

A MODEL POLITICAL PARTY

A Political Party of honest, reliable and reputed persons

MOTTO: "Democracy and People's Power"

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1. Utilizing the media for introducing the Party, and approaching the people at the grassroots level, through handbills and pamphlets and door-to-door contact.

- (a) Salient Features of the Party's Constitution:
- The party Constitution contains strategies and tactics to change the prevailing society-political system by breaking the exploitative hold of the feudal-military-mullah unholy alliance".
 - All office-bearers of the Party shall be elected and not nominated.
 - All members will enjoy equal status with the party leaders.
 - The first principle of leadership will be "collective leadership". Leadership will not be person-oriented or ancestral.
 - All party decisions will be taken by consultation, possibly by consensus and, in case of continuing difference, by a majority vote.
 - All members will cultivate full trust in each other.
 - Elections to party offices, including executive committees, will be held every year.
 - A member will not remain an office-bearer for more than two terms.
 - Party leadership will be on merit basis, preferably from the lower and middle classes. Sincerity and dedication shall be the hallmarks of the leadership.
 - The party will especially arrange political and organizational training of members along democratic lines.

- Any member flouting the principles and Constitution of the Party will be expelled regardless of position in the party.
- Special attention will be given to increasing the party's presence in the Local Bodies at union, tehsil and district levels.
- The Party will ensure free, fair and transparent elections to the assemblies and Local Bodies, by effecting necessary reforms in the electoral system.
- In order to effectively address the issues, problems and difficulties of the people, the Party will set up "Citizens Complaint Cells" in every city, town and village-collective to serve as a link between the government and the citizens.

(b) Creating Sincere and Honest Leadership:

INSTEAD OF LOSING FAITH
CREATE YOUR OWN LEADERSHIP

A NEW POLITICAL PARTY for the promotion of democracy, education, social welfare, merit, accountability, public peace and order, rule of law and for demolition of feudal system, and culture is the need of the hour.

IF YOU AGREE:

- Enlist at least one hundred members in each district and /or large cities; hold transparent elections of president, secretary, treasurer and four members of the working committee.
- After holding such elections in half of a province, a meeting of the district representatives will be called to elect provincial representatives.
- Thereafter, a meeting of all the provincial representatives will be called to elect national representatives.
- Finally, a convention of district, provincial and national representatives will be called to approve the Party Constitution and Manifesto, and launch the Party officially.

WHENEVER

- You cannot get protection from the police, justice from the courts, education from schools, health-care from hospitals, attention from bureaucracy, redress from administration and jobs on merit.
- Taxes and utility bills exceed half of your total income.
- Dacoits and robbers are free to strike at your house at any time.
- The State appears helpless in ensuring law and order for citizens.
- Innocent people are massacred in mosques while praying.
- Leaders are plundering the national wealth with impunity.
- There is no accountability for the corrupt.

THEN YOU THINK FOR A WHILE
WHO IS STRENGTHENING THE CORRUP SYSTEM,
AND HOW TO CHANGE THIS SYSTEM?

2. Developing Consensus on Basic National Issues:

A consensus should be achieved on the following issues: by political leaders, intellectuals and social activists:

1. The systems of '*jagirdari*' and 'absentee landlordism' be abolished. A minimum of 12 1/2 acres per family be given to landless tenants to improve upon agricultural production.
2. State-ownership of the means of production be established. Equal opportunity of access to these be accorded to all, in accordance with their ability to work.
3. Positive measures be adopted to develop a self-sustained and debt-free economy, and delivery of fruits of development to the common man be ensured.
4. Equal rights, dignity and self-respect be guaranteed to all citizens, irrespective of religion, ethnicity, sect or gender.
5. New leadership from amongst the lower and middle classes be raised to represent the people.
6. Politics of confrontation, intrigue, deceit and exploitation be shunned. Instead, politics of dialogue, consultation and coordination among diverse interests, identities and groups be practiced.

