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Committed to Transparency and Accountability

DINSHAW MEHTA replies to KERSI RANDERIA of Parsi Times

So the cat is out of the bag. Last week I had sent out messages on WhatsApp (as I do not have the same facility and monopoly of both Parsi papers Parsi Times and Jame-Jamshed that Kersi Randeria has) to the community and BPP Trustees congratulating them for the helpline and volunteers set up by them to look after the needs of the Seniors and needy of our community in this pandemic times. I had informed the community of the cancellation of the HPY program of May 2020 as well as the May Queen ball of Rustom Baug. In my message I had pointed out the difficulties the residents of Godrej bldg at Contractor Baug, Mahim as well as Bhabha Sanatorium at Bandra were likely to face during the monsoon if repairs were not started immediately after the lifting of the lockdown. Trustees were also requested to arrange for permission to transport Baval firewood from Talasari to Nana Chowk. Trustees were also requested to look after the needs of those Mobeds who could not work in Agiaries due to its closure. And by way of passing I had remarked that while all Trustees were working unitedly as a team, one Trustee through his paper Parsi Times was trying to project only

himself in his game of one upmanship and requested all Trustees to put aside their egos and work harmoniously together for the poor and needy of our community.

Instead of informing the community on the above important issues and what steps the Trustees were contemplating to ease the hardships of the residents of Godrej bldg and Bhabha Sanatorium, or for transporting Baval from Talasari or how to help the jobless Mobeds, this self centered Trustee Kersi Randeria as Owner of Parsi Times ignored all the major issues and found only my advice to put aside ego and work harmoniously and unitedly as a team instead of projecting only himself in his game of one Upmanship worth answering in Parsi Times of 19-4-2020.

Obviously his inflated ego was so badly pricked that he used the full front page of his Parsi Times newspaper to try to salvage his bruised ego against my frontal attack of his one Upmanship against his colleague Trustees. In fact if one were to Question his colleague Trustees to reply the truth with their hand on their heart all except perhaps ND would endorse my charge that he desperately tries to project only himself to he exclusion

of others on all issues and matters of the community. In fact Randeria himself has more or less admitted that he delivers his responsibilities collectively as a team member of the Board and also individually as an elected Trustee.

Mr Randeria, all Trustees have to work as a team and all decisions and actions have to be taken as a team by the Board of Trustees and not as an individual Trustee. If seven Trustees were each to work individually, there would be chaos and confusion within the BPP staff and the community. Kersi Randeria further admits my charge of his game of one Upmanship against his colleague Trustees when he invites all community members to directly mail him with any queries, suggestions, grievances or feedback. My charge is proved.

Mr. Randeria, you should invite all community members not to mail you directly but to mail to BPP as a whole Board as ultimately it is the Board who runs the BPP and not Randeria alone or any other Trustee alone.

But this is not the time for one Upmanship and I hope the rest of the Board work harmoniously and unitedly for the greater good of the community.

As regards Bhabha Sanatorium,

ex-Trustee Jimmy Mistry has shown the way to solve the terrace problem. Godrej bldg residents will have to brave this monsoon in their bldg unless the Trustees offer some other alternative. Several Truckloads of Baval wood have arrived at Ness Baug godown of M/s Sidhwas in this week thanks mainly to Viraf Chiniwala. As regards Mobeds, again Jimmy Mistry had persuaded Nusli Wadia to give Rs 75 lakhs from BPP's own account of Wadia Baugs for their needs for three months. But once again Kersi Randeria vetoed this proposal, I guess, because than all credit for mobed amelioration would go to Jimmy Mistry. How truly selfish can one be? Neither Jimmy Mistry nor I are interested in becoming Trustees again (and probably both would win hands down) but that does not mean that we abandon our community or that we cannot advice or suggest what is in the larger interest of the community. Mobeds are an integral and most important segment of our community and their welfare should be of paramount importance and not throw them to the end of the line as Randeria has done.

Warm Regards,
Dinshaw Mehta

Please make our Parsee Community aware of this Noble Institution!! GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARSI STUDENTS

Attached is a write-up on a Parsi Institution which provides free education to Parsi students. 50% seats are reserved for Parsi students. Besides teaching B. Com. and BMS courses they are starting a law college from June 2005. The college is affiliated to University of Mumbai.

How many of us Parsis know that there is a reputed school and college of commerce and management in Mumbai, which provides free education to Parsi students?

