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YAZDI DESAI'S HOSPITALISATION CREATES BANK AUTHORISATION CONTROVERSY

Yazdi Desai, Chairman of BPP, was hospitalised due to stroke late Friday night of 10-4-2020 (for which we wish him a speedy and full recovery) and Saturday morning controversy erupted among Trustees about who would be authorized Trustees for bank clearances in place of Yazdi Desai.

Xerxes Dastur, though junior most as Trustee but the most qualified as a Chartered Accountant, took it upon himself to be in the forefront along with Noshir Dadrawala for Bank Authorisation purposes and accordingly informed the Chief Accountant, Nilufer Patel. This was not appreciated by our egoist the seemingly indispensable Kersi Randeria who treats the BPP as his father's fiefdom immediately shot off a very unbecoming tirade against Xerxes Dastur which has been **only now forwarded to us by one of the disgruntled staff due to the dictatorial behaviour of Kersi Randeria at regularly inspecting and going through their mobiles as to who called them or they talked to whom and making snide and sarcastic remarks if he found any dubious phone calls.**

Poor Nilufer Patel being caught in the cross fires between the Trustees and trying to remain as neutral as she possibly can. Our sympathies to her and the staff in general.

We reproduce below the distasteful mail of Kersi Randeria dated 11-04-2020 and his final acceptance that he does not want to be one of the two Bank Authorisation Trustee, knowing full well that his majority days to dictate to the Board are over:

From: Kranderia <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>
To: Yazdi Desai <yazdi@writercorporation.com>, Yazdi desai

<yazdidesai@hotmail.com>
Cc: Berges Zarir Bhathena <zmbhilla@gmail.com>, Noshir Dadrawala <noshirbpp@gmail.com>, Noshir Dadrawala <noshir101@gmail.com>, armaity tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Viraf D. Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>, Viraf Mehta, CLSA <viraf.mehta@cls.com>, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, Aspi Sarkari BPP <bppdyceo@gmail.com>, Shehnaaz Khambatta <bppjtdyceo@gmail.com>, Cawas Punthaky <bppceo1681@gmail.com>, BPP Housing <bpphousing@gmail.com>, nilufer patel <bppfinance1681@gmail.com>, Benaz Sarita Legal <bpplegal.sb@gmail.com>, KJR Office <kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com>, Kersi Randeria <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>

Date: Saturday, 11 April 2020, 1:29 AM +0530

Subject: Bank Authorization

This morning we heard the news of the temporary set back that Yazdi has received health wise.

I heard it from Xerxes.

A little later I spoke with Nilufer Patel and she asked me to be one of the persons authorizing the e-payments. I agreed.

Some time later Xerxes called Nilufer on a concall with Aspi Sarkari.

He told Nilufer that he and Noshir would authorize the payments.

Nilufer informed him that she had already requested me and that I had agreed to authorize the payments.

He then told her that he would authorize the payments and Noshir and Kersi need to be the confirming parties (????). When Nilufer pointed out that I had already agreed Xerxes suggested that we (Noshir and I) should be stand by for each other.

Despite being told that this was

not possible (as only 2 signatories are accepted) Xerxes called Noshir and requested him to be the second signatory which Noshir (not knowing the background) willingly agreed.

I was told of this so called standby arrangement.

I found it distasteful and disturbing.

The following questions arose to which I could find no answers.

- 1. Who authorized Xerxes to be the prime authorized signatory particularly as he is the junior most Trustee and not very knowledgeable about the working of the Trust?**
2. Why did he insist on Noshir being the "confirming" signatory despite Nilufer informing him of her discussion with me?
3. Why did he unilaterally decide to inform Nilufer to ignore her discussion with me and the decision taken by Nilufer and me?
4. Why despite being told that this would not be acceptable to the bank did he insist on it?
5. Why did he phone Nilufer and Noshir but not me?

After becoming aware of all this I called Xerxes and told him that Trustees calling up members of the administration and telling them to ignore the other Trustees was both extremely distasteful and unacceptable.

Imagine the chaos that such calls would create.....

However I have decided that I will not be a signatory and have accordingly informed Nilufer in the morning itself.

Payments made by Xerxes may not be deemed to have my unqualified acceptance.

Best
Kersi Randeria
Trustee
BPP"

As to his query no. **1. Who authorized Xerxes to be the prime authorized signatory particularly as he is the junior most Trustee and not very knowledgeable about the working of the Trust?**

Since Kersi Randeria from above query obviously boasts to be more knowledgeable than Xerxes Dastur about the working of the Trust, all he had to do is to bring this issue of appointment of authorized Trustees for Bank transactions to the other Trustees to discuss and decide this issue at the subsequent conference call of the Trustees. But he deliberately did not but was forced to accept his fate by deciding not to be a signatory. With two Trustees in hospital, his days of Dictatorship and acting as the de-facto Chairman are well over.

