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WADIA EMPLOYEE RUSTOM LAWYER TAKES ON BPP TRUSTEES

NEW TIFF BETWEEN TRUSTEES AND NUSLI WADIA

Earlier we had reported of the huge tiff between Nusli Wadia and Noshir Dadrawala on the functioning of the Wadia Committee of Management which whilst sitting on hundreds of crores of deposits and donations wanted to still raise service charges of the Wadia Baugs by a further Rs. 5000/ pm for Ness, Cusrow and Rustom Baugs and Rs. 2000/ pm for Nowroz and Jer Baug on the ostensible ground of Baug expenses being much higher than the present service charges.

This was opposed by Noshir Dadrawala, which resulted in an exchange of nasty words between Nusli Wadia and Noshir Dadrawala. This also led to Noshir boycotting attending further WCM meetings. Ultimately with the smooth intervention of Ness Wadia, it was decided the warring factions would work out a compromise in the best interest of all.

You will also recollect that in the Parsi Junction issue of 15th March 2020, we had highlighted the misdemeanor of employee Rustom Lawyer who had arbitrarily and without authority issued 'Stop Work Notice' to stop the repair work being done by a tenant of a Shop at Cusrow Baug. This came as a shock to the Trustees of the BPP, as Mr. Lawyers was knowing full well that the Trustees had given the tenant permission to conduct repairs.. There was an abundance of mails by the BPP Trustees against Mr. Lawyer reprimanding him for his unilateral actions, which were published in Parsi Junction of 15th March 2020.

On the defiance of Rustom Lawyer, on 2nd March 2020, Noshir had raised some pertinent questions:

1. Who sets policy–WCM staff or BPP?
2. Who decides action–WCM staff or BPP?
3. Who does the staff of WCM take orders from–BPP or some other entity?
4. Who signs salary and other cheques for WCM staff and all other expenses–BPP Trustees or some other entity?

It is time all seven BPP Trustees take a strong and United stand on this. I am not suggesting we burn our bridges. I am only saying let's cross the bridge with clear understanding of who stands where and walk it with respect and dignity. Noshir"

Whilst all the other Trustees were unitedly objecting to the defiance and disobedience of Rustom Lawyer, Yazdi Desai, sprang to his rescue and sent his mail on 11-03-2020 as under:

"It is astonishing that 2 BPP Trustees should be admonishing and insulting a senior management member of the Wadia Trust for duly following an established set of Operating Procedures to protect the properties of the Trust. The two BPP Trustees are guilty of sub-section (d) of Section 41 of the BPT Act.

**Kind Regards,
Yazdi"**

It is surprising that the Chairman of BPP is not aware that firstly, there is nothing like Wadia Trust, as the same was de-registered in 1954 when all the Wadia properties were handed over to the BPP by the benevolent Jerbai Wadia under her will. This bequest was made specifically so that none of her progeny could henceforth interfere in the affairs and management of the Wadia Baugs.

Secondly, the separate Registration Number of the Wadia Trusts in the records of the Charity Commissioner was cancelled in 1957-58 by the Charity Commissioner after the above bequest as all the properties and assets of the Wadia Trusts had amalgamated with the BPP as being a part of BPP Trust and no Trust can exist without any assets.

Randeria on 11-3-2020 immediately corrected Yazdi Desai that

'Rustom Lawyer is NOT a senior member of OUR Trust but he is an Outsider', being the paid employee of Nusli Wadi.

Parsi Junction had then commented that

"It will be interesting to see whether the Trustees will take this issue to its logical conclusion or once again they will back peddle against the perceived might of the Wadias and allow the injustice of the WCM appointed by the Trustees, to operate at their will and fancy, to fester on dictating terms to the Trustees or will they have the backbone to take them on".

Luckily due to covid pandemic, everything on the said issue has since come to a standstill.

When Dinshaw Mehta sent out his mail to the Consultative Committee and Trustees on 12th April 2020 on various matters such as (a) the welfare of the residents of Godrej Foundation building in Contractor Baug, Mahim (b) as well as residents of Bhabha Sanatorium, (c) transport permission of Baval Firewood from Talasari to Ness Baug and (d) the welfare of the daily wage earner Mobeds, Jimmy Mistry responded on behalf of the Mobeds for their welfare.

After discussing with Dinshaw Mehta as to what was required to be done, Jimmy Mistry persuaded Nusli Wadia on 14-04-2020 to agree to allow Wadia Committee of Management to advance (by way of a refundable loan) Rs. 75 lakhs for the mobeds from the BPP's Wadia Baugs accounts, which amounts actually belong to the BPP., as per mail sent by Rustom Lawyer, employee of Wadias, to all the Trustees by way of a circular Resolution on 15th April 2020.

Naturally Noshir Dadrawala was not amused by the circular resolution shared and asked the following relevant questions to all colleagues on the WCM on 15th April 2020:

1. "Who or What are "NN & RN Wadia Baugs"? Are these Registered legal entities?

2. Are “NN & RN Wadia Baugs” properties vested in the seven Trustees of the BPP or someone else?
3. If “NN & RN Wadia Baugs” properties are vested in the seven Trustees of the BPP, who is advancing what to whom?
4. Is there a bank account held in the name and style “NN & RN Wadia Baugs”? Whether Yes or No, who are the authorized signatories?

