

Constitution of Uttarakhand Parivartan Party

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Constitution, Policy Paper and Action Plan

A-Constitution

1- Establishment of the party: An aware group of Uttarakhand which included men and women working in diverse capacities as political, environmental and social activists, advocates, students, teachers, peasants, youth and deprived classes, had a comprehensive dialogue and introspection on diverse political, social environmental, cultural, geographical and economic aspects related to Uttarakhand for two years. Consequently, they organized a conference on 17-18 January 2009 at Gairsain (Uttarakhand), unanimously formed “Uttarakhand Parivartan Party” and adopted its constitution.

2- Name of the Party: In the above perspective, the party has been named as “Uttarakhand Parivartan Party” since 18 January 2009.

3- Allegiance to the Indian Constitution: Uttarakhand Parivartan Party will have allegiance to the Constitution of India established by law and principles of socialism, secularism and democracy. The party will Endeavour to maintain sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.

4- Flag of the Party: Party will have its flag symbolizing democracy, social justice, ecological balance, prosperity, peace, non violence, meaningful action and fraternity. The flag will have a length – breadth ratio of 2:1 (“2” horizontally and “1” vertically). On one-fourth portion on left side, there will be a red stripe. On the remaining three-fourth part, there will be three horizontal stripes of equal breadth; blue, white and green from the above. These stripes will symbolize social and political change in the change in the system as well as ecological balance and harmony. Party flag must get due honours at party functions and party offices. Failure to do so will be treated as indiscipline. The party flag, representing party’s dignity and existence and will hold supreme respect in comparison to any of the functionaries of the party. After getting recognition and obtaining election symbol from Election commission of

India, the symbol will be displayed at the centre of the white horizontal stripe.

5- Party Headquarters: Party headquarters will be established at Gairsain. For practical consideration, Party's camp offices will operate from Almora and Dehradun temporarily. Respective office secretaries will manage day-to-day work of Central Office and Camp Offices under the guidance of Party President and Secretary General. If required, some staff can be hired on salary.

6. Internal Democracy: Party organization will essentially maintain internal democracy and party will run its activities following the principle of collective leadership.

7. Membership: Any citizen of India of the age of 18 years and above can become Primary Member of the Party. Prospective member should have allegiance in Party's constitution, policies, ideas, political thought, programs and leadership, failing which he/she will not be eligible for the membership. Membership will be of two types—Primary and Active. If any member acts against the Party or gives statement against the party, appropriate action will be taken against him/her. No consideration of religion, sect, caste, race, sex, language, dialect, life style or group will be done while giving any responsibility to any Party member. All efforts will be made to widen Party's base in diverse social groups by giving appropriate representation to such groups in the Party.

8. Eligibility for Active Membership: For being and remaining an Active Member of the party, a person has to enrol at least 10 new Primary Members biennially and has to take responsibility, to the extent possible, of renewal of membership for the old members (enrolled by him/her). Active Members have to ensure presence of Primary Members at Block level meetings. If a Primary Member is unable to attend Block level meetings regularly, then Block Secretary will check the veracity of his/her membership by visiting his/her residence and recommend appropriate action to District Unit. Only Active Members will be eligible to hold offices at any level.

9- Membership fee and Registration: Registers of Primary and Active members will be maintained at the block level. Block units will send list of its Primary Active members through their respective district units. The district Unit will have Membership list of all its block units. It will be mandatory that Central Office will have the lists of Primary and Active members of all blocks and districts with their photo identity. The lists will be revised every six months with registration of new members. Biennial Primary Membership fee will be twenty rupees. Active members will pay Biennial membership fee of Rs.100 along with Primary Membership fee. 20 % of membership fee collected at block and district levels must be deposited in central treasury, with remaining 80% money, block and district level units will run their day to day activities. These may ask money from central organization for their important programmes.

Village Units will deposit their membership amount in respective Block Unit.

10. Duties and powers of the office-bearers: Duties and powers of each office-bearer of the party will be well-defined as per his /her post. All office-bearers will execute their respective duties, will have allegiance in the Party's Constitution and leadership and they must use the authority vested upon them by the Party not for their personal gains but in the interest of the Party and the Public. The powers of different office-bearers have been elaborated in following clauses.

