PART 1

PRELIMINARY

1. Constitution as the Fundamental Law: (1) This Constitution is the fundamental law of Nepal and all laws inconsistent with it shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, be void.

   (2) It shall be the duty of every person to uphold the provisions of this Constitution.

2. The Nation: Having common aspirations and united by a bond of allegiance to national independence and integrity of Nepal, the Nepalese people irrespective of religion, race, caste or tribe, collectively constitute the nation.

3. The Sovereignty: The sovereignty of Nepal is vested in the Nepalese people and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

4. The Kingdom: (1) Nepal is a multiethnic, multilingual, democratic, independent, indivisible, sovereign, Hindu and Constitutional Monarchical Kingdom.

   (2) The territory of Nepal shall comprise:-

      (a) the territory existing at the commencement of this Constitution; and

      (b) such other territory as may be acquired after the commencement of this Constitution.

5. National Flag: The national flag of Nepal, as handed down by tradition, consists of two juxtaposed triangular figures with a crimson-coloured base and deep blue borders, there being a white emblem of the crescent moon with eight rays visible out of sixteen in the upper part and a white emblem of a twelve rayed sun in the lower part. The method of drawing out the flag and other particulars relating thereto shall be as set forth in Schedule 1.

6. Language of the Nation: (1) The Nepali language in the Devnagari script is the language of the nation of Nepal. The Nepali language shall be the official language.

   (2) All the languages spoken as the mother tongue in the various parts of Nepal are the national languages of Nepal.

7. National Anthem etc: (1) The national anthem of Nepal shall be as provided in Schedule 2.
(2) The Rhododendron Arboreum shall be the national flower, Crimson Colour shall be the national colour, the Cow shall be the national animal and the Lophophorus shall be the national bird of Nepal.

(3) The coat-of-arms of Nepal shall be as set forth in Schedule 3. The coat-of-arms may be enlarged or reduced as required, and such colour shall be used therein as specified by His Majesty's Government.