No disrespect meant. Just want to understand the facts. Also I am all for helping the poor Parsis--Mobeds or Behdin. But, I would question these funds going to rich Panthaky sahebs who have earned and saved enough over the years and live a reasonably comfortable life.

When Jimmy called me last evening, I readily agreed to what he proposed and I maintain my stand that let's help mobeds who are really suffering or starving and right away. But not those (I am refraining from naming them) who are well off financially.

Could we please get on a conference call today evening at 6.15pm?

Regards,
Noshir:”

Armaity Tirandaz on 15th April 2020 raised a valid point and sought clarification as to why Rs. 75/95 lakhs should be on loan and repayable and to who?

Noshir agreed and added

“whose fund is it anyway”?

Smarting from the retort of the Trustees daring to question his orders and authority, Nusli Wadia, retorted to the Trustees as under:

‘that Wadia Trusts continues to exist and the Trustees of BPP who are Trustees of NN & RN Wadia Trusts are bound by the stated objects of the Wadia Trusts as defined by the Donors which is only housing of poor Parsis and hence the funds for mobed welfare can only be given as advance/loan (refundable loan), like the other previous amounts were given as loan for this reason.’

It is reported that Nusli Wadia thereafter has indicated to the Trustees that post covid, he would move the Charity Commissioner or the High Courts for all issues with regards to matters of the Wadia Trusts’.

Noshir not one to be cowed down immediately replied to Nusli and all his colleague Trustees and the members of the Wadia Committee of Management and BPP officers as well as ex-Trustee Jimmy Mistry who had actually initiated the loan/donation from Nusli Wadia:

‘Agreed that it was time this ambiguity was cleared and settled once and for all and also agreed that whatever the outcome, both parties should abide by what the Supreme Court will ultimately decide (Charity Commissioner being the starting point). He further stressed that all Trustees were tired of all this begging and borrowing of their own funds. He agreed that if this

is not BPP FUNDS then so be it but let Supreme Court decide.’

Subsequently we are informed that Nusli Wadia has withdrawn his offer to allow use of BPP funds lying in Wadia Baugs accounts even as loan to help poor jobless Mobeds affected by the lockdown and the closure of Agiaries in these pandemic times.

Whilst Jimmy Mistry tried his utmost to convince the Trustees to take it as a loan to help the Mobeds like they have been taking loans in the past for various other causes as ultimately the question of refund of the loan from their left pocket to their right pocket cannot arise.

But for once the Trustees were adamant that why should they take their own money as a loan.

In this controversy of whether Wadia Trusts continues to exist or they ceased to exist from 1954 onwards, it was unfortunately the Mobeds who have been deprived of some much needed funds.

Post Covid there is no doubt that Nusli Wadia will proceed legally on this matter.

It is pleasing to report that in spite of their own financial difficulties, the BPP Trustees decided to help the needy Mobeds on a one time basis as many Agiaries had been closed for several months due to COVID.

The above actions of the BPP are truly what a charitable trust should be about. Despite being cash-strapped, the Trustees managed to help out mobeds of our community. You will recollect during this pandemic, the BPP Trustees have set up a help line for any one in need and also offered meals free of cost to the needy members of our community.

Unfortunately, when matters of charity are managed like a business (to make profits), senseless decisions like offering loans for our mobeds are made. It is disappointing that despite not being required to do so, the Trustees of the BPP were made to ask Nusli Wadia to use the BPP's funds to aid our mobeds. One would have thought that in testing times such as these, people would set aside their ambitions to make profits and work towards helping the community. Unfortunately, when the community needed help the most, the Wadia Committee not only failed to deliver but refused to help the community. However, the BPP was there to serve the members of the community.

The Trustees therefore issued messages on social media calling upon affected Mobeds to apply to BPP for a one time relief amount.

The response was immediate and over 80 applications for donations were received by the BPP. After consulting the High Priests, the list was pruned to around 60 deserving Mobeds and a policy of direct payment of one time relief into their bank accounts was formulated.

Kersi Randeria was initially against giving any help to Mobeds and then suggested giving aid to only 20 most deserving Mobeds. However, under the Chairmanship of Armaity Tirandaz and with the Majority in her favor, Kersi Randeria was over-ruled and it was decided to help medium income Mobeds earning between Rs. 10,000/ and 20,000/ pm with a one time relief of Rs. 10,000/ and the really poor and deserving Mobeds earning less than Rs. 10,000/pm with a one time help of Rs. 20,000/, keeping in view their own financial crisis they were facing.

Of course as usual the bravado of Kersi Randeria was still showing off. Realizing that he no longer had a majority to decide anything, Kersi Randeria sent mail to his colleague Trustees that all the Mobeds should be paid Rs. 50000/ and make them all very happy. As expected the Majority Trustees did not even respond to this hypocritical stunt of Kersi Randeria. Similar hypocritical mail was sent by him in response to Trustees over ruling him to decide to pay the second and third child beneficiaries at least one or two installment of a quarter years payment due. Initially he objected to it citing lack of funds but once over-ruled he sent mail that Trustees should pay at least three or four quarters pending dues.