11. Eligibility for being an office-bearer: After the initial formation of the Party and subsequent election/ nomination of office-bearers, any candidate for any office-bearer's post must be an Active Member of the Party with at least one year's standing and his/her candidature for the intended post must be recommended by the Block unit to District / Central Unit.

12. Office-bearers: Office-bearers will be elected/ selected/ nominated at various levels to run the Party's affairs in tune with its principles and ideals. While adhering to the principles equality at social, economic, political and cultural levels, and appropriate representation will be given to deprived classes, women, minorities and the youth. For aforementioned categories, special cells will be established and these categories will be given due representation in the Party organisation. For women, initially the representation will be 33 per cent, which will rise to 50 per cent later. For all other categories, representation will be maintained as per the provisions of the Constitution of India.

13. Eligibility to contest elections: *After the initial formation of the Party and subsequent election/ nomination of office-bearers, any candidate for any office-bearer's post must be an Active Member of the Party with at least one year's standing and his/her candidature for the intended post must be recommended by the Block unit to District / Central Unit.* In special circumstances, party's parliamentary Board will take appropriate decisions in such matters,

Note: italics portion is a repeat of CLAUSE 11)

14- Board of Patrons: Party's Political committee will elect distinguished persons or such persons in the Board of Patrons who have made worthwhile contribution in Uttarakhand Movement or related fields or are still making some contribution towards Uttarakhand state. The Board of Patrons will have maximum 11 members with indefinite tenure. Political Committee may appoint any of the patrons as life-time Patron. Patrons will advise and guide the Party but their advice will not be binding. Patrons will not have voting rights at any level and they will operate only at central level. Political Committee and members of Central Executive will seek advice of the Board of Patrons from time to time and will take appropriate action. Party President will always remain in touch with the Board of Patrons and apprise

Political Committee, office-bearers and Central Executive of the Board of Patrons' views. Members of the Board of Patrons, if they so desire, may participate as observers in any meeting, barring the meetings of Political Committee, of the party organisation and offer their suggestions.

15. General Assembly: Members of the General Assembly will be selected from amongst the office bearers of village, town, block and district level. All members of Central Executive and Political Committee and central and district office bearers will essentially become members of General Assembly. After election of Central Executive, central level office bearers and Central Political Committee at the biennial session of the party, General Assembly will be constituted for tenure of two years with the concurrence of party president. General assembly shall be the highest body of the party organisation and it will have the authority to negate, modify, revise and enhance any decision of party taken at any level including that of Political Committee and Central Executive. General Assembly can take such decisions by the majority of two third of the members present at the meeting. General Assembly will also have the power to change, enhance or modify party constitution. The quorum of the General Assembly should be at least 50% of its total strength.

16- Central Executive: Central Executive will be elected in the biennial general session of the party. Maximum number of members in the Executive will be 101. The ex-officio members of the Executive will include one central president, seven central vice- presidents, one secretary general, seven central general secretaries, all members of the Political Committee, central treasurer, all central secretaries and all district presidents. Other members of the central executive will be elected during the biennial general session with the concurrence of district units and permission of the central president and the secretary general. Central executive will meet at least twice in a year. The meeting will be convened at different places every time and responsibility of convening meeting will be jointly shouldered by the district unit (in which venue of the meeting is situated) and central executive. District units may propose their name for convening the next central executive meeting but the final decision in this matter will be taken by the political committee. Central executive will be ultimately accountable to the general assembly. Central executive will be rested with the authority to change, negate or modify the decisions of political committee.

17- Political Affairs Committee: Political committee will be the apex policy-making and decisive body of the party. The committee will be rested with the authority to take decisions in party's interest. It will be headed by the party president. In his/her absence, a member of the committee nominated by him/her will chair committee meetings. The maximum number of committee's members will be 11. These will include one central president, one central vice

president, secretary general, treasurer and also 7 other members, who will be office bearers as well as members of the party executive. These seven members will be selected by central executive in biennial general session, after electing central president and secretary general. In political committee meetings, any decision will be taken by two third majority. If required, political committee may unanimously decide to allow an extra vote of central president to facilitate a decision by two third majority. Political committee will meet at least once in three months and at least eight members will constitute a quorum. In absence of quorum, political committee will have the right to postpone the meeting at that time or any time in future. However, for taking decision of such postponement, presence of 6 members of the committee will be necessary. Proceedings of all meetings of political committee will be recorded and documented.