Patuck Complex is situated at Vakola, one km. away from Chhatrapati Shivaji Domestic Airport, Mumbai off the Western Express Highway. The road adjoining the campus is named Rustomba Patuck Marg; Postal address is 100, Nehru Road, Vakola Bridge, Santacruz (East) Mumbai 400 055. Tel. no. 26680939, 2668 3806

Junior College -Science (1982)

Students desirous of going for higher studies in Engineering, Medicine or

Para-Medical courses and other science faculties can opt for Jr. College-Science.

1. Pure Science
2. Science with information Technology
3. Science with Vocational Subject - Computer Science or Mechanical maintenance

Junior College - Vocational (1986)

Objectives: Govt. of India in its National Education Policy contemplated Vocational Education at plus two stage (after SSC) having minimum

competencies in various fields. On completion of these two-year courses as vocational technicians with NCERT certificate, the trainees directly enter the world of work. Patuck has several courses in which well-qualified teachers in its own well-equipped laboratories

At present, only two Parsi students out of 3500 students are availing of this golden opportunity. It is hoped that more and more Parsi students become aware and take advantage of this renowned institution.

FULL FAMILY OF SERVANTS OF 72 YEARS OLD SINGLE SENIOR ROSHAN GHADIALI CONTINUES TO OCCUPY HER FLAT G-7 AT BHARUCHA BAUG

In the Parsi Junction issue of 21-04-2019, we had published an appeal letter dated 22-12-2018 from Roshan Ghadiali, a 72 year old spinster residing alone with her servants, complaining of harassment from her servants and requesting Trustees help to remove the servants from her flat. Her appeal was supported by another letter signed by ala the residents of G block.

However nothing has since been done by the Trustees to stop this harassment of a Parsi beneficiary by her servants, who are now proliferating due to the busy schedule of the Trustees from their infighting and one upmanship to take corrective action.

On 2-11-2019, the residents of Bharucha Baug sent another letter to the Trustees complaining of no action being taken though the servant Mrs. Hira Eshwar Patel, her son Nihil and his wife continue to reside in G-7 and harass and torture Roshan Ghadiali. But the BPP administration and our Trustees

continue to be just mute spectators to this blatant trespass.

In the Parsi, Junction issue of 29-12-2019, we published another letter dated 26-12-2019 from the residents to Trustee Viraf Mehta, with copy to Parsi Junction, complaining of the misuse of our Trust properties by servants of senior single residents and requesting quick action or face the same problems like Sharda Sonavane of Khareghat Colony. The letter also informed of another case of a servant Mumtaz residing in Multistorey bldg D-3/33 along with 3 more Muslim men as paying Guest in the seniors flat with request to take urgent action and not repeat the same mistake as in the case of Sharda of Khareghat Colony.

The Trustees with all the resources at their disposal have to take urgent steps to keep control over their property or the servants will soon gang up and trespass into all residences occupied by single seniors. In fact out of the box thinking

is what is required through the recently formed Consultative Committee to keep this problem from spreading to other residences.

Will the Trustees stop their interse disputes and get down to their role of managing their Trust property. It is a sad state of affairs that Kersi Randeria after having neutralized Jame-Jamshed by purchasing its Editorial rights ensures that the community is kept in the dark of all the murky dealings of his majority Trustees. Parsi Times publishes all inane matters but refuses to publish any letters deemed detrimental of the Trustees even if true and factual or answer the various issues raised by this paper. Kersi Randeria uses his Trusteeship as an office to make profit through his paper Parsi Times.

Allotment of Flats is published as paid advertisement only in Parsi Times and not in the really Parsi community paper Jame-Jamshed. Thus all the hundreds of needy

applicants are forced to purchase every week the Parsi Times paper in the hope that their name will be published as a successful allottee of BPP flat thus indirectly enhancing its readership. 'k95tk

It is rumored that the majority Trustees have allowed the Nqf7t63 m4servants family to continue to reside in G-7 till Roshan Ghadiali lives and on her demise they are supposed to vacate the flat. UNBELIEVABLE!!

Are the Trustees really serious about the servants or do they want a repetition of the Sharda Sonavane episode where a Rs. 4 crore flat is locked up in possession of Sharda Sonavane and its full value not being realized now for over five years due to the antics of the majority Trustees.

WILL THE TRUSTEES CLARIFY THE CORRECT POSITION THROUGH PARSITIMES SINCE KERSI RANDERIA RANTS THAT HIS PERSONAL PAPER SHOULD BECOME THE MOUTH PIECE OF BPP TRUSTEES!