For the first time Kersi Randeria has met his match in Xerxes Dastur who he was in any case accusing of being 'kootchy koo' with the Chairman and perhaps he will now realise how Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta must have felt when they were treated so cavalierly by the same Randeria for refusing them access to any BPP papers so much so that they were forced to move the High Court only where after justice prevailed.

Kersi Randeria in his above mail writes as under

"Trustees calling up members of the administration and telling them to ignore the other Trustees was both extremely distasteful and unacceptable".

It hurts does it not? Remember what goes round comes back to haunt the perpetrator!

UNITED IN THIS FIGHT WE MUST STAND



Today we are fighting an invisible enemy.

No one knows what the future has in store for us and how long this lockdown may extend. These are testing times for

each and every one of us and if we do not unite in this fight we will not survive.

The Parsi Irani community in Mumbai has shown absolute resilience in complying with orders from the State and Central Governments. Our colonies have seen many, if not all residents taking adequate precautions against the virus. Considering our diminishing numbers, it is imperative we take that added precautions to stay as safe as possible.

It must be stressed (repeatedly) that elders are most susceptible to this virus and hence special care needs to be taken

care of them during these testing time. We must keep as minimal contact with our elders as possible yet ensure they are well taken care off.

As many of the community members are aware, the BPP Trustees had launched a helpline to help all in need. The BPP has been receiving number of requests for assistance and the BPP with the help of its staff have been helping as many as possible.

The BPP Trustees also launched a helpline to provide essentials to the people who need it the most. This has been a huge success. We continue to urge residents to use this helpline for any need they may have. A big thank you to all our brave volunteers across Mumbai who have selflessly stepped forward to help the BPP in our endeavour to ensure assistance is provided far and wide.

In fact from this week we will be launching another helpline to help full-time Mobeds whose income has been affected

during this covid period. Just because our Fire Temples are currently not indulging patrons doesn't mean we forget about our priestly brethren.

We have seen multiple other Trusts also provide assistance to needy members which clearly shows that everyone today realises the difficult period in which are passing.

As many of you are aware, the Trustees have launched a scheme to provide free/ highly subsidised meals to the poor and neediest members of our community. This scheme by the Trustees is launching from Monday with caterer Jimmy Gadiwala preparing these meals.

All these actions have been possible because the majority BPP Trustees believe that right now is not the time for egos but for actions. Whilst the present Board may sometimes have a disgruntled Trustee who is not happy with the decisions taken by the Board, the rest of the Board are committed to serving the members of the community during these times and beyond.

The Board of Trustees of the BPP are available to all residents/ community members in need of assistance and otherwise. The role of a Trustee is to serve the community members hence any community member can call any Trustee at any time requesting for assistance. It is our job to serve. If needed, an email can also be sent to all the Trustees who in their collective wisdom will act in the best interests of the community. Community members should refrain from sending emails to only one Trustee as it raises doubts in these testing times and could unnecessarily be considered as favouritism by this Trustee.

Let us not get fooled by rumours. Let us stay positive and let the Trustees serve the community – the very reason they were elected.

Regards,
Viraf D. Mehta
Trustee, BPP

Covid Pandemic - Relief & Rehabilitation of Zoroastrians affected financially

WZO TRUST'S

Application Forms for Zoroastrians facing Financial difficulties due to Covid-19 Pandemic

The WZO Trust Funds and The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust are pleased to convey that they are now in a position to issue forms to Zoroastrians who have been adversely affected financially due to the ongoing

Covid-19 Pandemic. Till such time the lockdown has been lifted and our office, which is in a containment zone, becomes operational, the forms will have to be accessed, filled in and submitted electronically with photocopies of documents as mentioned in the form.

It is stressed that the objectives of this programme are simply to extend financial support by way of relief and

rehabilitation only to those Zoroastrians who are facing financial difficulties due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

It is to be noted that this programme will not be addressing appeals or support requests towards providing relief from poverty, education or medical appeals, requests for self-employment or any other welfare purpose. These will be attended to in the regular course, once our offices are open and functional.

Copies of the application forms, for Covid-19 Pandemic related in English and Gujarati, can be downloaded from

our website <http://www.wzotrust.org>

Forms can also be requested for from any of the three

e-mail id's mentioned on the application forms. In case of difficulties in accessing the web site requests may be sent by e-mail to:

- (a) admin@wzotrust.com
- (b) trustees@wzotrust.com or
- (c) dinshawtamboly@gmail.com.

Specimens of the forms in English and Gujarati are attached.