18- Formation of apex institutions: In Party's biennial elections, General Assembly will be the first institution to be elected. Central Executive will be formed from amongst the members of General Assembly following due procedure. Central office-bearers and political committee Members will be elected from amongst the members of Central Executive.

19. Central President: The Party will have a Central president, elected or unanimously chosen by the Central Executive in its biennial General Session. Central President will be vested with the authority to assign any responsibility to any member or office-bearer of the party. Central President will be elected by the Central Executive, *Central-level office-bearers who are essentially members of the Central Executive*. District Presidents and special representatives as nominated by the Political Committee. If president could not be elected unanimously, he/she will be elected by secret ballot and such election will be conducted by a Returning Officer. Candidate getting highest votes will be declared President by the Returning Officer. And contender for the President's post must have been a Central-level office-bearer or a member of Political Committee for a minimum period of two years and he/she must not have been implicated in any corrupt practice or involved in any anti-party activity. Central President will enjoy special rights in special circumstances. However, he/she would have to justify his/her action(s) in the next meeting of the Central Executive and General Assembly. Political Committee and/or Central Executive may change Central President's decision by two-third majority. President may nominate any of the Vice Presidents to discharge his/her duties in his/her absence. In such special circumstances, Political Committee can also nominate any of the Vice presidents to act as Central President.

20. Central Vice Presidents: Maximum number of Central Vice Presidents will be seven. They will act as per the guidance and suggestions of the Central President. Central President will appoint them with the consent of two-third majority of the Political Committee

21. Secretary General: There will be one Secretary General in the Party which will be elected *or chosen unanimously* during the biennial session of the Central Executive. The procedure of the election of Secretary General will be same as that of the Central President. It will have the same electorates who are authorised to cast votes for the President's election. If Secretary General is not elected unanimously, then secret ballot will be resorted and the candidate obtaining highest number of votes will be declared Secretary General by Returning Officer. Secretary General will be primarily responsible for conducting Party's activities in tandem with Central President.

Each action of the Secretary General must have Central President's concurrence. In case of any disagreement, political Committee will take final decision with minimum two-third majority. Secretary General will shoulder the responsibility of distribution of work among Central General Secretaries. He/she will apprise Central President and Political Committee, from time to time, about the assigned work and performance of Central General Secretaries. If the work of any General Secretary is not satisfactory or his/her involvement in any activity has tarnished party's image, then Secretary General can remove him/her from the post after obtaining two-third majority of the Political Committee. Secretary General will evaluate the performance of all Central General Secretaries and will present detailed reports on party's activities in the meetings of Central Executive and Political Committee convened from time to time as also in Party's annual and biennial sessions. In such reports, Block-level activities should also be necessarily reflected.

22. General Secretaries: Maximum number of party's General Secretaries will be seven. They will be appointed by the Secretary General on the recommendations of Central President with two-third majority of the Political Committee. Central Secretaries will follow the directives of the Secretary General and will be responsible for the works assigned by him/her. Central Secretaries will be in-charges of different districts and they will remain in regular contact and coordination with District President.

23: Central Spokesperson: Any member of political committee, with its two- third majority as authorised central spokesperson of the party. His .her brief will be to apprise media and general public about the decisions taken by the political committee and the party. Political committee will select the central spokesperson, spokespersons and assistant spokespersons. While selecting authorised central spokesperson, political committee will take care that the selected person has sound knowledge of party's constitution, rules and regulations, ideology, contemporary politics and national and national and international perspectives. Authorised central spokesperson must have this basic understanding about how and to what extent information about party organisation should be shared with media and

general public and how best such information should be presented in party's interest. The spokesperson must consult central president or secretary general or both before making any public comment about any controversial topic and about any decision of the party and the political committee. If the performance of the central spokesperson is not found satisfactory, then political committee, with its two-third majority may ask him/her to resign from the post. However, vacating this post will not have any effect on his/her membership of political committee.