INTERACTION OF Z-News with Noshir Dadrawala on BPP BANKERS

From: z-newz@googlegroups.com
<z-newz@googlegroups.com>
On Behalf Of noshir
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Phiroze Amroliwalla <phirozeamroliwalla@gmail.com>
Cc: Firoz Bharucha <firozbharucha55@gmail.com>; Homee Dalal <homeedalal@gmail.com>; Z-Newz <z-newz@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: BPP 'Bankers
BPP is regulated under ...

1. Maharashtra Public Trusts Act 1950 which requires filing audited accounts with Charity Commissioner but no compulsion to put in public domain.
2. The Income Tax Act 1961 which requires annual return to be filed in ITR 7 and Audit Report in Form 10B but no compulsion to put in public domain.
3. Even under Right To Information Act BPP is not a "Public Authority" since it is not "substantially funded by government".

Thus, by Choice ... Yes
Under CompulsionNo.
Of course, to reiterate I would go by the former BPP as a Board can choose to hang it's linen out to dry ... and yes the linen is clean.

Happy festival of colour... May we collectively .. as a community see BPP beyond the usual shades of grey.

Cheers.
Noshir

From: Phiroze Amroliwalla <phirozeamroliwalla@gmail.com>
Date: 10/03/2020 12:33 pm (GMT+05:30)
To: noshir <noshir@capindia.in>
Cc: Firoz Bharucha <firozbharucha55@gmail.com>, Homee Dalal <homeedalal@gmail.com>, Z-Newz <z-newz@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: BPP 'Bankers
Hi All,

As per Mr. Firoz Bharucha if "**BPP is a public charitable trust**", then is it not mandatory for BPP that "the audited accounts should be placed in public domain" irrespective of the cleanliness of the linen? Or does the BPP board have a choice?

Phiroze Amroliwalla

On Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 10:48 AM noshir <noshir@capindia.in> wrote:

Sir,
Personally I am all for putting the complete audited accounts of BPP in public domain.

But, this has to be a Board decision and it would neither be prudent nor good governance on the part of one or more trustee to do so without Board approval.

There are some fears around putting the accounts in public domain, usually around potential misinterpretations and misuse by mischievous elements.

However, personally I feel the audited accounts should be placed in public domain. If the linen is clean (and I do believe it is clean) hang it out for

all to see.

Noshir H Dadrawala

From: Firoz Bharucha <firozbharucha55@gmail.com>
Date: 09/03/2020 12:31 am (GMT+05:30)
To: Noshir - CAP <noshir@capindia.in>
Cc: Homee Dalal <homeedalal@gmail.com>, Z-Newz <z-newz@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: BPP 'Bankers

Dear Sir,

Putting a break is one thing but what about the existing investments? BPP is a public charitable trust and not a private trust. So transparency and accountability are necessary.

Does not community deserve to know the approximate balances? Why secretiveness?

On Sun, 8 Mar 2020 at 17:58, Noshir - CAP <noshir@capindia.in> wrote:

Dear Homee & Firoz,

1. Some of us trustees did put a break on further investments with the cooperative Bank.
2. The foreign bank appears to be stable as of now.

Thank you both.

Noshir

On Sun, 8 Mar 2020 at 14:41, Firoz Bharucha <firozbharucha55@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh yea, you expect a reply. They will spin a yarn that the Coop Bank will

be giving a soft loan to those who will opt to purchase ownership flats in a building that will come up in future.

On Sun, 8 Mar 2020 at 11:47, Homee Dalal <homeedalal@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi

I am penning this against the background of collapse of yet another bank and that too not from Coop Bank sector.

Recently, I read that BPP is facing liquidity issues in paying even monthly salaries. Me 'a poor pensioner' is asking those who cannot pay salary to their own staff.

I am informed, (hope it is incorrect) that most of BPP funds are lying with a Cooperative Bank and a foreign Bank, facing issues.

If true, will any of the Trustees undertake to compensate the community in case of default by such banks.?

Or as in case of banned priests matter no one will be responsible for loss of over Rs. 3 crores towards legal expenses?

Surprising, that our 'religiously enlightened' – self-appointed saviors of our faith and 'ever vigilant' saviors of defunct properties are silent and not approaching charity commissioner.