We are pleased to report that on 30th May 2020, the BPP transferred Rs. 10,000/ to Rs. 20,000/ as applicable directly into the bank account of the Mobeds as per directions of the Majority Trustees.

We congratulate the Trustees, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Tirandaz for being proactive to look after the financial needs of our priests, who are the backbone of the community and without whom our religion would cease to exist. We are aware that BPP is facing a huge financial crisis so much so that every month it is finding it difficult to even pay staff salary as well as giving doles and second and third child payments, property taxes, water charges, etc. In such a situation to help the 60 odd mobeds even by Rs. 10,000/ to 20,000/ is certainly praiseworthy.

We hope WZO and Athornan Mandal will also take up their cause and bring relief to their lives to some extent.

It is shameful that hundreds of crores lying in the BPP Accounts of Wadia Baugs is not being used by the Trustees due to the threats issued by Nusli Wadia to take back the Trusts or bring a Stay Order on them operating Wadia Baug Accounts in breach of the Objects of the original Wadia Trusts .Whilst on the subject of performance of the BPP Trustees, we had earlier reported that due to lockdown , many poor Parsis and Seniors were finding food a big problem and hence the Trustees under the leadership

of Armaity Tirandaz had started to distribute free cooked food from the Cama Baug kitchen in conjunction with Jimmy Gadiwala.

Starting with 100 free meals per day to the poor and deserving from 1st May 2020, today the number has reached 217 meals per day as per last information of which only 20 are paid meals and 197 are free meals distributed to the poor and deserving Parsis. We have been informed that getting volunteers to distribute the meals from Cama Baug to various colonies is becoming

difficult and hence request all volunteers willing to distribute meals to our needy to come forward and assist in distributing meals during this time.

Now some bad news. Since the lockdown is being relaxed from Monday 8th June 2020, most of the Parsi volunteers distributing the free food will be resuming their duties and hence they will not be available now for distribution. Further since the trains have started, most of Jimmy Gadiwala's cooks are going back to their villages and hence

he has given notice that he will stop the cooking and distribution from Cama Baug after 15th June 2020. Perhaps the Trustees will continue free food delivery at least till the lockdown lasts through some other caterer. Time will show.

We once again congratulate Armaity Tirandaz, Noshir Dadrawala, Xerxes Dastur and Viraf Mehta for being proactive in the interest of the community in this pandemic times, in spite of hurdles tried to be placed by Kersi Randeria.

WHY THIS STEP-MOTHERLY TREATMENT TO KHAN ESTATE RESIDENTS

Phiroze Amroliwalla has forwarded Parsi Junction a copy of mail sent by him to BPP Trustees for favor of publication which is reproduced below

From **PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA**

To **ARMAITY TIRANDAZ,
NOSHIR DADRAWALA
KERSI RANDERIA
VIRAF MEHTA
XERXES DASTUR**

Cc **YAZDI DESAI
ZARIR BHATHENA
CAWAS PANTHAKI
ASPI SARKARI
SHENAZ KHAMBATTA**

Date **TUESDAY 2-6-2020 12.09**

Ms. Armaity Tirandaz and co-trustees,

This email is addressed only to you lady and gentlemen as Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai and Trustee Mr. Zarir Bhatena were hospitalized during the Lockdown. However, a copy is endorsed to them only for information.

Even before the National Lockdown, on March 23, 2020, a notice was displayed at Khan Estate that garbage and water pumps will have to be managed by the residents. We are given to understand that this notice was written by Mr. Cyrus Bharucha, a resident of Mehta Building as per intimation/instructions received from the Custodian. None of the two Custodians have even once visited our colony since the lockdown either to collect rents or to ensure that all is well. Custodian Mr. Bharucha has in fact dissuaded and stopped the contracted pumpman/watchman Mr. Sadiq who attended duty on March 24/25 from coming thereafter.

So that the residents are not inconvenienced, Mr. Jangoo Doctor volunteered to operate the pumps and Phiroze Amroliwalla, with the help of our local Councilor Ms. Sheetal Ghambhir Desai, arranged the garbage collection by the M.C.G.M.

It was only on March 28, 2020, that Trustee

Kersi Randeria phoned Amroliwalla and requested him to volunteer his services and suggest

other names also. A team comprising of Jangoo Doctor, Jehangir Irani, Behram Irani, and Phiroze Amroliwalla was formed to coordinate with the Helpline which the B.P.P. proposed to start the same evening. **Thereafter nothing further was heard from the BPP.**

On April 04, 2020, when Mr. Randeria called, he was surprised that there was not even a security guard to man the only gate of the colony. Despite reminders to date, our colony remains unmanned. The only help received from the B.P.P. is a lady sweeper who attends our colony for an hour or so early morning, and we are given to understand she collects door to door garbage only from Mehta building leaving the residents of other five buildings to personally deposit their garbage in the bins provided in the compound. Wonder if she has been specially instructed to provide such dedicated and partial service only to the residents of Mehta building! She also resists sweeping the entire colony and attends to areas near certain buildings, while totally avoiding the remaining portion.