Very Sincerely,
Dinshaw Tamboly

COVID PANDEMIC AND IT'S AFTERMATH; THE LONG ROAD TOWARDS REHABILITATION.

The world over, people are presently wrestling with the unprecedented implications of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. It is a human crisis unlike any experienced earlier.

By way of providing immediate relief during the pandemic, We, The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust and The WZO Trust Funds have played a reasonably proactive role by supporting from our own funds, Masina Hospital at Mumbai to create isolation facilities, as also recommended to and facilitated overseas donors to support this initiative, and supported the distribution of food packets through volunteers of 'Pehchaan' to migrant workers and slum dwellers of Mumbai suffering from hardships.

With the lockdown scheduled to be progressively lifted from mid May onwards, the time is now on hand to planning and focus on providing relief and rehabilitation to Zoroastrians who have been adversely affected economically due to the pandemic.

Given the severity of the pandemic one can foresee that once the lockdowns and travel restrictions have been lifted,

the focus will have to be on continuing providing relief, as well as to organize rehabilitation of Zoroastrians who have been severely affected - in cities, towns and villages. The tasks are undoubtedly extremely daunting and will be long term effort.

With the lockdown has been lifted and travel restrictions eased, it will be necessary to not only continue relief but also to plan rehabilitation strategies, as may be necessary, for Zoroastrians who are facing immense hardships as a result of the pandemic.

Providing relief is a temporary measure, whereas organizing rehabilitation is a distinctly and extremely long process that entails first counseling distressed minds to be optimistic, followed by assessing what would be the most practical and quickest manner of rehabilitating entire families who would have lost their jobs or means of livelihoods and / or suffered from illnesses during the troubled times and finally raising resources from donors that would be used to bring affected families back into the mainstream of society.

To successfully rehabilitate Zoroastrians affected by the pandemic, it will be essential that all hands (volunteers

and donors) will need to be on deck, doing what they can do best to alleviate the suffering.

The main impacts of the lock down that will need to be addressed are:

1	Arranging food grains packages for Zoroastrians in cities, towns and villages who have suffered economic hardships
2	Financial difficulties being faced by families of white collar workers having received only half their regular salaries and in many cases no salaries
3	Financial difficulties being faced by families of blue collar workers not having received salaries as the factories, workshops have all had to shut down.
4	Financial difficulties being faced by individuals involved in modest Self Employment initiatives such as driving autorickshaws, commercial taxi's, auto mechanics, stationery shops etc who have been unable to go about their professions.
5	Full time Mobeds who are not employed by Agiyaries but are daily wage earners find themselves with no income.
6	Supporting agriculturists who have been unable to harvest their standing crops that have decayed on account of non availability of labour force. Dairy Farmers having suffered financial setbacks as milk collected from their livestock's being unable to reach the processing dairies; difficulty in obtaining feed for their cattle. Poultry farming having come to a standstill as it has not been possible to transport the fully grown fowls to processing units. Brick kilns are an industry having a short 7 month window (December to June); 7 Zoroastrian beneficiaries who have established kilns in their villages have suffered severe financial setback as the migrant labourers have left for their native places leaving half baked and unbaked bricks causing immense hardships.

Service to our people is the need of the times. We can at best play a proactive role by using all the means available to us in terms of manpower and by raising resources from donors.

We request individuals and institutions from all over the world, having the means and resources, to dig deep into their pockets and donate generously to enable us to undertake rehabilitation of the many Zoroastrians who have suffered untold misery during the pandemic:

Donations may please be sent by cheques made out in the name of:
The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust
C-1, Hermes House,
Mama Parmanand Marg,
Opera House,
Mumbai 400 004

Donations can also be made directly into our bank accounts, details of which are:

For remittances from within India	For remittances from overseas converted into INR
Name of Bank: Deutsche Bank	Name of Bank: Deutsche Bank
Branch: Hazarimal Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai.	Branch: Hazarimal Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai.
Branch Address: D B House, Hazarimal Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai 400 001	Branch Address: D B House, Hazarimal Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai 400 001

For remittances from within India	For remittances from overseas converted into INR
Account title: The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust.	Account title: The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust – FCRA.
Account No: 400004259620019	Account No: 400004284180028
Account type: Savings	Account type: Savings
IFSC Code: DEUT0784PBC	IFSC Code: DEUT0784PBC
Note Donors should provide the address where their receipts should be mailed and also inform their PAN details.	Note It may be noted that the banks in India have now stopped accepting cheques from overseas for clearance and insist that online remittances should be done. Donors should provide the address where their receipts should be mailed.

Very Sincerely,

Dinshaw K Tamboly

Dinshaw K Tamboly;
Chairman.