Charity funds cannot be deployed on the basis of mutual admiration of a banker or flattery of a Trustee by a self-interested banker.

Will B.P.P. Trustees, both de jure and aspiring, who are members on this group be candid to reply?

Homi Dalal.

While I am at Home I thought of sharing some abnormal knowledge which you will like it, Please Read it.

DO YOU KNOW ?

1. *Hot water will turn into ice faster than cold water.*
2. *The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.*
3. *The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.*
4. *The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.*
5. *Ants never sleep!*
6. "I Am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.*
7. *Coca-Cola was originally green.*
8. *The most common name in the world is Mohammed.*
9. *When the moon is directly overhead, you will weigh slightly less.*
10. *Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand.*
11. *There are only two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."*
12. *The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with.*
13. *There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.*
14. *TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.*
15. *Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly the same as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit.*
16. *Chocolate can kill dogs, as it contains theobromine, which affects their heart and nervous system.*
17. *Women blink nearly twice as much as men!*
18. *You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.*
19. *The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.*
20. *People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.*
21. *It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky*
22. *The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.*
23. "Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.*
24. *If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.*
25. *Each king in a deck of playing cards represents great king from history.*
Spades - *King David*
Clubs - Alexander the Great,
Hearts - Charlemagne
Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
26. *It is impossible to lick your elbow.*
27. *111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321*
28. *If a statue of a person in the park on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.*
If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle.
If the horse has a all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
29. *What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common?*
30. *Question* - *This is the only food that never spoil. What is this?*
31. *A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.*
32. *A snail can sleep for three years.*
34. *All polar bears are left handed.*
34. *American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class.*
35. *Butterflies taste with their feet.*
36. *Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.*
37. *In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.*
38. *On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.*
39. *Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.*
40. *The ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.*
41. *The electric chair was invented by a dentist.*
42. *The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.*
43. *Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over million descendants.*
44. *Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times*
45. *The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.*
46. *Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.*

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Hydroxychloroquine and its connection with India

As most of us are already aware, Hydroxychloroquine has already taken the world by storm. Every newspaper is talking about it, and all countries are requesting India to supply it.

Now, a curious person might wonder why and how this chemical composition is so deeply entrenched in India, and is there any history behind it.

Well, there is an interesting history behind it which goes all the way to Tipu Sultan's defeat. In 1799, when Tipu was defeated by the British, the whole of Mysore Kingdom with Srirangapatnam as Tipu's capital, came under British control. For the next few days, the British soldiers had a great time celebrating their victory, but within weeks, many started feeling sick due to Malaria, because Srirangapatnam was a highly marshy area with severe mosquito trouble.

The local Indian population had over the centuries, developed self immunity, and also all the spicy food habits also helped to an extent. Whereas the British soldiers and officers who were suddenly exposed to harsh Indian conditions, started bearing the brunt.

To quickly overcome the mosquito menace, the British Army quickly shifted their station from Srirangapatnam to Bangalore (by establishing the

Bangalore Cantonment region), which was a welcome change, especially due to cool weather, which the Brits were gavelly longing for ever since they had left their shores. But the malaria problem still persisted because Bangalore was also no exception to mosquitoes.

Around the same time in 18th century, European scientists had discovered a chemical composition called "Quinine" which could be used to treat malaria, but it was yet to be extensively tested at large scale. This malaria crisis among British Army came at an opportune time, and thus Quinine was imported in bulk by the Army and distributed to all their soldiers, who were instructed to take regular dosages (even to healthy soldiers) so that they could build immunity. This was followed up in all other British stations throughout India, because every region in India had malaria problem to some extent.

But there was a small problem. Although sick soldiers quickly recovered, many more soldiers who were exposed to harsh conditions of tropical India continued to become sick, because it was later found that they were not taking dosages of Quinine. Why? Because it was very bitter!! So, by avoiding the bitter Quinine, British soldiers were lagging behind on their immunity,

thereby making themselves vulnerable to Malaria in the tropical regions of India.

That's when all the top British officers and scientists started experimenting ways to persuade their soldiers to strictly take these dosages, and during their experiments, they found that the bitter Quinine mixed with Juniper based liquor, actually turned somewhat into a sweet flavor. That's because the molecular structure of the final solution was such that it would almost completely curtail the bitterness of Quinine.

That juniper based liquor was Gin. And the Gin mixed with Quinine was called "Gin & Tonic", which immediately became an instant hit among British soldiers.

