Awami League and the Executive Committee shall have power to fill up the vacancies so created.

30. (a) The District Awami League shall elect the following Office bearers :-

President	.....	one
Vice Presidents	.....	five
Secretary	.....	one
Permanent Secretary	....	one
Assistant Secretaries	....	three
Treasurer	.....	one

The number of office-bearers may be altered after obtaining the previous consent of the Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

(b) The Office-bearers and 18 members elected from amongst them by the members of the District Awami League shall form the Executive Committee of the District League. The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be seven.

Sub divisional Awami League

31. (i) Every Subdivision shall have a Sub divisional Awami League, which shall be constituted as follows:

- Six members from each Union League.
- 20 members from each municipality within the Sub-division having less than 10,000 Muslim inhabitants.
- 20 members from each Sub-divisional Head Quarters which have no municipality.
- Ten members co-opted by the above elected members, before the annual election of office-bearers.
- The quorum for a meeting of the Sub-divisional Awami League shall be one-fifth of the total number of members of the Sub-divisional League.
- The following shall be the office-bearers of die Sub divisional League:-

President	...	....	one
Vice Presidents	....	....	five
Secretary	...	...	one
Permanent Secretary	...	...	one
Asstt. Secretaries	.	...	three
Treasurer		...	one

The Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League shall have power to alter the number of Office-bearers for any Sub divisional League.

- (g) Each Sub divisional Awami League shall have Executive Committee which shall be composed of office bearers and 18 members, elected from amongst members provided for in Section 31 (a) (b) (c) (d).

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be seven. Each member of the Sub divisional League shall pay an annual subscription of As. -৪৮- (eight) to the Sub divisional Awami League Fund.

City Awami League

(ii) Every Municipality having a population of more than 10,000 Muslim inhabitants shall have a City League of a constitution similar to that of a Sub divisional League. Every Ward within the municipality shall have the constitution of a Union and the Ward Leagues shall be governed by the rules governing Union Leagues, except that each such Ward League will be entitled to elect 20 representatives to the City League.

(b) The City Leagues will be composed of 20 representatives from each Ward League and will be entitled to send 25 representatives to the District Awami League. The subscription payable by each member of the City League to the City League Fund shall be As. -৪৮- per year.

Union Awami League

32. (a) (i) Every union shall have a Union League, and shall be entitled to elect an Executive Committee of not more than 50 members, exclusive of Office-bearers. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be one-fifth of the members of the Committee.

(b) Every member of the Executive Committee of the Union League shall pay an annual subscription of As. -২৮- to its fund.

(c) Where the Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League is of opinion that two or more unions shall be amalgamated into a unit for purposes of better organisation, it shall, in consultation with the District and Sub divisional Awami League, create such a unit which shall be governed by all the rules which govern a Union League.

(d) The Office-bearers of the Union League shall be as follows:-

President	... one
Vice-Presidents	... five
Secretary	... one
Permanent Secretary	... one
Asst. Secretaries	... three
Treasurer	... one

It will be open to the Executive Committee of a District Awami Muslim League to alter the number of office-bearers for any particular Union League, within its jurisdiction in consultation with the Sub divisional Awami League.

(e) Every Sub divisional Head-quarter without a municipality, and every Municipality having less than ten thousand Muslim inhabitants, shall have a League which shall be called a Town and a Municipal League respectively. A Town or municipal League shall be governed by the rules governing a Union League, and shall be constituted accordingly but shall be entitled to send 20 representatives to the Sub divisional Leagues.

(f) In any place where there is no Union Board, the area of a Union League Committee shall be co-extensive with its Panchait Committee.

Primary Awami League

33. The following shall be deemed to be Primary League:-

- (a) Union League.
- (b) Town or Sub divisional Head quarters Leagues.
- (c) Municipal Leagues, with less than 10,000 Muslim inhabitants.
- (d) Ward Leagues under City Leagues.
- (e) Ward Leagues of Municipalities in the cities of Dacca & Chittagong.