For Office Use Only. Form Ref. _____ Date: _____

THE WZO TRUST FUNDS
THE WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION TRUST
Address: C-1, Hermes House, 3rd Floor, M. P. Marg, Opera House, Mumbai 400 004. India.

Tel No. 91-22-23684451; 91-22- 23684452; 91-22- 23684453. Website: www.wzotrust.org
E-mail: admin@wzotrust.com, dinshawtamboly@gmail.com, trustees@wzotrust.com

APPLICATION FORM ONLY FOR ZOROASTRIANS
IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS DUE TO COVID PANDEMIC

- Name: _____
- Age: _____
- Address: _____
- Contact No: _____ Alternate No: _____
- E-mail ID: _____

6. Details of Family Members:

Sr. No.	Full Name	Relationship	Age	Annual Income Rs.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

- Total Annual Family Income: Rs. _____
Please attach the latest salary or income certificate and bank statements from October 2019 onwards.

- Details of financial difficulties due to Covid19 / Lock Down
Tick any **1 Box** and explain circumstances in space below; use additional page if required:

- Employed individual having received only half the regular salaries or no salary.
- Self Employed
- Full time Moped working on daily wages not earned income
- Farmer / Dairy Farm / Poultry Farm / Brick Kiln
- Any other Covid pandemic related reason – Specify: _____

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Signature

For Office Use Only. Form Ref. _____ Date: _____

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Tel No. 91-22-23684451; 91-22- 23684452; 91-22- 23684453. Website: www.wzotrust.org
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ફક્ત કોવિડ (કોરોના) રોગચાળાને કારણે આર્થિક તકલીફ ભોગવનાર જરથોસ્તીઓ માટેનું અરજી ફોર્મ

- પુરું નામ: _____
- ઉંમર: _____
- સરનામું: _____
- ફોન નંબર: _____ વૈકલ્પિક (બીજો) નંબર: _____
- ઈ-મેઇલ આઈડી: _____
- કુટુંબના સભ્યોની વિગત: _____

અનુ.	પુરું નામ	સંબંધ	ઉંમર	વાર્ષિક આવક રૂ.
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- કુટુંબની કુલ વાર્ષિક આવક રૂ. _____
મહેરબાની કરી હાલનો પગાર અથવા આવકનું પ્રમાણપત્ર અને ઓક્ટોબર ૨૦૧૯ પછીના બેક સ્ટેટમેન્ટ/પાસબુકની નકલ જોડવી.

- કોવિડ19(કોરોના)/ લોક ડાઉનને કારણે આર્થિક મુશ્કેલીઓની વિગતો:
નીચેના કોઈપણ એક જ બોક્ષ પર ટીક કરો અને નીચે આપેલ ખાલી જગ્યામાં તમારી આર્થિક મુશ્કેલી જણાવો; જરૂર પડે તો વધારાનું કાગળ જોડી શકો છો.

- રોજગારી (નોકરી) છે, પરંતુ નિયમિત અડધો પગાર મળે છે અથવા પગાર મળતો નથી.
- સ્વરોજગાર (Self Employed)
- દૈનિક ધોરણે કામ કરતા કુલટાર્ઠમ મોબેટ પરંતુ આવક મળેલ નથી.
- ખેડૂત / ડેરી ફાર્મ / મરઘાં ફાર્મ / ઈટના ભઠ્ઠા
- કોઈ અન્ય કોરોના રોગચાળા સંબંધિત કારણ હોય તો વિગત આપો: _____

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અરજદારની સહી

GODREJ BAUG CONTINUES IN THE EYE OF A STORM

KERSI RANDERIA REFUSES PERMISSION TO TEHMTAN DUMASIA TO CONTINUE TO FEED ITS RESIDENTS

In keeping with our motto of Transparency and Accountability, Parsi Junction of 15-12-2019 and 29-12-2019 had informed the community at large that the Godrej Baug Residents Welfare Association (GBRWA) had refused to give copies of its financial accounts to an elected member of its Managing Committee, Mr. Tehmtan Dumasia, in spite of several assurances given by them to concerned members of the community, including the Trustee, leading to his filing a complaint in the office of the Charity Commissioner seeking a copy of the same.

This situation was similar to what the three Minority Trustees –Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta had to face from the Majority Trustees–Kersi Randeria, Zareer Bhathena, Yazdi Desai and Noshir Dadrawala-when after the October 2015 elections they were deprived of access to all files, documents, Minutes, etc and ultimately they were forced to move the High court which admonished the Majority Trustees berating them as Dictators and ordered them to give the minority Trustees all papers and Minutes and finally Consent Terms were filed on same lines. Unfortunately whilst the majority Trustees squandered around Rs. 1 crore towards legal fees of community charity funds without spending a penny from their own pockets towards their illegal objectives, the minority Trustees had to spend the huge legal fees from their own pockets.