Interestingly, Jt. Dy. CEO of the B.P.P. did provide 42 masks for class IV employees at Khan Estate! When informed that there were none she suggested these could be distributed to the senior citizens of the colony!

Our team of volunteers has been managing ever since the lockdown and has kept Khan Estate virus-free to date, by arranging periodical fumigation by the MCGM; and sanitizing all the buildings without any costs to the residents. We thank Mr. Aspi Billimoria and Mr. Hanoz Daruwalla for their help in sanitizing, which was ably supported by the other team members. In

addition to the daily garbage removal and water supply, we have also arranged weekly bazaars to provide groceries, toiletries, vegetables, and fruits, etc. not only for Khan Estate but also for all the neighboring Parsi buildings including Malegamwalla group of buildings.

Many thanks are due to my fellow team members especially Jangoo Doctor who has done commendable work and to our co-residents of Khan Estate who have all co-operated with the team.

We would like to put on record that after those two calls from Kersi Randeria we have not had any communication what so ever from either the Trustees or the administration who were supposed to be coordinating with the volunteers.

Some of our very Senior citizens who needed help with food parcels were actually refused help by the Helpline. (The details of three such cases were reported in the earlier communication in Parsi Junction dated 10.05.2020).

It is pertinent to mention here that the Trustees were very prompt in obtaining an undertaking for the surrender of the flat of Senior citizen Mr. Bodhanwalla whose health and financial condition the B.P.P. is well aware of and yet have not even provided him a square meal to date despite the above-referred report. Interestingly on Sunday, May 31, some of us received the following Whatsapp :

"Parsi Panchayat is running a kitchen at Navroz Baug, where meals are being prepared for distribution to Parsi people living alone to mitigate hardship during the lockdown period. The meals are good and wholesome and hygienically prepared and delivered by Parsi boys. Those who would like to avail of this service may contact Pirojshaw Sarkari son of Lion Aspi Sarkari. The meals are priced at Rs.100/- per

meal. Pirojshaw Sarkari's Mobile number is:- 9820014763."

Amroliwalla thereafter spoke with Mr. Pirojsha Sarkari, gave all the details of Mr. Bodhanwala including amroliwallas and the neighbors cell for any clarification and for receiving the meals, and committed to paying for two meals per day during the lockdown. He was informed by Pirojsha that the meals will start from Tuesday, June 2, and a volunteer will call. The same night Mrs. Motiwala the neighbor received a call from Pirojsha telling her to contact Rony Patel who informed her that this message is a fake one. Even assuming that the message is fake, the question is why has Bodhanwala been denied the free food from day one when he is known to the BPP trustees and administration to be a genuinely deserving case? Or like in housing is there ad-hocism and favoritism even when it comes to free food?

We would like to remind the Trustees that a majority of residents of Khan Estate and Malegamwalla buildings pay an unfair 'one size fits all' increased service charge of Rs.900/- p.m. including some who live in one room kitchen flats admeasuring less than 350 sq.ft. Besides Khan Estate residents also pay additional security charges but no security service is in place ever since the lockdown and there has not been a single guard throughout the lockdown. At a time like this, why are we the residents of Khan Estate denied and deprived of both these essential services like water and security and left to fend for ourselves? Why this step-motherly attitude towards us?

We take this opportunity to wish a speedy recovery to both Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai and Trustee Mr. Zarir Bhatena.

Phiroze Amroliwalla, Jangoo Doctor, Jehangir Irani, and Behram Irani ""

WHILST WE SYMPATHISE WITH PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA FOR THE STEP MOTHERLY TREATMENT GIVEN TO KHAN ESTATE, HE SHOULD BY NOW BE WELL AWARE THAT KERSI RANDERIA PLAYS MAINLY TO THE GALLERY AND SHOULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING FURTHER FROM HIM KNOWING HIS EARLIER HYPOCRISY OF BIG TALK ONLY.

RESIDENTS MANAGING WATER PUMP AND GARBAGE COLLECTION AS WELL AS PERIODICAL FUMIGATION AND SANITIZATION AS WELL AS WEEKLY BAZARS IS INDEED PRAISEWORTHY, WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM HIM THAT CAPTAIN COLONY AT HAJI ALI MANS THE GATE BY ITS RESIDENTS SITTING IN TURN AT THE GATE. PERHAPS THAT COULD BE DONE AT KHAN ESTATE TOO SINCE YOU HAVE ONLY ONE OPERATIONAL GATE.

WE HAVE THEREAFTER RECEIVED A COPY OF ANOTHER MAIL DATED 4-6-2020 SENT TO THE TRUSTEES AS UNDER:

""From **Phiroze Amroliwalla**

To **Noshir - CAP**

Cc **Xerxes V. Dastur, Armaity Tirandaz, Kersi Randeria, Viraf Mehta, yazdi@writercorporation.co.in, Zarir Bhatena, Cawas Punthaky, Aspi Sarkari, Shehnaaz Khambatta, starjmt@yahoo.com, Yazdi Motiwala**

Date **Thu 08:31**

Hi All,

We were happy that at least three trustees of the five who are attending to the routine trust matters under the present circumstances have acknowledged our mail. However, we have not heard further after the reported conference call.