24- Returning Officer: For any party election at any level, a returning officer must be appointed. Central executive will select a person to execute this job. This post will be temporary and will cease to exist after declaration of the results of the elections for which returning officer was appointed.

25- Central Treasurer: Party will have a central treasurer. Central president and Secretary General, with mutual consent, will propose a name for this post before the political committee. Two-third majority of the political committee is required for selection to this post. A person with track record of honesty and financial integrity in public and private life and capable of raising funds and resources for the party in emergency situations should be selected for this post. Treasurer must be an ex-officio member of the political committee and he/she will present a quarterly account of income and expenditure in the meeting of political committee. In other words, the treasurer will be selected amongst such members of political committee who are not holding any other post than the membership of the executive committee. Under the guidance of the central president and the secretary general, the treasurer will be authorised to spend 1.5 lakhs per year for party works at his/her discretion. Any expenditure beyond this amount will require concurrence of the political committee with two-third majority. Treasurer will be ultimately responsible for the upkeep of party's income and expenditure accounts. He/she will present account of income and expenditure before central executive. Treasurer will be ultimately accountable towards internal and external auditors appointed by the party.

26- Central secretaries: There will be maximum 14 central secretaries in the party organisation. Central President will appoint central secretaries on the advice of secretary general and with the concurrence of two-third majority of political committee. Secretary General will distribute work among central secretaries with the consent of central president. A central secretary will primarily accountable towards his nominated general secretary under whose guidance he/she will execute specific tasks.

27. General session: Party's two-day general session will be convened biennially. Central executive will take appropriate decision about its venue and date.

28. District President: There will be a district president for each district of Uttarakhand. Active members of the district will convene a district-level convention to elect district president. He/she may also be elected unanimously. The election will be convened in the presence of the central observer. District president will organise district level activities in coordination with general secretary- in charge for his/her district and send appropriate information to general secretary – in charge of his district. This will facilitate general secretary- in charge to keep political committee and secretary general aware about that district's activities.

29- District Vice-President: In all districts of Uttarakhand, there will be two district vice-presidents. These will be elected or unanimously chosen in the same manner as that of the district president. District vice-presidents will be accountable towards district presidents and will have to fulfil responsibilities assigned by the district president.

30- District General Secretary: In each district of Uttarakhand, there will be one district general secretary. He/she will be elected or chosen unanimously in the same manner as that of the district president's election. District general secretary will be accountable towards district president. He/she will follow district president's directions and execute socio-political activities of the district in coordination with the district president.

31- District secretaries: There will be three district secretaries in each district of the state. They will be elected or chosen unanimously in the same manner as that of the district president's election. They will submit their quarterly report to district general secretary, who in turn will submit the same to district president. District president will apprise district executive in its meeting about the activities of district vice presidents, district general secretary and district secretaries.

32- District Treasurer: Each district of the state will have treasurer. He/she will be elected or unanimously chosen in the same manner as that of district president's election. District treasurer will have same responsibilities at district level as that of central treasurer at central level.

33- District Executive: The maximum strength of district executive will be 31. Its members will include district president, both vice-presidents, general secretaries, three secretaries and all block presidents. Remaining members of district executive will be nominated by district president and district general secretary.

34- Assembly segment in-charge: Central president will appoint an in-charge for each assembly segment. He/she will be responsible for executing programmes at that level in coordination with all local office-bearers and workers.

35- Parliamentary Segment In-charge: Central president will appoint one in-charge for

each parliamentary constituency. He/she will be responsible for executing programmes at that level in coordination with all local office-bearers and workers.

36- Block president: Each block unit will have a president. He/she will be either elected or chosen unanimously. Block president's primary job will be to implement intensive membership drive for the party. Besides, he/she will delegate responsibility to his/her team for making contacts with maximum people at block level and will coordinate such efforts. Block president will also shoulder responsibility to arrange programmes according to people's aspirations at grass root level. Block president will submit quarterly report of his/her block level programmes and activities to the block president.