The same British soldiers who were ready to even risk their lives but couldn't stand the bitterness of Quinine, started swearing by it daily when they mixed it with Gin. In fact, the Army even started issuing few bottles of Gin along with "tonic water" (Quinine) as part of their monthly ration, so that soldiers could themselves prepare Gin & Tonic and consume them everyday to build immunity.

To cater to the growing demand of gin & other forms of liquor among British soldiers, the British East India company built several local breweries in and

around Bengaluru, which could then be transported to all other parts of India. And that's how, due to innumerable breweries and liquor distillation factories, Bengaluru had already become the pub capital of India way back during British times itself. Eventually, most of these breweries were purchased from British organizations after Indian independence, by none other than Vittal Mallya (Vijay Mallya's father), who then led the consortium under the group named United Breweries headquartered in Bengaluru.

Coming back to the topic, that's how Gin & Tonic became a popular cocktail and is still a popular drink even today. The Quinine, which was called Tonic (without gin), was widely prescribed by Doctors as well, for patients who needed cure for fever or any infection. So, that's how the word "Tonic" became a colloquial word for "Western medicine" in India.

Over the years, Quinine was developed further into many of its variants and derivatives and widely prescribed by Indian doctors. One such descendent of Quinine, called Hydroxychloroquine, eventually became the defacto cure for malaria, which is now suddenly the most sought after drug in the world today.

And that's how, a simple peek into the history of Hydroxychloroquine takes us all the way back to Tipu's defeat, mosquito menace, liquor rationing, colorful cocktails, tonics and medicinal cures.

PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE AND PDF ATTACHMENT TO ALL YOUR PARSI FRIENDS AND CONTACTS

COLABA'S JEEJEEBHOY DADABHOY AGIARY TRUSTEE'S REASSURANCE

THAT IN THE FUTURE NO SUCH ANTI-RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES, WHICH ARE IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE CLAUSES OF THE TRUST DEED, WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE CONDUCTED ANYWHERE ON THE ENTIRE PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND ATTACHED TO THE AGIARY.

7 Feb 2020

Held a meeting with Mr. Rustom Jeejeebhoy, trustee of Seth Jeejeebhoy Dadabhoy Agiary, this evening, at his office in South Mumbai, along with another humdeen.

Mr. Jeejeebhoy regretted that an unfortunate controversy regarding a "juddin" navjote's venue being fixed at the said agiary's complex, had recently erupted in our community. He informed us that he was unaware as to who

had given the permission for holding such a dubious activity on the Agiary's premises.

He was distraught at the thought that the religious sentiments of the traditional members of our community had been inadvertently hurt due to the announcement in the cosmopolitan press regarding the performance of the farcical navjote ceremony in the adjacent hall.

We have been assured by Mr. Jeejeebhoy that he will look into the matter, and that, in future, no such anti-religious ceremonies, which are in contravention of the clauses of the Trust deed, will be allowed to be conducted anywhere on the entire piece and parcel of land attached to the Agiary.

Let us keep our fingers crossed and

hope that Mr. Jeejeebhoy lives up to the assurances given by him.

Mr Yezdi Hodiwala

antiquarianymh@gmail.com

BACKGROUND: Based on reports in the newspapers, it is understood that a Parsi Dara K. Mehta had arranged for the (false) 'naojote' ceremony on 11 Jan 2020 of his Hindu niece and nephew Keava and Fraron Malhotra.

Of course, after protests the 'naojote' was NOT conducted in the Agiary.

A very concerned traditional gentleman from Mumbai, **Mr Yezdi Hodiwala** had issued a notice to the Agiary Trustees.

The spurious naojote was not allowed in the Agiary.

Later in February, Mr Hodiwala and

another traditional Parsi met one of the trustees of the Agiary and the trustee assured them that "*in future, no such anti-religious ceremonies, which are in contravention of the clauses of the Trust deed, will be allowed to be conducted anywhere on the entire piece and parcel of land attached to the Agiary.*"

Mr Hodiwala has then circulated this report of that meeting on social media circles. But the wider Parsi community should be made aware of this.

Hence, Mr Hodiwala has given permission to get this important landmark report circulated in the community. It is an achievement which would have a positive cascading effort when trustees of other such "lenient" Agiaries-Baug's will read it – and amend their mistakes.

At least they are now aware that conscientious community members won't take it lying down any more. Thank you, Mr. Hodiwala.

Sincerely, TZML Admns (tzmladm@gmail.com)