FUNDS OF THE AWAMI MUSLIM LEAGUE

Primary League Fund

34. The Primary League Fund will be constituted as follows:- Donations and annual subscription by executive members.

Sub divisional or City Awami League Fund

35. The Sub divisional or City League Fund will be constituted as follows:-

- (a) Special subscriptions at the rate of annas -18/- paid by each members of the Sub divisional League.
- (b) Affiliation fee Rs. 2 by each Union League.
- (c) Donations.

District Awami League Fund

36. The District League Fund shall be constituted as follows:-

- (a) Special subscriptions at the rate of Re. 1 paid by each member of the District League.
- (b) Affiliation fee Rs.20 by each Sub divisional and City Leagues.
- (c) Donations.

Central League Fund

37. The Central League Fund will be constituted as follows:-

- (a) Special subscription at the rate of Rs.2 paid by the members Council of the Awami Muslim League as provided for in section 10(a).
- (b) Monthly subscriptions paid by the ex-officio members of the Council of the East Pak. Awami League as provided for in Section 10(b).
- (c) Affiliation fee at Rs. 30 by District Leagues.
- (d) Donations.

38. Each of the above Funds shall be known as the Primary League Fund, the Sub divisional or City League Fund, the District League Fund and the Central League Fund, as the case may be. The Funds shall be kept in the Post Office Savings Banks or any Scheduled Bank approved by the Working Committee of the Central Awami League in the joint names of the Treasurer and the Secretary.

39. The account of each Fund shall be audited at least once a year.

40. (a) The Funds deposited in the Banks shall be operated on the joint signatures of the Treasurer and the Secretary of the respective branch Leagues. In case of the Central Fund also the same rule shall apply.

(b) The Secretary of the Provincial or of a branch League shall be entitled to keep in his personal custody any sum of money for necessary expenses as may be decided by the Working Committee of the Provincial League or the Executive Committee of the branch League as the case may be.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE-BEARERS

41. The Honorary Secretary shall exercise all the powers delegated to him by the Council of the Provincial Awami League or which may be entrusted to him by the Working Committee.

42. The Honorary Secretary shall exercise all the powers and discharge all duties laid down by, and incidental to the enforcing of these rules and generally to his Office.

43. The Honorary Secretary shall have power to appoint, punish, dismiss or grant leave of absence with or without pay to the paid employees of the Awami League, subject to the sanction of the Working Committee.

Assistant Secretaries

44. The Assistant Secretaries shall assist the Honorary Secretary and perform their duties under his guidance and instructions. The permanent Secretary will be in-charge of the Central Secretariat.

45. (a) The Office-bearers of the East Pak Awami Muslim League may attend and take part in discussions at meetings of the District and the Sub divisional or City Leagues, and their Executive Committees.

(b) The Office-bearers of the Provincial Awami Muslim League shall have power to examine the records, papers and accounts of all the branch Leagues in the Province.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

46. All casual vacancies arising in the ranks of the office-bearers or members of the Council shall be filled up by the Council by election.

47. The elections of the different Awami Leagues shall be held generally according to the following timetable:-

- (a) All Primary Leagues will ordinarily hold the election of their respective Office-bearers and Executive Committees, and their representatives to the Sub divisional or City League in the month of January to March every year.
- (b) All Sub divisional or City Leagues will ordinarily, hold the election of their respective Office-bearers and Executive Committees, and their representatives to the District Awami League (or Provincial Awami League) in the month of April every year.
- (c) All District Leagues will ordinarily hold the election of their Office bearers and Executive Committees, and their quota of members to the Council of the Provincial Awami Muslim League in the month of May every year.
- (d) The Council of the East Pak. Awami Muslim League will ordinarily elect its Office-bearers, and the Working Committee shall also be formed, in the month of June or July every year.

48. In exceptional cases any branch League may be granted temporary affiliation or recognition by the Working Committee for better organisation of the League in the Province.

49. (a) (i) Primary Leagues within the jurisdiction of a Sub divisional or a City League shall be granted affiliation by the Sub divisional or the City League as the case may be.

(ii) The sub divisional or the City Leagues shall be granted affiliation by the District League.

(iii) The District Leagues shall be granted affiliation by the East Pak. Awami Muslim League;

Provided that the Working Committee of the Provincial Awami Muslim League shall have power to grant direct affiliation to any branch League.