37- Block General Secretary: Each block unit will have a general secretary. He/she will be either elected or chosen unanimously. His/her responsibility will be to follow block president's instructions and ensure implementation of various programmes and activities at the block level with the consent of the block president. Basic responsibility of running public relations and membership campaign will rest with block general secretary.

38. Block Secretaries: Minimum number of Block Secretaries will be three. They will be selected by Block President and Block General Secretary by mutual consent.

39. Block Treasurer: Each Block will have a Treasurer. He/she will be selected by Block President and Block General Secretary by mutual consent.

40. Block Executive: Maximum number of members in a Block Executive, including Block President and General Secretary, will be 51. However, in case of large number of villages in a Block, this number may be increased with consent of the Block Executive. Block Executive will endeavour to give representation to maximum number of villages /Gram Sabhas to the extent possible. Block President and Block General Secretary will verify the credentials and background of the members of Block Executive. Block Executive will be the grassroots unit of the Party. Block Executive will ensure to give membership to only such persons who have faith in the party's ideology, policies and programmes, disciplinary norms and manifesto. Block Committee will be responsible for organising workshops and other programmes to make people at Block level aware of Party's ideology and policies. Block President would be ex-officio member of Block Executive.

41. Village Representative and Village Unit: Block Executive will ensure that maximum number of villages in that Block should have at least one Active Member of the party to work as Village Representative. Village Representative will be responsible for establishing Village Unit in his/her own village, selecting Village Unit's President and maintaining contact between Block Executive and Village Unit. Village Unit President will be a member of his/her Block Executive and apprise Block Executive about the problems of his/her village. Block Executive

will act upon the problem as per its seriousness; and if it deems fit, it will apprise District Executive about the problem. In turn, District Executive, if deems fit, may apprise central leadership about the problem so that the party leadership may intervene in the problem at appropriate level.

42. Town Unit: Town Units will be formed in the similar pattern of District and Block units. Like District/ Block units, Town Units will have one President, two Vice Presidents, one General Secretary, three Secretaries and one Treasurer. Town Unit Executive Committee will have maximum 21 members. Activities of these units will be similar to District /Block Units.

43. Youth Organisations: Youth organisations will be formed in the similar pattern of State/ District/ Block units. Their area of activities will be similar to student organisations. Male and female members should get equal representation and accountability in these organisations to the extent possible. In these organisations, annual membership fee will be Ten Rupees.

44. Student organisations: Party will form its student organisation in all colleges and universities of the state in the name of *Uttarakhand Chhatra Sangathan*. To indoctrinate its members in the policies, ideology and programmes, workshops will be organised from time to time. Parties Patrons, members of political Committee and General Secretary-in-charges, in particular, will take part in these workshops. These student organisations will organise programmes in their colleges/ universities in tune with party's ideology and policies. These organisations will take active part in student union elections. Annual membership fee for these student organisations will be Ten Rupees.

45. Mass Organisations: Party will organise all deprived groups of the society comprising of organised and unorganised labour force in all area including agriculture, industrial and other employees, government servants and daily wagers. Party will endeavour to mould their struggles into movements in order to provide them justice. There are many area in the state where workers and labourers are still facing injustice and their fundamental and human rights are being violated. Party will always make common cause with these categories and will take their struggles to political level. Annual membership fee of all Mass Organisations of the party will be Five Rupees only.

46. Support Groups: Party will form support groups in National Capital Delhi and other places. (*suggestion: underlined be replaced by: outside Uttarakhand at various places, to the extent possible*) these groups will comprise persons working in diverse areas like intellectuals, advocates, journalists, social workers and others (*underlined not required*) who support party's issues and programmes. Activities of these groups will be coordinated by respective conveners. These distinguished persons will work for pooling resources for the party and will act as pressure groups to safeguard against repressive measures of the

establishment. Party's central leadership will remain in regular touch with these groups. Party's Convener of national and international affairs will be responsible to maintain dialogue and coordinate with these groups.

47. Committees: Committees will be formed from time to time to ponder over diverse social issues and to study contemporary matters in order to make party's viewpoint more apt and precise. Chairpersons of these committees will be appointed by Central President with the concurrence of Political Committee.

