

# THE WORLD SOCIALIST PARTY (INDIA)

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

### Prelude

The test of entering into the World Socialist Party (India) is neither more nor less than accepting its Object, basic Principles and practical policies. To demand more is to degenerate into a sect; to demand less means to compromise about those principles and means. The outlines of those principles and policies are remaining sketched in the Object and Declaration of Principles of the World Socialist Party (India). Any normal and healthy worker can understand them if he/she so desires. The principles and policies of Socialism have stood up on them, which are as restrictive to any possible intrusion by non-socialists as they are encouraging to the socialists who are eagerly welcome into the party.

Therefore, they constitute the reasonable and sufficient framework of the test for membership of the World Socialist Party (India).

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### OBJECT

**The establishment of a system of society based upon the common ownership and democratic control of the means and instruments for producing and distributing wealth by and in the interest of the whole community.**

### DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. That society as at present constituted is based upon the ownership of the means of living (i.e., land, factories, railways, etc.) by the capitalist or master class, and the consequent enslavement of the working class, by whose labour alone wealth is produced.
2. That in society, therefore, there is an antagonism of interests, manifesting itself as a class struggle, between those who possess but do not produce, and those who produce but do not possess.
3. That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
4. That as in the order of social evolution the working class is the last class to achieve its freedom, the emancipation of the working class will involve the emancipation of all mankind without distinction of race or sex.
5. That this emancipation must be the work of the working class itself.
6. That as the machinery of government, including the armed forces of the nation, exists only to conserve the monopoly by the capitalist class of the wealth taken from the workers, the working class must organize consciously and politically for the conquest of the powers of government, national and local, in order that this machinery, including these forces, may be converted from an instrument of oppression into the agent of emancipation and the overthrow of privilege, aristocratic and plutocratic.
7. That as all political parties are but the expression of class interests, and the interest of the working class is diametrically opposed to the interests of all sections of the master class, the party seeking working class emancipation must be hostile to every other party.
8. The World Socialist Party (India), therefore, enters the field of political action determined to wage a war against all other political parties, whether alleged labour or avowedly capitalist, and calls upon the members of the working class of this country to muster under its banner to the end that a speedy termination may be wrought to the system which deprives them from the fruits of their labour, and that poverty may give place to comfort, privilege to equality, slavery to freedom.

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The Object and Declaration of Principles are basic to our organization. Initiated in 1904 with the inauguration of the Socialist Party of Great Britain these are being adopted as basic to organizations of class-conscious workers in other countries around the world.

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I, the undersigned, having read and understood the Manifesto of the World Socialist Party (India) and Rules and being in agreement with them accept the Object and Declaration of Principles and the policies, and accordingly submit my application for membership.

Date and place -----

Signature -----

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Even though the word socialism is used in various ways and senses, the World Socialist Party (India) has been built up with such members for whom the meaning of socialism is identical.

This questionnaire is just to know that you too share the same concept of the World Socialist Party (India). It is not our party's task to judge your socialist scholarship and that even is not necessary anyway.

Answer the questions in your own words applying your own conceptions.

Please write your answers fully and precisely. If you have any query about any question, let us know. Even if you have any disagreement, tell us that too.

- 1) What do you understand by capitalist class and working class?
- 2) Do you consider yourself to be within the working class? Alternatively, do you define yourself in a different way?
- 3) What is capitalism? What are its fundamental characteristics?
- 4) Do you think that the working class is exploited? If so, how?
- 5) Even when living in situation of potential material abundance why do we – the working class – suffer from scarcity? Why do famines occur here and there? What are the causes of unemployment and poverty?
- 6) What is the solution to all these?
- 7) What do you understand by socialism?
- 8) What will happen to the banks in a socialist society?
- 9) Was socialism ever established anywhere in the world?
- 10) Who is a socialist? What are the tasks of a socialist? Why does the World Socialist Party (India) not struggle for reforms?
- 11) What can happen if the working class were prepared for establishing socialism only in India while other countries lag behind?
- 12) Can the democratic means, such as the parliamentary elective system, be used in this country for capturing political power in order to establish socialism?
- 13) What do you think of nationalism / patriotism? Do workers have any country?
- 14) Should a socialist support a "just" war? If so, why? If not, why not?
- 15) What is a state? What are its functions? Does the state have any function in a socialist society?
- 16) Can religious faith and socialist consciousness coexist?
- 17) What is your opinion about male/female relation in the capitalist society? What will happen to this relationship in a socialist society?
- 18) What do you think of other political parties? What should be the attitude of the World Socialist Party (India) towards them?
- 19) How do the basic principles of a party relate to its practices?
- 20) If a party upholds a set of basic principles, but those do not become popular, then should the party change those principles to become more capable of being elected?
- 21) What is the biggest obstacle for establishing socialism? What we need to do to overcome it?
- 22) What can you do to hasten the establishment of socialism?
- 23) How long are you acquainted with our party? Who in our party you are in contact? What literatures of ours have you studied?

Name: .....
Address (with pin code): .....
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Telephone No: .....
Email ID: .....
Your date of birth: .....
Occupation: .....
Have you been enlisted as a voter? .....
Other comments: .....
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Note: Save a copy of the questionnaire and your answers at your disposal so that you could use them when we would invite you for discussion: .....