

# THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA)



## ROYAL CHARTER

### AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

The 13th day of August 1935

PRESENT,  
THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 1st day of August, 1935, in the words following, viz. :-

"YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 21st day of February, 1935, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of Sir Thomas Guthrie Russell, President of the Institution of Engineers (India) and others praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the said Institution :

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed."

HIS MAJESTY, having taken into consideration the said Report, and the Draft Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Most Honourable the Marquess of Zetland, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for His Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

E.C.E. Leadbitter.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas the Association or Institution incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1913, and known as the Institution of Engineers (India) hath petitioned Us for a Charter of Incorporation such as is in and by these Presents granted :

AND WHEREAS We are minded to comply with the prayer of such Petition :

NOW THEREFORE We by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do, of Our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will, grant, direct, appoint and declare as follows :-

1. The Persons now Members of the said Association or Institution known as the Institution of Engineers (India) and all such persons as may hereafter become Members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents, and their Successors, shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such Members) be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of "The Institution of Engineers (India)" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make a new the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure, and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate, including power to take an hold personal property and power to purchase, take on lease and hold lands, tenements or hereditaments or any interest in any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever in Our Indian Empire for the purposes of the Institution and power to sell, let on lease, alienate, or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

2. The objects and purposes for which the Institution of Engineers (India) (hereinafter called "the Institution") is hereby constituted are to promote the general advancement of engineering and engineering science and their application in India and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on those subjects amongst the

Members of and persons attached to the Institution and otherwise, and for that purpose –

- (a) To promote and advance the science, practice and business of Engineering in all its branches (hereinafter referred to as “Engineering”) in India.
- (b) To establish, subsidise, promote, form and maintain local Associations of members belonging to the Institution and others engaged or interested in Engineering so as to assure to each individual member as far as may be possible equal opportunity to enjoy the rights and privileges of the Institution.
- (c) To diffuse among its members information on all matters affecting Engineering and to encourage, assist and extend knowledge and information connected therewith by establishment and promotion of lectures, discussions or correspondence; by the holding of conferences; by the publication of papers, periodicals or journals, books, circulars and maps or other literary undertaking; by encouraging research work; or by the formation of a library or libraries and collection of models, designs, drawings, and other articles of interest in connection with Engineering or otherwise howsoever.
- (d) To promote the study of Engineering with a view to disseminate the information obtained for facilitating the scientific and economic development of Engineering in India.
- (e) To establish, acquire, carry on, control or advise with regard to colleges, schools or other educational establishments where students and apprentices may obtain a sound education and training in Engineering on such terms as may be settled by the Institution.
- (f) To encourage, regulate and elevate the technical and general knowledge of persons engaged in or about to engage in Engineering or in any employment manual or otherwise in connection therewith and with a view thereto to provide for the holding of classes and to test by examination or otherwise the competence of such persons and to institute and

establish professorships, studentships, scholarships, rewards and other benefactions and to grant certificates of competency whether under any Act of the Government of India or Local Governments regulating the conduct and qualifications of Engineers or otherwise howsoever.

- (g) To give the Government of India, the Local Governments and Municipalities and other public bodies and others, facilities for conferring with and ascertaining the views of Engineers as regards matters directly or indirectly affecting Engineering and to confer with the said Governments, Municipalities and other public bodies and others in regard to all matters affecting Engineering.
- (h) To encourage inventions and investigate and make known their nature and merits.
- (i) To arrange and promote the adoption of equitable forms of contracts and other documents used in Engineering and to encourage the settlement of disputes by arbitration and to act as or nominate arbitrators and umpires on such terms and in such cases as may seem expedient.
- (j) To promote efficiency and just and honourable dealing and to suppress malpractice in engineering.
- (k) To do all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

3. With a view to the better attainment of the objects of the Institution, the Institution shall use its best endeavours to arrange (in so far as not already arranged) the sub-division of India into areas and the establishment of local centres for the members and others of the attached to the Institution who reside or are occupied in those areas and shall from time to time prescribe and when desirable alter the boundaries of such areas which shall be regulated in such manner as the Bye Laws for the time being of the Institution shall prescribe.