(b) All affiliated branch Leagues shall be deemed to be branches of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League.

50. All disputes of branch Leagues relating to League matters shall be decided by the immediate Superior League with right of appeal to the next higher League.

It will, however, be open to the Working Committee of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League to admit and decide any appeal or dispute.

Rules for the guidance of branch Awami Leagues

51. (a) The Office-bearers of the District League may attend, and take part in discussions at any meeting of the Sub divisional or City Leagues and their Executive Committees; and the Office-bearers of the Sub divisional or City Leagues shall have similar powers in respect of the meetings of their branch Leagues.

(b) The President and the Secretary of a District. Sub divisional or a City Awami League shall have similar powers with respect to all its subordinate branch Leagues as under section 45 (b).

52. The quota of members to be elected to the Council of the East Pak. Awami Muslim League by each District League should, as far* as practicable, be equitably distributed amongst the Subdivisions.

53. Where a Sub divisional or a City Awami League has failed to elect its quota of members to the District League, the Executive Committee of the District League shall have power to nominate the quota from amongst the League members of that particular Subdivision.

54. A District or a Sub divisional or City League shall meet at least twice a year. Besides, on a written requisition by 30 members of the District, Sub divisional or City League, a special meeting of the League concerned shall be called within 30 days of the receipt of such requisition by the Secretary.

55. The Executive Committee of the District, the Sub divisional or the City League shall meet at least once a month. Besides, on a written requisition by 10 members, the Secretary shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the League concerned within 15 days of the receipt of such requisition.

56. (a) Notice of meetings of the District, Sub divisional or City Leagues:- Section 20 of this constitution shall apply to all meetings of the District, the Sub divisional or the City Awami Leagues.

(b) At least 7 days' clear notice shall be given for ordinary meetings of the Executive Committees of the District, Sub divisional or the City Leagues.

57. All resolutions passed by the Executive Committee of the District and the Sub divisional or City Leagues shall be placed before the respective District and Sub divisional or City Leagues for approval.

58. Casual vacancies in the District League or in the District League Executive Committee shall be filled up by the Executive Committee by election, but vacancies in the ranks of office-bearers shall be filled up by the District Awami League. This rule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* Sub divisional and City Leagues.

59. (a) At District, Sub divisional or City League Conferences the members of the District or the Sub divisional or the City Leagues as the case may be, and the delegates shall attend, take part and vote on payment of a fee of Re. 1 each.

(b) The delegates, for the District, Sub divisional or City Awami Muslim League conferences shall be, elected by their respective branch Leagues, but the number of such delegates shall not exceed 5 times their quota of representatives fixed for the District, the Sub divisional or the City Leagues, as the case maybe.

(c) The members of the District Sub divisional or City Leagues shall form the Subjects Committee of the District and the Sub divisional or City League Conferences respectively with power to the President to nominate 10 members from amongst the delegates to the Subject Committee.

60. At conferences of the District, Sub divisional or City Leagues, the members of the Council of the East Pak. Awami Muslim League belonging to the respective District or Subdivision or City, shall be *ex-officio* delegate and members of the Subjects Committee.

61. Notices of the meetings of Primary Leagues:-

(a) Rule 56 shall apply to all ordinary meetings of the Primary Awami Leagues.

(b) In case of requisition meetings of Primary Leagues Rule 55 shall apply except that such requisition shall be signed by at least 20 members.

62. All vacancies in the ranks of office-bearers and members of the Primary League Executive Committees shall be filled up by the Executive Committees by election.

63. All branch Leagues shall submit quarterly reports of their activities to their respective immediate superior Leagues.

64. The Executive Committee of the District League shall have power to take disciplinary action against any member within its jurisdiction, who violates the decisions of the League or acts in contravention of the principles and policies of the League. Such members, against whom disciplinary action has been taken, shall have the right of appeal to the Working Committee of the Provincial Awami League and the decision of the Working Committee shall be final.

N. B.- this is a provisional constitution, which will be finally adopted at the first meeting of the elected Council of the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League, with such alterations, addition or modification as may- be deemed necessary by the said Council.*