Maybe a call to the Motiwallas or me, instead of an email would have helped sort out the issue right away of Mr. Bodhanwala who perhaps is still not the beneficiary of the food helpline though being a perfectly deserving case. He perhaps is still dependent on help from his benevolent neighbors. Is this the dignity that BPP offers to one who has been made to give an undertaking of the surrender of his flat to the BPP as he has no survivor or successor?

The thrust of our mail was and is a larger issue: **What was the idea in seeking volunteers when their services were not utilized nor were they kept informed of the developments and plans by the BPP trustees despite the availability of a multi-level administration? Why were not local issues referred to this group from Khan Estate? Has anyone bothered to enquire from any of the volunteers as to the needs and shortcomings of Khan Estate despite the exchange of messages with some trustees? Have our Whatsapp messages been shared or discussed and was any action taken?**

After the start of the BPP helpline on or around March 28, Amroliwalla had discussed the case with two trustees of an 85-year old lady who was residing alone outside of our colonies and who was bluntly told by Rony Patel that the helpline was only for the residents of colonies and baugs. At the request of a trustee and since it was at the early stage of the formation of the helpline Amroliwalla did not pursue the matter with the hope that things would improve. But thereafter many more cases came to light in our own Khan estate and Maleghamwala buildings which were avoidable if only there was better communication.

We certainly do not expect the trustees to respond to each and every issue when there is an administration in place to do the routine. But BPP and the administration have failed in providing for more than two months, the basic services to Khan Estate and its residents of Garbage clearance, water supply, and security, all of which are essential services and for which the administration should have secured permission

and passes for travel wherever possible.

This despite most residents, under threat of non-acceptance of rent, paying the steep increase in service charges, and additional security charges!

When can we expect concrete steps to redress the above?

Phiroze Amroliwalla, Jangoo Doctor, Jehangir Irani, and Behram Irani""

Whilst all the other Trustees were sympathetic to the cause of delivery of free food to Mr. Bodhanwala of Khan Estate, shockingly the self proclaimed knight of the Parsi community showed his true colors by point blank retorting that after inquiry the issue of Bodhanwala is closed as the below mail copy sent to us by Phiroze Amroliwalla will testify:

""From: **"kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com"**

Date: **June 5, 2020 at 7:46:12 PM GMT+5:30**

To: **Phiroze Amroliwalla**

<amroliwalla@yahoo.com>

The Board had requested me to look into Mr Bodhanwala's "request" for food.

Forwarding Mr Patel's message which is self explanatory

This closes the issue.

Kersi ""

""From: **Rony Patel, BPP Housing**

<bpphousing@gmail.com>

Sent: **Friday, 5 June 2020, 16:37**

To: **kersi**

Subject: **Why this step-motherly treatment to Khan estate?**

Dear Sir,

I have gone through the records carefully.

First call was received on Jimmy's helpline from Mr. Percy Pestonji

Jimmy tried Mr. Bodhanwala's number a few times to confirm the requirement.

No one answered the calls and therefore the case was closed and marked as unresolved.

Thereafter there was no other request nor any further communication on this issue.

The few days ago there was a fake message about one Mr. Sarkari supplying food at Rs. 100 from Nowroz Baug.

We got dozens of calls asking for this food at Rs. 100.

As this was a fake message we told everybody who called to please ignore the message and inform them that this was a mischievous and fake message to harass Mr. Sarkari whose phone number was given.

It was at this time that probably Mrs .Motiwala called Mr. Sarkari and may even have called me. We have no record of this as all these calls were directly because of the fake whatsapp message.

We told everyone who called that this was a fake message and to please ignore it. Obviously therefore any request, if there was one, from Mrs. Motiwala could not have been registered by our

helplines. This is a short history of the issue of food for Mr. Bodhanwalla which please note.

Regards,
Ronny

WHETHER SARKARI'S MESSAGE WAS FAKE OR NOT, THE FACT REMAINS THAT FROM 2-6-2020 WHEN BODHANWALLA'S PLIGHT WAS HIGHLIGHTED TILL 6-6-2020, KERSI RANDERIA,WHO WAS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD TO HELP BODHANWALLA, INSTEAD OF HELPING TO ENSURE THAT FREE FOOD IS DELIVERED POST HASTE TO BODHANWALLA ESPECIALLY SINCE HIS TENANTED FLAT IN KHAN ESTATE IS TO REVERT TO BPP, HAS THE AUDACITY TO REPLY THAT 'THIS CLOSES THE ISSUE'. HOW INHUMAN CAN HE GET?

PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA BEING AN ACTIVIST AND A FIGHTER FOR INJUSTICE ANYWHERE HAS SENT US A COPY OF MAIL SENT IN REPLY TO KERSI RANDERIA AND OTHER TRUSTEES AS WELL AS DARA ACIDWALLA AND Z-NEWZ AS UNDER:

""From **Phiroze Amroliwalla**
To **2DaraS Acidwalla , 2daracidwalla@gmail.com , Z-Newz , dinshaw dinshaw**
Date **Today 6-6-2020 11:10**
Hi All,

I am now compelled to put certain facts before our community to demonstrate how our Apex body conducts itself not just in housing matters but even in so-called "Free Food" distribution during the lockdown due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

On May 2, I received a Whatsapp message announcing a free food service by BPP as under:
"Dear Occupants

BPP paid and free meals both VEG and NON - VEG will start from Monday - May 04, 2020.