4. The Institution shall not carry on any trade or business or engage in any transaction with a view to the pecuniary gain or profit of the Members thereof. No Member shall have any personal claim

on any property of the Institution and no part of the income or property of the Institution shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the Members of the Institution except in the case of and as a salaried officer of the Institution.

5. There shall be a Council of the Institution consisting of such number of members, with such qualifications, and to be elected or constituted as such Members of Council in such manner, and to hold office for such period, and on such terms as to re-election and otherwise, as the Bye-laws for the time being of the Institution shall direct.

6. Unless and until the Bye-laws for the time being of the Institution shall otherwise direct –

- (a) The Council at their last meeting prior to the annual general meeting of the Institution in each year shall elect from among their number a President for the ensuing year, and the President so elected shall enter into his office at that ensuing annual general meeting and shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Council for the ensuing year;
- (b) Of the members of the Council of the Institution, other than the President, such number as shall coincide with the total number of local centres for the time being of the Institution shall be Vice-Presidents, and the said Vice Presidents shall be the respective Chairmen for the time being of the several local centres of the Institution.

7. The first President of the Institution shall be Colonel Sir Thomas Guthrie Russell, and the first Vice Presidents shall be Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Irving Sleigh, V.D., Norman Bruce Macbeth, Rao Bahadur Carnapati Vencata Krishnaswamy Chetty, Alexander Fordyce Harvey and Khan Bahadur Mohammad Abdul Aziz.

The first Members of the Council shall be :-

- (a) The said President;
- (b) the said Vice Presidents;
- (c) the following Past Presidents of the said Association or Institution, namely :-  
Christopher Addams Williams, C.I.E.,

Diwan Bahadur Nuggihalli Narasim Ayyangar,  
Raja Jwala Prasad, and  
Alexander Jardine, D.Sc.

- (d) the following members of the said Association or Institution, namely :-

Pritamdas Bhojraj Advani,  
Malcolm Ramsay Atkins,  
Probhat Nath Banerjee,  
Fakirjee Eduljee Bharucha,  
Rai Bahadur Mul Chand Bijawat, M.A.,  
Sir Maurice William Brayshay,  
Henry Burkinshaw,  
George William Burley,  
Kaiyalat Chakko Chakko,  
Dewan Bahadur Kashinath Ramachandra  
Godbole, C.B.E.,  
Edward Joseph Bernal Greenwood,  
Frederick Charles Griffin,  
Sri Krishna Gurtu, M.A.,  
Bertram Lionel Harvey, O.B.E.,  
George McCausland Hoey,  
Abdul Ghafoor Khan,  
Raj Krishna,  
Rai Bahadur Makkhan Lal,  
Richard Harington Martin,  
Narayan Vinayak Modak,  
Mohsin Ali,  
Rao Bahadur Gopaldaswami Nagaratnam Ayyar,  
Colonel Sir James Scott Pitkeathly, C.M.G., C.I.E.,  
C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O.,  
Raj Narain, M.B.E.,  
Dewan Bahadur Autoor Vengu Ayyar Ramalinga  
Ayyar,  
Douglas Henry Remfry,  
Sir Percy Rothera, O.B.E.,  
Colonel Frederick Charles Temple, C.I.E.,  
Rai Bahadur Bhagwati Prasada Varma,  
Arthur Tom Weston, M.Sc.,  
Major George Bransby Williams, J.P., and  
Colonel Sir George Henry Willis, C.I.E., M.V.O.,  
R.E.

(e) the following Associate Members of the said Association or Institution, namely :-

Alexander Macdonald,  
Birendra Nath Mookerjee,  
Radha Lal, and  
Raja Ram.

The said President, Vice Presidents and Members of the Council shall respectively hold office as such until the due election and coming into office of their successors in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Institution, but shall be respectively eligible, subject to such Bye-laws, for re-election if otherwise qualified.

8. The Institution shall have such Officers, with such functions, tenure and terms of office as the Bye-laws of the Institution may prescribe, and such other Officers and Servants as the Council of the Institution may from time to time appoint. The first Secretary of the Institution shall be Chaitanya Chand Seal.

9. The government and control of the Institution and its affairs shall be vested in the Council subject to the provisions of these Presents and to the Bye-laws for the time being of the Institution. The business of the Council shall be conducted in such manner as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

10. All the powers of the Institution shall be vested in and exercisable by the Council except so far as the same are by these Presents or by the Bye-laws for the time being of the Institution expressly required to be exercised by the Institution in general meeting.