48. National and International Issues: Societies are now coming nearer due to various factors and actions at local level global impact and *vice versa*. Regressive tendencies like lop-sided globalisation, liberalization and commercialization have forced the people, not only at the level of state and country but globally also, to take a united stand. Political parties and organisations have an important role in this regard. Therefore, for political survival and vibrancy, political parties need to collate with like-minded national and global groupings of political forces. Only with such groupings, battles could be won at different levels of prevailing globalization. Keeping in view of such circumstances, the Party will entrust one of the office-bearers or members of its Political Committee the responsibility to ensure dialogue, coordination and contacts with parties and organisations of similar ideologies at national and international levels. Such functionary will be named 'Convener, National and International Affairs.' He/she must be well-versed in Party's ideology and politics and should also have a sound understanding of the political parties and organizations with which alignments and associations would be politically beneficial to the Party as well as should be in the interest of the people of the state at large. Such political coordination and initiative will have an important role in raising Party's profile at national and international levels.

49. State level coordination: One of the General Secretaries will be made responsible for coordinating with various organisations, parties and other groups and for organising joint programmes along with them. General Secretary-In-charge for this assignment will also coordinate between central leadership and diverse political parties and organisations.

50. Fund Raising, Maintenance and Running of Bank Accounts: Party will require funds for its political and statutory activities. Party firmly believed that it will raise its Central fund by maintaining probity, honesty and transparency in public life. Party will open its account(s) in one or more banks. All revenues of the Party will be deposited in such account(s). Party's supporters and people caring for Uttarakhand will be approached for getting economic assistance for the Party. Stipulated part of the subscription received from the primary and Active members of the party will be regularly deposited in bank(s) and required money for Party's affairs will be withdrawn from the bank(s). Besides treasurer, Central President and

Secretary General will be authorised to operate Bank Account(s) of the party. For withdrawing money from the bank(s) and/or giving cheques for any work on behalf of the party, it will be mandatory to have signatures of the two of the three aforementioned functionaries. However, signature of the Treasurer will be mandatory and third functionary (whose signatures are on not taken in such cheques) will be given verbal/written information about transactions related to such cheques.

51. Disciplinary action, Suspension and Expulsion: Any complaint received from any level of Party organisation against any Party member /office-bearer will be enquired by competent authority. If the complaint is found correct, disciplinary action will be taken against accused member/ office-bearer as per the directions of concerned unit or Central President in accordance with the gravity of the misdeed. Disciplinary action may include from suspension to expulsion from the party. The period of such suspension or expulsion will be decided as per the recommendations of the Enquiry Committee.

52. Contribution/Levy: Economic contribution is essential for strengthening party organisation. As such, all office-bearers of Central and District level, members of Central Executive and Chairpersons of different Committees must pay levy to the party. Minimum amount of levy for Central office-bearers will be Rs. 100/- per month whereas for District level office-bearers, it will be Rs. 50/- per month.

53. Honorarium: To fulfil minimum needs of party cadre, there will be a separate fund and Political Committee will decide, on its discretion, monthly honorarium and emoluments to full-time party workers.

53. External Contribution: The Party must be protected from all, especially anti-people, influences. Contributions from individuals, organisations and industrial houses may be accepted subject to the condition that these contributions are in the spirit of the Constitution of India and are as per the standards set under the code of conduct of the Election Commission of India. The Party will ensure that the sources of its support should not be against the party's basic views, principles, policies and programmes and such contribution has not been provided to misguide the Party politically. Contributions for the Party will be solicited by e-mail contacts to Indian citizens and by advertising in Party's web site. Economic contribution will be accepted by legally accepted instruments, like cheques, drafts and bank transfer.

55. Programme Monitoring Committee: A five-member programme monitoring committee will be formed under the chairpersonship of one of the members of political committee. This committee will monitor Party's programmes and other activities at block, district and central level. The committee will submit its quarterly report to Central President. This report will be

relevant in order to take decisions for selecting persons for key posts and deciding the candidature of party candidates for various elections.