Please note that the Service is mainly for deserving Zoroastrians especially Senior Citizens who are staying alone without support and cannot even cook.

Please call on helplines from 9 am to 9 pm :
Ronny : 9867946384
Jimmy : 9819027857"

In response to this message the neighbours of Mr. Bodhanwala approached the BPP for free food as these neighbours were providing food to Mr. Bodhanwala till then and continue to do so even now, as Mr. Bodhanwala has not been provided this facility yet. **Mr. Bodhanwala is above 80 years, lives alone with several health issues, is financially dependent on the BPP and has given an undertaking to the BPP to surrender his spacious flat upon his demise as he has no successor.**

This matter was also brought to the notice of a trustee by a neighbor, and highlighted by me in the Parsi Junction of May 10.

By my email of June 2, addressed to trustees M/s. Tirandaz, Dadrawala, Dastur, Mehta and Randeria, (as Mr. Desai and Mr. Bhathena, were

both hospitalized during the lockdown and therefore had no role to play), I reiterated the plight of Bodhanwalla.

I received prompt encouraging replies to this message from Trustees Tirandaz, Dadrawala, Dastur, and Mehta when I was informed that the board was "working towards finding a solution" and "will try to sort the problem".

However last night I received the following message from Trustee Randeria:

"The Board had requested me to look into Mr. Bodhanwalla's "request" for food.

Forwarding Mr. Patel's message which is self-explanatory

This closes the issue Kersi"

Instead of accepting a complete lack of coordination and failure to offer succor, when four Trustees were sympathetic to the

cause of Bodhanwalla, why the BPP had to request Kersi Randeria of all people to look into Mr. Bodhanwalla's request for food is incomprehensible. I had already highlighted Bodhanwalla's food need in Parsi Junction of 10th May 2020.

The BPP at least is now admitting that they are aware of this matter. Immediately providing one meal a day to this gentleman would have resolved this issue.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT KNOWING KERSI RANDERIA'S ENMITY TOWARDS PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA, HE HAD NO COMPUNCTION TO CLOSE THE ISSUE ONLY BECAUSE YOU HIGHLIGHTED IT. POOR BODHANWALLA WAS THE VICTIM OF KERSI RANDERIA'S USUAL POLITICS.

PEEKAY WINE MERCHANTS PVT LTD

Serving our lovely community during these challenging times !

We are catering to your entire colony' Requirement , while maintaining social distancing
A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the colony representatives who made an excel sheet of names , permit numbers and orders so that delivery was smooth and Safe !

Yes ! We will continue to deliver your weekly requirements as and when required

If your colony would like to place an order , please contact us on 02223421822 (which also has whatsapp enabled)

Thank you !



Q&A with Actor, Theatre Director, Model & Clinical Psychologist – Mr. Shreyas Porus Pardiwalla:

1) When did you start your acting/modeling/theatre direction career and how has the journey been so far?

Ans - I was always a theatre actor. Ever since I was knee high, I had found my love for the performing arts. I had done my first ever professional and commercial stage show at the age of 7. I was in college when my first Bollywood movie was offered to me. I used to act in TV commercials back then as well. I have studied acting and hold two diplomas in theatre arts. Direction and writing happened as a by-product of my acting. I started with directing and writing school plays and then ventured into the commercial realms of directing and writing professional plays. The journey so far has been amazing to say the least. Ups and downs are a part and parcel of the whole game, and I just love it.

2) How difficult is it to enter Bollywood? Is it true that the casting couch exists?

Ans- Indeed it isn't the easiest to get your first big break in Bollywood. Hard work and perseverance is the key. Sometimes you do manage to get a role or two, but they might be cameos and you as an actor always want meaty, well fleshed out roles. Well for that, the hustle is real. But it isn't impossible. You have to be determined to give your best, and you have to learn how to deal with rejection. Don't let anything dampen your spirits. Keep your head held high, keep a prayer on your lips and march ever forward. For sure casting couch exists. This is not some made up phenomenon. To be honest, you find it in the corporate sectors as well. No body must act naive and behave as if this doesn't exist. It a disgusting part of human society which needs to be uprooted and thrown away.

3) What advice you would like to offer to the aspiring younger generation wanting to pursue a career in Bollywood.

Ans – As mentioned above, let nothing dampen your spirits. Learn to deal with rejection, march ever forward till you reach the zenith. If it doesn't work out today, well then try again tomorrow. This is your dream, no one can live it for you but you yourself. Be strong, and work on yourself. If you want to be an actor then go work on your craft. Making a body is good but working on your acting skills is way more important. We as Parsis, genuinely need to brush up our Hindi speaking skills. We cannot shy away from the fact that we are in India, and this is our national



language. We must learn to speak it correctly if we want to make it in Bollywood. People have a tendency of type-casting. In order to break away from the type cast, work thoroughly on yourself. Every actor must find ways of generating hope and positivity, that will keep you going.