Based on this orders of the High Court, Tehmtan Dumasia moved the Charity Commissioner seeking similar justice of receiving financial accounts of the Association as its elected member. At the time of filing his application, he was shocked to learn that the accounts of the Association were not filed in time since 2016 and hence the Charity Commissioner by its Order dated 6th November 2017 had deregistered GBRWA for non-compliance of statutory provisions. It seems that the Show Cause notice before deregistration was not responded by the Managing Committee within 30 days of the notice. Whilst re-registration is normally only a formal application as yet the same has not been received and since 2017 collection of all monies in the guise of being a charitable trust is an offence and punishable under law and

all actions taken by them are without any authority.

During this pandemic time, Tehmtan was supplying cooked food to the residents of Godrej Baug who ordered them. Due to slipped disc injury, he had stopped his catering service for some time and now when he wanted to resume his catering service through his son, he approached the Managing Committee for permission to resume his catering service in view of the partial lockdown as a covid positive patient was found in Godrej Baug.

He was told by the MC to obtain permission from Kersi Randeria in spite of several others like powwalla, Parsi Dairy farm van, provision stores van, mango vendors, other vendors, etc being allowed to Supply provisions to the residents without any requirement of Trustees permission. Tehmtan phoned up Trustee Randeria and was shocked to be told that he would give permission only if he agreed to withdraw his complaint before the Charity Commissioner seeking copy of accounts.

It is not understood with what authority Kersi Randeria could put such a condition without consultation and approval of the Board of Trustees and hence his action was arbitrary, colourable and without authority. Realizing his mistake, Tehmtan Dumasia then sent mail to all the Trustees seeking their approval to supply food to the Godrej Baug residents who wanted the same. We have received the mails from Tehmtan for publication of this highly authoritarian behaviour of Kersi Randeria. On 27-04-2020 Tehmtan Dumasia sent his request mail to all the Trustees as under:

"From: Tehmtan Dumasia <tdumasia@gmail.com>
To: Bpp Panthaky <bppceo1681@gmail.com>, Noshir BPP <noshirbpp@gmail.com>, Kersi Randeria <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, Viraf D Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>, Yazdi Desai <yazdidesai@hotmail.com>, Armaity R Tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Zarir Bhathena <zmbhilla@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, 27 April 2020, 4:26 PM +0530

Subject: OBSTRUCTION FROM

CONDUCTING ESSENTIAL SERVICES BUSINESS

Tehmtan J Dumasia
G/13, GODREJ BAUG, OFF
NAPEANSEA ROAD, MUMBAI
400026. 9820085528.
27th April 2020.

To,
The Chairman & Trustees,
Bombay Parsi Panchayet,
Mumbai 40001.

Dear sir/madam

Re: Obstruction for keeping a Essential Service menu for the residents of GODREJ BAUG.

I the undersigned am a private caterer having my kitchen in Mumbai. I have been through this difficult period serving food to various faction of society in and around South Mumbai. I also possess an **Essential Services Pass** from Mumbai police which is also registered and acknowledged by the BMC. I have been from my kitchen operating for the entire period of Covid 19 and helping people by providing food at subsidised rates.

Since I have the capacity to provide clean and hygienic food, several residents from GODREJ BAUG have repeatedly asked me to provide packed pre ordered meals to them with a limited menu. Over the last 2 weeks I have successfully fulfilled orders for small ticket items such as cutlets etc which has been greatly appreciated by one and all in the colony.

I hereby bring to your notice that for the convenience of the residents there **are several vendors** who are coming to the colony and serving the residents, however to my surprise and awe I am being told by Managing Committee and Mr.Kersi Randeria on behalf of the entire BPP that permission to sell essential goods as catering of food cannot be granted to me.

In light of the aforementioned I humbly urge u to grant me permission to sell essential goods such as packed catered food which is permissible under the present laws, also this would help in reducing outside catering which could prove to be detrimental and in fact lead to more cases due to interaction with outsiders.

I am seeking from you this permission so this I am in conformity with the law and there are no surprises at a later date

which would come to your attention.