11. Unless and until the Bye-laws of the Institution shall otherwise provide there shall be five classes of Members of the Institution termed respectively Honorary Life Members, Honorary Members, Members, Associate Members and Companions, of whom the Members and Associate Members shall be known as Corporate Members and the Honorary Life Members, Honorary Members and Companions shall be known as Non-corporate Members.

The Members of the said existing Association or Institution known as the Institution of Engineers (India) who by virtue of these Presents become Members of the Institution shall be deemed to have entered the Institution as Members of the same class as that to which they belonged in the said existing Association or Institution.

12. Unless and until the Bye-laws of the Institution shall otherwise provide the Institution may attach to itself students, associates and subscribers, which expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the Articles of Association and Bye-laws of the existing Association or Institution known as the Institution of Engineers (India). The students, associates and subscribers attached to the said existing Association or Institution shall be deemed to be attached similarly to the Institution.

13. The qualifications, method and terms of admission, privileges, and obligations, including liability to expulsion or suspension of Members of each of the said five classes respectively shall be such as the Bye-laws for the time being of the Institution shall direct.

14. The Council shall alone have power to decide conclusively respecting each person proposed for or seeking admission to any class of membership of the Institution whether he has or has not fulfilled such conditions as are applicable to his case.

15. A Member of the Institution shall be entitled to the exclusive use after his name of the abbreviated designation "M.I.E.(Ind.)"; an Associate Member of the abbreviated designation "A.M.I.E. (Ind.)"; a Companion of the abbreviated designation "Comp.I.E. (Ind.)"; an Honorary Life Member of the abbreviated designation "Hon. Life M.I.E. (Ind.)"; and an Honorary Member of the abbreviated designation "Hon. M.I.E. (Ind.)".

16. Every person being at any time a Corporate Member of the Institution may so long as he shall be a Corporate Member take or use the name or title of "Chartered Engineer (India)".

17. The meetings of the Institution shall be of such classes and shall be held for such purposes as may from time to time be prescribed by the Bye-laws of the Institution and the rights of the several classes of members of and of persons attached to the Institution of attending and voting at the said meetings shall be such or subject to such restrictions as may be so prescribed.

18. The Corporate Members or the majority of such Members present in person or by proxy and voting at any duly convened General Meeting of the Corporate Members with respect to which notice shall have been given of the matters to be taken into consideration thereat, shall have power from time to time to make such Bye-laws of the Institution as to them shall seem requisite and

convenient for the regulation, government and advantage of the Institution, its members and property and for the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Institution and from time to time to revoke, alter or amend any Bye-law or Bye-laws theretofore made so that the same shall be reasonable and not repugnant to these Presents or to the Laws and Statutes of India : Provided that no such Bye-law, revocation, alteration or amendment shall take effect until the same has been allowed by the Lords of Our Privy Council of which allowance a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

19. The first Bye-laws to be made under these Presents shall be made by the Corporate Members of the Institution within the period of twelve months from the date of these Presents, unless the Lords of Our Privy Council shall see fit to extend such period, of which extension the Certificate of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

20. Pending the making and approval of the Bye-laws to be made under these Presents but no longer, the Articles of Association of the said existing Association or Institution known as the Institution of Engineers (India) and Bye-laws thereof shall be the Bye-laws of the Institution and shall have effect as though the Institution, its Officers and Members, had therein been referred to throughout in lieu of the said existing Association or Institution, its Officers and Members.

21. The property and moneys of the said existing Association or Institution known as the Institution of Engineers (India) (including the property and moneys (if any) held by them as trustees) shall from the date of these Presents become and be deemed to be the property and moneys of the Institution, and shall, as soon as may be, be formally transferred to the Institution or such person or persons on its behalf as the Bye-laws may prescribe.

22. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors Grant and Declare that these Our Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in all things good, firm, valid and effectual, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in all Our Courts or elsewhere in the most favourable and beneficial sense and for the best advantage of the said Institution, any mis-recital, non-recital, omission, defect, imperfection, matter or thing whatsoever notwithstanding.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the ninth day of September in the twenty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

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