4) Please throw some light on your journey in theatre/plays acting and direction. Is it true that thanks to theatre you got an opportunity to audition for the film Yaariyan?

Ans – Theatre, as mentioned earlier, has always been an integral part of my life. I have studied the art form, I hold two diplomas in it, and I also act in commercial plays as well as direct and write them. I teach theatre as well. Academically I am a clinical psychologist, so I conduct psycho-drama workshops too. I have conducted several such workshops at IIT Powai, at various schools and colleges in and around Mumbai and privately too. My tryst with theatre has been super special. Yes indeed it is very much true, I got my first movie Yaariyan all thanks to theatre. I was doing a play called the Gone Case at comedy store, canvas laughter factory. The movie team had come there, they loved my look and thereafter contacted me.

5) How was your experience playing a negative role in the Zee5 web series 'Akoori'?

Ans – I have frequently played a typical

college going boy, high on life, always jovial, happy and joking around. To play a negative lead, with shades of serious grey was very exciting for me. I was able to put my acting skills to task. As an actor, I am always looking out to play something unusual, something different and this was just perfect for me.

6) Your views on content consumption online and the surge of new YouTube, TikTok and Instagram stars and influencers.

Ans – Anyone who creates good and meaningful content on any platform will always be respected by me. Anyone who creates humorous and entertaining content – I am a fan. Anyone who creates content in general (as long as it is not abusive, or wrong) I will always support you. As you are creating something, you are an artist in your own way. And I have huge regards for anyone out there, who tries to showcase their talent. For some people youtubers work, for some people tiktokers work – the point is not youtube and tiktok, the point is there is someone out there, who is putting out his or her work and needs our support to grow- so come let's support them. Full stop!!!

7) Funny dose of Parsi Humour and your depiction of Parsi Moms went super viral and has somehow made you popular 10 times fold.. Do you agree and what are your thoughts on the same? What made you think of trying this out?

Ans – Yes, for many I have become popular and for a few I have become infamous. Majority are loving the Parsi humour and depiction, some feel otherwise about it. I am loving the good messages and blessings pouring in indeed. But truth be told, this is not me. Nothing is me. I personally don't feel I have any power in me to attract and do all this. This is our Ahura Mazda's grace by which I have been able to appease such a large crowd. Will you believe me if I tell you, I was never on tiktok until this lockdown. I was one day bored, got a tiktok id made a few videos and moved on with my life. Then one day I randomly out of the blue took my grandmother's "matha-banu" (scarf), penned a few pointers down and made the video. The rest is history ...

8) You have also recently released hilarious videos on Parsi Dads be like and a typical evening at a Parsi Wedding... how has the response been for the same according to you and what is the source

of your inspiration to bring out such great humour through relatable characters... Also what next can we expect on these lines?

Ans – The response has been tremendous. The love people are showering upon me is just so very overwhelming. As an actor, we are taught observation and personalisation. These are just many nuances I have observed over the years, and one fine day I decided to create a video in my own style. To be honest there is no one particular person who has been inspiration for these videos. Well you will have to wait and watch what's next hahaha!

9) What are your future projects?

Ans – Before the lockdown, I was busy working on three different plays and was auditioning simultaneously for movies and shows. However, as of now everything is on standby mode due to the corona virus pandemic. So hopefully things will resume post lockdown. We will have to just wait and watch.

10) You are also a clinical psychologist. Does this help you to observe different behaviours, gestures etc which you then try to inculcate in the characters you play?

Ans – Well indeed my observation skills have been sharpened. My ways of research are a bit

more different in many ways. But apart from that my clinical psychology background hasn't helped me in picking up gestures as you have mentioned above. I must however exclaim, that my psychology background has indeed helped me cope with rejection better. Actors have a tendency of falling into depression due to constant rejection and lack of work and money. My psychology background has played a very instrumental role in aiding me from such turmoil. I haven't slipped into any form of depression due to the above hustle and struggle by products, which every actor faces. Yes, there have been bouts of immense sadness when things haven't worked out for me, but I have been able to snap out of it and indeed bounce back stronger thanks to my psychology background.

11) Any message to the Parsi youth and for the Parsi community?

Ans – All I can say is, go back to the basics. Go back to what we learnt when we were kids; just before the navjote ceremony. We are all taught the three most important golden truths. Manashni Gavashni Kunashni- Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds. Please follow this. Be honest to these three teachings. I have often encountered Non Parsis and they always tell me with a big smile, Parsi people

are the sweetest. I often wondered, what do they mean by sweet. Well over the years I have learnt a couple of virtues, our community members hold. The virtue of being ever Just, ever Loyal and ever Righteous. It is my earnest plea to the Parsi Youth, to keep these virtues burning within like flame spreading light. When we came to India, seeking refuge, we promised King Jadi Rana, that we will mix with the other folk and sweeten the people of this country. Let us live up to those words. Let's spread the sweetest. Honesty is sweet, let us truly be honest and righteous in all that we do. We as a community have abundance of love to offer. So come let us offer that. We are known for our delicious food and revelry, we are known for our celebrations, we are known for spreading joy and laughter. My videos are a very mild contribution to spreading that joy and laughter. I request all my community members, to in any way possible contribute to that love, laughter and light. Never forget we worship the Holy Fire, the same Fire which spreads light and eradicates darkness. Let us be honest sons and daughter of that Pure Flame and spread light in any and every way possible. Ushta-te – May Happiness Be Unto Thee.