Awaiting a favourable and early response,
Yours sincerely,
TEHMTAN DUMASIA:"

Even before the other Trustees could consider Tehmtan's request on a conference call interse the five Trustees, since two are in hospital, hopefully recovering from their ailments and we wish them speedy recovery, Kersi Randeria immediately replied to the above mail refuting the charges made by Tehmtan as under:

"From: Kranderia <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>
To: Bpp Panthaky <bppceo1681@gmail.com>, Noshir BPP <noshirbpp@gmail.com>, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, Viraf D Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>, Yazdi Desai <yazdidesai@hotmail.com>, Armaity R Tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Zarir Bhathena <zmbhilla@gmail.com>, Tehmtan Dumasia <tdumasia@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, 27 April 2020, 6:33 PM +0530

Subject: Re: OBSTRUCTION FROM CONDUCTING ESSENTIAL SERVICES BUSINESS

Dear Tehmtan

I was very clear that I was NOT speaking on behalf of the entire or even part of the BPP

In fact it was YOU who called me at around 11 am and asked for my "permission" for your proposal.

Just a recap:

When you initially wanted to sell Cutlets, Patties etc outside the Agiary all the Trustees said No. It was unanimous.

You have not explained your present proposal clearly.

This is what you want:

You intend your son to sit in the car in the parking lot every day and want people to come and buy lunch and dinner from you. Further you intend to reopen your van/shop at least twice a week in the evening also and sell Cutlets etc

Farhad, you and I were on a con call where Farhad suggested that your son go on his two wheeler and stand below the buildings so that people can come down and take their food.

Surprisingly you refused to do this and insisted that people would rather walk all the way to your garage to pick up their lunch but would not come to the ground floor of their building for the same.

Strange is it not? Yet you insisted on this sale from your "car in your garage" much as you had insisted on sale from the Agiary gate earlier (which incidentally you also asked "permission" for today)

Finally after a long and tiring discussion I suggested that you could go ahead (with Farhad's proposal) if you were so insistent. But I also insisted that you must be clear and can not in the future say I gave you permission!

When you raised various issues like Tarachand truck etc. I pointed out to you that it was not an apple to apple comparison

I asked you what would be BPP's stand if another occupant approached us to sell sandwiches from his parking lot, a third asked for permission to sell chai and a fourth to sell ice cream.

You rather arrogantly said that you wanted to write an email to the Trustees and get their reply. You refused the suggestion of your son delivering food to the respective buildings

You must understand that lying about our conversation doesn't really help you as Farhad Hozdar was on the con call with us.

Also a point that you may like to consider - you will be doing all your cooking in a hospital compound would you not?

Best
Kersi"

Tehmtan's response to Randeria's mail was very clear and succinct alleging that 'Randeria would instruct the Association to let him conduct his catering service if he withdrew his cases (before the Charity Commissioner)'. When Tehmtan called up Farhad Hozdar about his demand to withdraw the Charity Commissioner complaint, he was told by Farhad as to why Randeria is bringing up this issue and politicizing it'. We publish his reply to Kersi Randeria as under:

"From: Tehmtan Dumasiasia <tdumasiasia@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Yazdi Desai <yazdidesai@hotmail.com>; Kersi Randeria <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>; Noshir Dadrawala <noshir@capindia.in>; Zarir Bhathena <zmbhilla@gmail.com>; Armaity R Tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>; Viraf D Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>; Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>

Subject: Reply to Mr.Kersi Randeria.
Tehmtan J Dumasiasia

G/13, GODREJ BAUG, OFF NAPEANSEA ROAD, MUMBAI 400026. 9820085528.

28th April 2020.

Dear Mr. Randeria,

It amuses me how you keep changing your stand every time you are spoken with. Since you have referred to our conversation on the concall, the main thing you wished to speak about was the withdrawal of my court cases against the association.

When we had our first call at 11.am [11.am], at which time there was no concall. When you were told by me that, selling food which is an essential service cannot be obstructed as the Tarachand Truck and the local bread man are doing the same thing, you attempted to divert the topic and suggested clearly that **I withdraw my cases against the association and in lieu of that you will convince the association to let me conduct business. Upon which I immediately called Farhad who himself questioned as to why Mr. Randeria is bringing up this issue and politicizing it.** He also went ahead to say how neither he nor me have brought up this conversation since it's a time we need to work together and Mr. Randeria need not discuss it in such a context. Thus, again second time referring to the court cases which have no relevance to the present issue.