7. A free judiciary, a non-political civil service and a non-interfering military be ensured. Their subservience to the will of the people be fully established.
8. Religious elitism and sectarianism be done away with.
9. A culture of tolerance and goodwill be created.
10. Maximum autonomy be provided to the provinces as against the federal authority.
11. Electoral system be genuinely improved. Correct and practicable criteria be fixed for candidates contesting elections, and those not fulfilling these be debarred from participation in elections. Inexpensive elections be ensured to provide true representation of the majority of the people. The wealthy be restrained from purchasing votes by declaring this practice as immoral and a penal offence.
12. The 1973 Constitution be restored in its original form.
13. The authority to amend the Constitution to lie only with the elected and fully representative Parliament.
14. "Accountability Commission" be made a permanent statutory body for countering bribery and mal-administration. The President and the Prime Minister not to be exempted from accountability.
15. Minorities be declared an intrinsic part of the nation, and their full participation in State affairs be arranged. All discriminatory laws against them be scrapped.
16. Women be given equal rights with men in all respects, and discriminatory laws against them be annulled.
17. The workers be given shares in big industries, and the tenants be given ownership of the land tilled by them.

3. Devising "Action Plan"

- (i) Collecting a sizeable group of devoted members in the Party, and concentrating energy on building the Party.
- (ii) Holding silent demonstrations with banners bearing such slogans as:
 - We will bring about "ruler ship of the people", "Supremacy of Parliament" and "sovereignty of the people".
 - We will promote leadership from the lower and middle classes.

- We will establish 'new leadership' and a 'new system of governance'.
 - We will not countenance 'fake democracy'. We will bring 'real democracy'.
 - We shall banish tyranny of feudals and capitalists forever.
 - We will remove governance of monopolists.
 - Our priority will be to solve people's problems, remove poverty and provide jobs to everyone.
- (iii) Setting up a "Consumer Resistance Cell" in the trade sector for keeping the non-proprietary and excessive profiteering in products and services at reasonable levels.
- (iv) Bringing together honest, capable and resourceful people that abound in the society to work for the national cause, and induce them to join the Party.
- (v) Forming "Area Committees" of the party to perform the following jobs:
- To enroll members, and distribute door-to-door party literature.
 - To prepare a list of problems faced by the people at the grassroots level for solving them.
 - To form "organizing committees" at the district and provincial levels, and to organize the party on scientific lines.
 - To especially organize women and youth volunteers to promote the objectives of the party.
 - To give special attention to removal of lack of facilities among women in the social and economic fields.
 - To promote scientific and technological education among the youth, and to improve their health.
 - To set up a "Study Group" for conducting research on important issues facing the

nation, and disseminate its findings among government circles, assembly members, intellectuals and students. Also to prepare proposals for improvements in the social, economic, political and international fields.

- To collect sizeable donations for the Party.

4. Giving Public Pledge by Public Representatives as follows:

“If we are elected to the National or Provincial Assemblies:

- We shall govern by consensus, and with sincere belief in improving the lot of the people.
- The bureaucracy will be made to behave as servants of the people, and nor put any hurdles in the way of those who go to them for redressal of their grievances.
- It will be ensured that the laws made by the Parliament are in public interest, and that they are enforced for the greater good.
- The cost of administration will be lessened considerably, and misgovernance will be eliminated.
- The major collective problems like widespread poverty, unemployment, low economic growth, lack of education and health facilities, neglect of environment, depletion of forests, inefficient working, shrinking of the middle class etc. will be addressed to on urgent basis.
- Political leaders and ministers will be fully accountable to the people for their actions.
- We will promote peace, justice, equality, non-discrimination, tolerance, and uphold democratic principles and values to the best of our ability.
- We will promote progressive and people-friendly ideas and shun sectarianism and terrorism.

5. The Party's Vision:

THE PARTY

1. Will work for the improvement of the lot of the common man in Pakistan.
2. "Serving others" will be an article of faith with the Party, and it will work for the promotion of peace, progress and prosperity.
3. Will provide a platform to honest, sincere and capable political activists and leaders from the lower and middle classes for positive work, and will work for the formation of a united front of progressive forces and likeminded political parties.
4. Will exert to transform Pakistan into a modern nation of "democratic beings" and contribute to "unity of humankind" and a "just world order".
5. We will bring an end to the domination of the army and civil services over politics and the running of state affairs by them. Will establish a truly democratic order and a strong civil society.
6. Will unite all "religious parties" in a "single faith" on the basis of the two cardinal God-given principles of "belief in one God" and "service to humanity" irrespective of cast, creed, religion, nationality, colour or ethnicity.
7. The Party believes in freedom, equality, tolerance, fraternity, justice, rule of law, dialogue, consensus, "collective leadership", "national ownership of means of production" a "just world order" and a "classless society"

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