Delfrin, the gifted child

Article by Delreen Jamsheed Daruwalla

There is no greater disability in the society than the inability to see a child as more.

When you judge someone on their diagnosis, you miss out on their beauty, abilities and uniqueness. Having said that, all special children (gifted children) are wonderful and deserve immense love and respect in their lives. In my article here, I have penned achievements of a beautiful child named Delfrin Kasad, loving daughter of Farah and Hormaz Kasad.

She was born with Down Syndrome, yet born beautiful.

Children with Down Syndrome may appear different, but they wish to be treated the same way, with love, respect, kindness, understanding and friendship as other children. Despite their challenges, kids with Down syndrome love to socialize, enjoy life, get employment opportunities in future and become successful in life. Delfrin fits in just right.

According to the mother, Delfrin has shown tremendous academic progress and shows keen interest in other activities. She enjoys listening to music and grooves to some



of her favourite dance numbers. Her love for Sports is evident as she bagged third position in Bowling competition in her school. Delfrin appears to be very observant and is well aware of her environment. She loves to make new friends. Her enactment as Mother Teresa in a fancy dress competition in her school was truly

commendable. Her love for Math is endless. She has found a friend and a partner in crime in her adorable sister Hazel who keeps her cheerful all day.

Constant motivation from parents, family, friends and teachers can help boost a child's morale and develop self-confidence. Farah and Hormaz are doing just that as affectionate parents. Delfrin's mother makes finger licking homemade chocolates at reasonable rates. Delfrin aspires to make some like her mother or even better. 😊

Delfrin loves assisting her mother in household chores. One such chore, she enjoyed doing recently was making rotis with her mother. Making a round roti is an accomplishment for anybody irrespective of the gender and this child is already nailing it at a tender age of 10 years. For parents, any task big or small is precious and when done wholeheartedly by their child, is definitely an achievement, a memory to cherish for dear life.

We wish dear Delfrin and many other gifted children good luck, good health, happiness and a confident spirit to soar high in life.

Truly said, when no one believes in you, remember God does and one has to keep faith and walk on his path.

PUBG Saturday Night for Parsi Youth

~ ZYNG 2.0 Organised A Crazy Play, Parsi Youth Waiting For Another Crazy Day

Some advantages of gaming (PUBG), when not played regularly or in excess, are helping in multitasking and increasing thinking ability and reflexes when exposed to different situations. Keeping this in mind, on 23rd May, Saturday night, ZYNG 2.0 (Zoroastrian Youth for Next Generation) enticed and engaged the Parsi Youth with 'Lockdown 2020 PUBG Night' a friendly free gaming session for Zoroastrian youth.

ZYNG 2.0 received an overwhelming response from the parsi youth (male and female) to register (free of cost) for squad and solo matches. More than 170 parsis formed teams of 4 for squad games which were divided into 2 PUBG rooms with a total of 43 teams, leading to a second round and then finals.... More than 100 who had registered for the PUBG Solo Round and were eagerly waiting to show their might, got their chance post the squad finals. All the players had an exhilarating experience playing PUBG with and against their parsi friends through their mobile phones and tablets, at their respective homes.

Lockdown 2020 PUBG Night witnessed an Intense battle for the solo fight between the Meherdad Falhazada (Winner) and Burjis Billimoria (Runner Up)

Meherdad Falhazada from Bharuch Baug emerged as the 'PUBG Solo' Winner, elaborated on his experience and has suggested ZYNG 2.0 to organise such tournaments more often, "Winners Don't Wait For Chances, They Take Them! ZYNG 2.0 Organised A Crazy Play, Waiting For Another Crazy Day"

Team Exotics (team name) proved to be the best team in 'PUBG Squad'

Player 1: Original name : Huzan Sanga, PUBG name : HTϠTITÁÑ

Player 2: Original name : Rehan Dariashaw, PUBG name : SKÜLL ✶ ÄÇÉ

Player 3: Original name : Pashin Bhadha, PUBG name : PashinBhadha25

Player 4: Original name : Yazish Patel, PUBG name : Yazish007

Huzan Sanga of the winning team (squad) expressed his joy 'Amazing experience. In the last circle we were extremely frightened as there were 12 people alive. And we were so happy when we won. We couldn't believe it'

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!!! GG Boys!!!!!! The Winning Team (Squad) and Winner (Solo) have been awarded with a handsome cash prize...!!!!!!

Receiving such an overwhelming response and enthusiasm, ZYNG 2.0 is planning for another gaming session (COD - Call Of Duty) on 20th June...

Stay tuned for more @zyng2.0 on Instagram <https://instagram.com/zyng2.0?igshid=1id5gj0mv488p> [instagram.com]

About ZYNG2.0:

ZYNG 2.0 is a whole new beginning with new ideas and a new committee to continually provide a platform for bringing the Zoroastrian youth closer.

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