

## **ANANDPUR SAHIB RESOLUTION**

Basic Postulates of the Shiromani Akali Dal as adopted by the working committee of the Shiromani Akali Dal at its meeting held at Sri Anandpur Sahib on 16-17 October 1973.

### **(A) Postulates**

1. The Shiromani Akali Dal is the very embodiment of the hopes and aspirations of the Sikh Nation and as such is fully entitled to its representation. The basic postulates of this organization are Human Coexistence, Human progress and ultimate unity of all Human beings with the Spiritual Soul.
2. These postulates are based upon the three great principles of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, namely, a Meditation on God's Name, dignity of labor and sharing of fruits of this Labor.

*(Nam Japo , Kirat Karo, Wand Chhako)*

### **(B) Purposes**

The Shiromani Akali Dal shall ever strive to achieve the following aims:

1. Propagation of Sikhism and its code of conduct denunciation of atheism.
2. To preserve and keep alive the concept of distinct and independent identity of the Panth and to create an

environment in which national sentiments and aspirations of the Sikh Panth will find full expression, satisfaction and growth.

3. Eradication of Poverty and Starvation, by increased production and more equitable distribution of wealth and the establishment of a just social order sans any exploitation.
4. Vacation of discrimination based on caste, creed or illiteracy in keeping with basic principles of Sikhism.
5. Striving for the removal of diseases and ill- health, denouncement of use of intoxicants and enlargement of facilities for physical well-being to prepare and enthuse the Nation for the National defense.

### **First Part**

The Shiromani Akali Dal considers it its primary duty to inculcate among the Sikhs, religious fervor and a pride in their rich religious heritage for which it proposes to pursue the following program:

- a) Reiteration of the concept of the unity (Oneness) of God, meditation on His Name, recitation of Gurbani, renewal of faith in the ten Holy Sikh Gurus and the Holy Sri *Guru Granth Sahib* and other appropriate measures for such a purpose.
- b) Grooming the accomplished preachers, *Ragis*, *Dhadis*, and poets in the Sikh Missionary College for a more effective propagation of Sikhism, Sikh Philosophy, belief in Sikh code of conduct and Kirtan etc. at home and colleges, in villages and in cities as indeed at every place.
- c) Baptizing the Sikhs (*Amrit Parchar*) on a vast scale, with particular emphasis on Schools and Colleges of which the teachers and the taught shall be enthused through regular study circles.
- d) Reinculcate the religious practice of '*DASWAND*' among the Sikhs (Giving one tenth of one's earnings for the

welfare of the Community)

e) Generating feeling of respect for the Sikh intellectuals, writers, preachers, *Granthis*, etc., who also in turn, would be enthused to improve upon their accomplishments while conforming to the basic Sikh tenets and traditions.

f) Streamlining the Gurdwaras, administration by giving better training to their workers. Appropriate steps would also be taken to maintain Gurdwara buildings in proper condition. For such a purpose, the party representatives in the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee and local Committees would be directed from time to time to pull their weight.

g) Making appropriate arrangements for the error free publication of Gurbani; promoting research work in the ancient and modern Sikh history as also its publication; rendering *Gurbani* in other languages and producing first rate literature on Sikhism.

h) Taking appropriate steps for the enactment of an All India Gurdwara Act with a view to introduce improvements in the administration of the *Gurdwaras* throughout the Country and to reintegrate the traditional preaching sects of Sikhism like *Udasis* and *Nirmalas* with the mainstream of Sikhism without in any way encroaching on the properties of their respective individual 'maths.

i) Taking such steps as may be necessary to bring the Sikh *Gurdwaras* all over the world under a single system of administration with a view to run them according to the basic Sikh norms and to pool their sources for the dissemination of Sikhism on a wider and more impressive scale.

j) Striving for free access to all those holy Sikh Shrines, including Nankana Sahib, from which the *Sikh Panth*

has been separated, for pilgrimage and proper upkeep.

### **Political Goal**

The political goal of the Panth, without doubt, is enshrined in the commandments of the Tenth Lord, in the pages of the Sikh history and in the very heart of the *Khalsa Panth*, the ultimate objective of which is the pre-eminence of the *Khalsa*.

The fundamental policy of the Shiromani Akali Dal is to seek the realization of this birth right of the Khalsa through creation of congenial environment and a political set up.

### **For Attainment of this Aim**

1 The Shiromani Akali Dal is determined to strive by all possible means to:

a) Have all those Punjabi speaking areas, deliberately kept out of Punjab, such as Dalhousie in Gurdaspur District; Chandigarh; Pinjore-Kalka and Ambala Saddar etc., in Ambala District; the entire Una tehsil of Hoshiarpur District; the '*Desh*' area of Nalagarh; Shahabad and Gulha blocks of Karnal District; Tohana Sub-Tehsil, Ratia block and Sirsa tehsil of Hissar District and six tehsils of Ganganagar District in Rajasthan;

merged with Punjab to constitute a single administrative unit where the interests of the Sikhs and Sikhism are specifically protected.

b) In this new Punjab and in other States the center's interference would be restricted to Defense, Foreign relations, Currency and General Communication; all other departments would be in the jurisdiction of Punjab (and other states) which would be fully entitled to frame its own Laws on these subjects for administration. For the above departments of the Centre, Punjab and other States contribute in proportion to representation in Parliament.

c) The Sikhs and other religious minorities living out of Punjab should be adequately protected against any kind of discrimination.

2. The Shiromani Akali Dal would also endeavor to have the Indian Constitution recast on real federal principles, with equal representation at the center for all the States.

3. The Shiromani Akali Dal strongly denounces the foreign policy of India framed by the Congress party. It is worthless, hopeless and highly detrimental to the interests of the Country, the Nation and mankind at large. Shiromani Akali Dal shall extend its support only to that foreign policy of India which is based on the principles of peace and national interests. It strongly advocates a policy of peace with all neighboring countries, especially those inhabited by the Sikhs and their sacred shrines. The Akali Dal is of the firm view that our foreign policy should in no case play second fiddle to that of any other country.

4. The Shiromani Akali Dal shall raise its firm voice

against any discrimination against any Sikh (or even other) employees of the central or state Governments. The Shiromani Akali Dal shall also endeavor to maintain the traditional position of the Sikhs in all wings of the defense departments and the Panth would pay particular attention to the needs of the Sikh army men. The Shiromani Akali Dal would also see that 'Kirpan' is accepted as an integral part of the uniform of the Sikhs in Army.

It shall be the primary duty of Shiromani Akali Dal to help rehabilitate the ex-servicemen of the Defense

Departments in the civil life and or such a purpose it would extend to them every help to enable them to organize themselves so that they are able to raise their voice in an effective way for gaining adequate concessions and proper safeguards for a life of self-respect and dignity.

5. Shiromani Akali Dal is of the firm opinion that all those persons males or females-who have not been convicted of any criminal offence by a court of law, should be at liberty to possess all types of small arms, like revolvers, guns, pistols, rifles, carbines etc., without any license, the only obligation being their registration.

6. The Shiromani Akali Dal seeks a ban on the sale of liquor and other intoxicants and shall press for prohibition on the consumption of intoxicants and smoking in public places.