56. Central Disciplinary Committee: Five-member Central Disciplinary Committee of the party will be headed by one of the members of political committee. Disciplinary matters, unresolved at lower levels, will be resolved by this Committee. This Committee will give its verdict in accordance with the party Constitution and befitting under instant requirements. Committee's decision on Central office-bearers will require political committee's general consent.

57. Party's Parliamentary Board: Party's Parliamentary Board will have maximum ---members. One of the members of the Political Committee will be its Chairperson. Parliamentary Board will be responsible for final selection of the Party's candidates for Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State's legislative assembly and for local bodies also.

58. Publications Committee: Publications Committee will give final touch to the Party's literature, policy statements, guidelines, and other publications. One of the members of political Committee will chair this Committee. Political Committee's consent will be mandatory prior to the publication of party's literature at any level. Party's mouthpiece publication will also be published under the supervision of the Publications Committee.

59. Party's Meetings: Information about Party's meetings will be circulated two months in advance. However in urgent situations, Political Committee's meetings may be convened immediately. In the meetings at all levels, review of the proceeding of previous meeting must be done. Minutes of meetings must be taken and recorded.

60. Web site: Party will have its Web site to disseminate information related to its Constitution, guiding principles, ideology, policies and programmes, Uttarakhand movement and party's background. Initially, the web site will be created in English and Hindi and later, the information will be placed in garhwali, Kumaoni, Jaunsari and kumwal –a synthesized language of aforementioned languages and lialects of Uttarakhand. The site will be linked with other Uttarakhand-related sites. Besides, links will be made with like-minded world-wide political parties and organisations. A team, headed either by a member of Political committee or any other central level office-bearer, will be formed for running, editing and content management of the Web site.

Office Secretary: all matters coming to party Headquarters will be taken care of by office Secretary under the supervision of the General Secretary-in-charge for Party Headquarters. If required and affordable, employee(s) may be hired to run Headquarters' work smoothly, to maintain coordination with district-level offices and to provide administrative support to party leadership. Office Secretary, with permission of the General Secretary-In-charge for Party

Headquarters, will send information regularly about all central programmes, activities, meetings, decisions etc. to the patrons, political Committee's members, all central office-bearers, Central Executive Committee's members and all district committees. Political Committee, at its discretion, may fix monthly Honorarium for Office Secretary. Office Secretary must be a member of Central Executive. Office Secretary will attend all such meetings which he/she would be asked to attend by Central president, Secretary General and General Secretary-In-charge for Party Headquarters. He/she will be responsible for taking minutes of the meetings he/she attends. Office Secretary will also be *ex officio* Chief Administrative Officer of Party Headquarters and will discharge his/her duties under the supervision of General Secretary-in-charge for Party Headquarters.

62. Audit: Party's Central Accounts will be audited at the end of each financial year by competent auditors appointed by the Political Committee and information in this regard will be sent to related departments/ concerned parties. Treasurer will present Audited Annual Report in the meeting of Central Executive. Party will maintain its financial year from 1st April to 31st March. Copies of Audited financial Report will be sent to all central office-bearers, and district presidents. Record copies of the Report will also be kept at party's office at the Headquarters. Any member or office-bearer of the party can check Audited financial records by giving prior information to the Office Secretary. If any member or office-bearer finds any irregularity in financial records, he/she may send a written complaint in this regard to Central President. Such complaints will be enquired by a committee nominated by Central President. On the basis of Committee report, Central president will take appropriate action.

63- Election Commission and Party's Election Symbol: After the party's registration with the Election Commission of India and after getting status of a recognized regional party, Election Commission of India will be requested for allotment of election symbol for the Party. Election Commission will be given appropriate information/ inputs about the party as and when required.

64- Amendments in party's Constitution: General Assembly will have the right to make any amendment(s), change(s), or enhancement(s) in the constitution. General Assembly may make such amendment(s), change(s) or enhancement(s) in the party constitution in its biennial session with two-third majority.

65- Merger, Change of name, or Dissolution of the Party: The Party's merger into any other party or vice versa, change of the Party's name and the Party's dissolution will be done after following due constitutional provisions and due care should be taken in such matters. For any such decision, two –third majority of General assembly will be mandatory.