Further, from your conversation it only seems like you are attempting to disrupt my business. **Please note that Tarachand Truck and other trucks coming to sell their goods and asking people to collect their parcel from my garage are one and the same thing i.e. Apple for Apple as per your example.**

It was on the requests of residents that I began this and I wish to continue it since it has been helpful to many residents. **It was on my insistence to Farhad that we should check the janitor and we were lucky to catch it early and he is recovering to good health since there were no symptoms.** My son would have been at risk had it not been for early self-discipline. Yes, the food does come from the kitchen of a hospital compound, which inspects and verifies every, thing and person coming in and out ensuring maximum safety for the food. **It is indeed more reliable and safer in comparison to the other vendors getting their items.**

You may duly note that, I have a license to conduct the business of essential service from the BMC and the Police. I do not wish to cause trouble in these difficult times. **I have no intention to start my van as insinuated by you.** Since the food will come in my car, it is advisable that people cue up with reasonable distance and take it from under my building. The idea of delivering

under each building over a two-wheeler applies when a family orders a pizza or a meal, not for a Baug where each order placed is for a family of four or more. I would rather have them collect it safely than putting my son's life in peril by asking him to go from building to building, which was the suggestion you and Farhad were availing. I am not running a shop or have any intentions to in the future, the vehicle was only a tool of distribution for **pre-orders** given to me, to park at a spot such as the Agiyari or the Garage under G wing, both of which have ample space for maintaining a safe distance from each other.

From your email it seems that you are now suggesting that, the BPP and all the other trustees have not taken these decisions and you have conveniently taken them without bothering to consult your fellow trustees. It seems from your action that, you have decided to obstruct me intentionally, by saying that people can come downstairs to sell "Sandwich Cola and Ice Cream".

You may be unaware of this but, food is a shortage and a luxury people are not having access to, even the BMC was under the scanner for distributing meal packets in areas where the food was spoiled. If the residents of the baug agree to meet at a point, at a certain time for a pre-ordered, cooked meal, to be taken from a designated spot and a designated vehicle I fail to see why it gets to be an issue.

These double standard of having a bread man at a centralized place, having the food trucks come in, however, if I ask for some convenience, that without complete consideration is duly ignored and scorned at.

This only gives me a reason to believe that, you are deliberately obstructing me and allowing other persons to conduct business in whatsoever fashion they chose.

Thank you,
Tehmtan Dumasiasia"

Randeria once again without waiting for any response from his colleagues immediately replied the same day that Tehmtan was lying and we reproduce the same to be fair to Kersi Randeria:

"From: Kranderia <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>

To: Yazdi Desai <yazdidesai@hotmail.com>, Noshir Dadrawala <noshir@capindia.in>, Zarir Bhathena <zmbhilla@gmail.com>, Armaity R Tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Viraf D Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, Tehmtan Dumasiasia <tdumasiasia@gmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, 28 April 2020, 4:13 PM +0530

Mr Dumasiasia

You lie!

Why did you call me at 11 am?

And yes definitely I suggested that we should all work together and not against each other in the interest of the colony not once but half a dozen times in the last 3 months

Let me give an example:

You informed me that Mr Dinshaw Mehta had called you to his house for a secret meeting to attempt a settlement. You further stated that before going out his house you called Ms Anahita Desai and requested her to inform Yazdi Desai of your visit to Mr Mehta's house so that he would know and not "misunderstand"

You are adept at playing games.

It is sad

However the fact remains that you do intend to bring your food and cutlets etc from the Masina Hospital compound (where you will be cooking it) in your car and then opening your "car" (or van is what you had told me) shop daily in the afternoon and additionally for 2 or 3 days in the evening for your patties and cutlets in the parking provided by the BPP simply because you don't want to cook at home and/or deliver the food.

You also agreed that others may or should be allowed to sell tea, sandwiches, ice cream etc from their garages. A supermarket won't you agree?

There are many other issues (including saying Noshir pissed me off) that you spoke of which would be a waste of time if I wrote about them

Suffice it is to reiterate my opening line:

Mr Dumasiasia - you lie
**Kersi Randeria
Trustee
BPP"**

Subsequently, the five Trustees at their conference call on 29-04-2020 discussed and considered the request of Tehmtan Dumasiasia for permission to supply cooked food to the residents of Godrej Baug as per their pre-orders. In spite of vociferous demand of Kersi Randeria to categorically refuse permission to him, the Trustees decided by majority that since none of the other Vendors supplying various goods and foods including even mangoes had sought the Trustees permission, there was no need for the Trustees to meddle now in the Baug activities and left it to Tehmtan to supply food if he wanted for which no permission was required from the Trustees.

Thus ended the saga of Tehmtan's catering service which was tried to be blackmailed to be permitted by Kersi Randeria only if he withdrew his complaint to Charity Commissioner for his demand of access to financial accounts of the Association.

Corona Virus: Points to ponder by Phiroze Amroliwala

As the events unfold, there is little doubt that the pandemic is a result of the simmering trade war between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China. Most other economically strong nations are collateral damage in an undeclared war by China without it having to fire a single missile.

From the facts and figures available from media reports it appears that even if China is not guilty of intentionally creating this

attack, at the very least it is culpable of contributing to worldwide large scale infections, loss of life, and destroying economies of the world on a scale never before experienced!

On January 11, China announced its first death from the virus. The WHO reported on January 13 a case in Thailand, the first outside of China, in a woman who had arrived from Wuhan. On January 17, as a second death was reported in Wuhan, health authorities in the US announced that three airports would start screening passengers arriving from the city. Authorities in the US, Nepal, France, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Vietnam, and Taiwan confirmed cases over the following days. On January 20, China reported a third death and more than 200 infections, with cases also reported outside Hubei province including in Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen. Meanwhile, a Chinese expert on infectious diseases confirmed human-to-human transmission to state broadcaster CCTV, raising fears of a major outbreak as millions traveled for the Lunar New Year holiday. The cities of Wuhan, Xiantao, and Chibi in Hubei province were placed under effective quarantine on January 23 as air and rail departures were suspended. By the end of the week, more areas were placed under lockdown affecting a total of 56 million people.

The WHO said that the outbreak did not yet constitute a public emergency of international concern and there was "no evidence" of the virus spreading between humans outside of China.

It was only on January 30, the WHO declared the coronavirus a global emergency as the death toll in China jumped to 170, with 7,711 cases reported in the country, where the virus had spread to all 31 provinces. By the end of the week, China reported 304 deaths amid 14,380 infections.

Within a few days, new cases were confirmed in India, Philippines, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Singapore, the US, the UAE, and Vietnam.

In view of the above, the doubts expressed by President Trump that WHO demonstrated partiality towards China are not entirely misplaced, and because of which Mr. Trump denied aid to WHO. Further support for his theory came when

China gave WHO 50 million Dollars! Any quid pro quo or is it just a coincidence?

It is pertinent to note that while the virus originated in China around the end of December 2019 and has claimed 4632 lives from 82,804 reported cases with a death rate of 3 per million population, the USA reported 894034 cases with 50919 fatalities with a death rate of 154 per million population.

While on the international front there are several options which the affected countries can choose from, initiating civil and criminal cases in The International Court of Justice at the Hague is definitely one. In my email of April 20, 2020, I had suggested that "it was payback time when at least the leading democratic economies of the world should in one voice decide to Boycott all China-made products and completely stop Trade, both Imports, and Exports with The People's Republic Of China. This would be a small price to pay when compared with what the world has suffered in the First quarter of 2020. I had then advocated that a strong and deterrent message needs to be sent to China before it is too late.

On our domestic front India and our Prime Minister have received praise from outside our country for their prompt actions. It is true that one is damned if you do and damned if you don't. However one needs to consider that India had confirmed cases as early as January 30. Instead of declaring a national lockdown as late as March 24, India could have done better by starting to screen inward-bound passengers immediately the first signs appeared.

Such a step would have positively prevented the likes of Tablighi Jamaat which was held early March and which was attended by around 300 foreigners from countries affected by the virus. To make matters worse these affected foreigners could not leave India even if they had wanted to as the Lockdown shut all incoming and outgoing flights, both domestic and international as well as all public surface transport too. This further led to difficulties faced by law enforcement agencies in tracing these persons as they used unregistered and unconventional modes of transport and landed up in far off states which ultimately suffered heavily due to the centers' ill-advised move.

Before enforcing the lockdown the Centre should have provided a window of at least 48 hours for the huge migrant population which mainly comprised the poorest segment of the country's unorganized labor force to reach their home towns and villages. These were people without shelter, food, or money with none to help them and no transport to reach their own villages! This view is now being supported by even the Maharashtra government.

This is what Christopher Wood, Global

Head of Equity Strategy at Jefferies had to say: "Lockdown in countries like India and Indonesia are more disastrous for human welfare and economies since there is no help for small businesses nor are there unemployment benefits". In the latest weekly note Greed & Fear, Wood said the situation in countries like India and Indonesia is in contrast with the US where the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Programme will provide up to \$349 billion in forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees for eight weeks during the health crisis. "... in countries such as India, with young demographics, such a lockdown causes more human suffering than Covid-19 itself. This continuing lockdown is, unfortunately, making it ever more inevitable that India will suffer a consumer lending cycle," said Wood.

In this scenario it is the poorest of the poor who will suffer the most. More lives are likely to be lost due to starvation and suicides than due to the virus, and millions of jobs will be lost, some forever, and it will be an uphill task to get our industries and trade to get back on track. This is not to say that others will not suffer.

Our economy has been sliding in most sectors and Covid 19 seems to be the final nail in the coffin!

If the last month is any indication, an indeterminate lockdown can have an effect on not just finances but also on one's physical and mental health as well. To get out of that it may take a while. The one silver lining is that nature and our earth has got time for some rejuvenation.

With best wishes to all on this planet,
Phiroze Amroliwala

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