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SAM CHOTHIA AGAIN UPTO HIS OLD TRICKS TO TAKE OVER RAJKOT PROPERTIES

In the Parsi Junction issue of 6th Sept 2020 we had under headlines "SAM CHOTHIA AGAIN UPTO HIS OLD TRICKS TO SELL RAJKOT ARAMGAH" and Parsi Junction issue of 13th Sept. 2020 "SAM CHOTHIA CONTINUES ATTEMPT TO SELL RAJKOT ARAMGAH" wherein we had informed the community of the diabolical attempt of Sam Chothia to take over Rajkot property and sell it to his Muslim buyer Shahnavaz Sayyed who comes with Jimmy Bachha and his lawyer.

It is shocking that Sam Chothia to defend himself accuses Jimmy Bachha of making deals with the Muslim buyer and yet Jimmy Bachha continues on the payroll of FPZAI and continues to be one of the Applicants who had filed the Scheme to take over the Rajkot property as far back as 2013. This Application is pending hearing before the Rajkot Charity Commissioner and who had published the Public Notice in Sandesh newspaper of Rajkot calling for Objections against the proposed Scheme, which we had published in our 6th Sept. issue.

We have now received a mail from Rayomand Zaiwalla forwarding to us the mail which Khushman Tamboli, Trustee of Rajkot Anjuman has sent to the Trustees of BPP and Office Bearers of FPZAI WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

illegal attempted takeover of the Trust Rajkot Zarthosti Anjuman by FPZAI & Muslim builders

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<khushmantamboli@yahoo.com>
Date: Sat, 19 Sep, 2020, 10:15

Subject: illegal attempted takeover of the Trust Rajkot Zarthosti Anjuman by FPZAI & Muslim builders

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To
The Trustees
Bombay Parsi Panchayet &
The Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian
Anjumans of India

Sub: illegal attempted takeover of the Trust Rajkot Zarthosti Anjuman by FPZAI & Muslim builders

Respected office bearers,
I am an elected Trustee of Trust Rajkot Zarthosti Anjuman, functioning as a Secretary & Trustee since 2008, I

have managed all the functions of the Trust single handedly, all these years, be it accounting finance, day to day procurements, collecting donations for the Trust, auditing the books of accounts, managing all the Legal aspects of the Trust, attending various repair related to the trust properties etc, always at the forefront to protect the interest of the Trust in every matter.

I took over the Trust back then, when its financial investments were worth INR.23 Lakhs, today the same savings due to my budgeting stands at INR.41 Lakhs, that is even after deducting the day to day expenses utilized out of the same funds for all these years.

My allegiances to the Trust stand strong, due to the Parsi Agyari very much being a part of it, I consider it as my religious duty without any tolerable compromise.

The scheme No.03/2013 filled by FPZAI in Rajkot Charity Commissioner's office against Rajkot Zarthosti Anjuman has been taken on board, it's my humble request to concerned Trustees, to please let us function in peace & leave us alone, you may help us further by withdrawing the scheme with immediate effect, **you can even help us by other means if you wish so, by providing selfless support etc, but helping us under no circumstances means that you takeover our trust, sell all our properties & digest the funds, that's a big NOOO!!! Spare us...**

To my surprise, all of your board is absolutely unaware of the unwarranted damages that you & your organization is collectively

responsible for, because of your organization the aramgha graves dating back to 1883 were broken, destroyed & bulldozed by Muslim people. The same Muslim people had first approached me wide an undated letter to rent out one of our properties, which I refused, the letter was authored by Mr. Shanawaz M Saiyad, **Please find the scanned copy of the same letter hereby with this email attached as attachment No.1.**

NOW SHOCKINGLY IT TURNS OUT, THAT THE SAME MR. SHANAWAZ M SAIYAD ALSO APPEARS IN RAJKOT CHARITY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE TO COLLECT & SUBMIT PAPERS ON BEHALF OF FPZAI'S LAWYER MR.VYAS FOR THE SCHEME 03/2013!!!

Please find the attached scanned copy of certified paper received from the charity commissioner's office Rajkot as attachment No.2, here you can clearly see on the left side lower half of the page, its written "Presented by: Shanawaz M Saiyad 10/08/20" paper authored by advocate Mr.Vyas representing Mr. Jimmy bacha (FPZAI). The nexus clearly stands visible!

Please also find the attached scanned copy of another certified paper received from the charity commissioner's office Rajkot as attachment No.3, on the left side lower half of the page, its written "Received 10/8/20 Shahnawaz M Saiyed on behalf of Dr.B.R Vyas".

As if these wounds were not enough, one of our trustee Mr.Kasad, who is under absolute influence of FPZAI, has been accused of signing an undisclosed lease agreement with the cronies of Mr.Shahnawaz M Saiyed for the graveyard land on 29/04/2019 notarized in surat, now the shocking point, the same day on 29/04/2019 Mr.Kasad signs a declaration to the charity commissioner Rajkot, informing about his undisputed support for the FPZAI scheme, document was notarized in valsad. Please see the similarities, THE DATES MATCH, the nearby locations match. The agreement by Mr.Kasad is executed in name of the same people against whom I have filled a F.I.R for the damages done to our Property, I myself was attacked but timely wisdom got me another day.

I hope by the above, the Trustee have now realized the severe damage that they have

done, please open your eyes before its way too late, not every day is a second chance.

To the Trustee I appeal that...

- 1) Immediate withdrawal of scheme
- 2) Convince Mr. Jimmy Savaksha Bacha (Navsari ava baug), not to support such corrupt practices that goes against his own people, immediately dismiss lawyer Mr.Vyas being the first step, secondly withdraw the said scheme.
- 3) Strongly support me & my team to take the Trust forward, help the list I deem fit to be entered into the records of the charity commissioner's office rajkot as trustees, we do not want your people on our board.
- 4) Do not allow any flaws of your scheme, to be able to destroy what we have till now been able to keep safe, be careful that third parties do not make a fool out of us.

Further in question to my conduct, I voluntarily am ready to share the Audit reports of Last 11 Years with whomsoever willing to go through the same, my conduct will be evident in the reports itself, I have been operating the saving bank account solely myself since many years, I hereby offer you to even go through the bank statement of last 11 years, if anyone has any doubts.

I truly look forward for cooperation from team BPP, I hope you can facilitate us rather than obstruct us, assist us by registering the team that I deem fit to be entered into the PTR of the charity commissioner's office. By that I will guarantee you unmatched accountability & display uncompromised responsibility, there can be no better option than that, my records speaks volumes.

But coming back to the point, we are not ready to accept your direct interference, either are not ready for any so called custodian agreement, which please note, in case if this letter does not still

open your eyes, we will be forced to take a legal route ahead, which will be expensive for us, as it would be a private expense from our own pocket, but from your side, you shall end up wasting BPP's fund. Unfortunately if that may be the case, then it's the community's funds that ultimately would be going waste, this being just due to your ignorance.

Lastly but not the least, excuse me for any typos, as it was night shift for me when I drafted this small letter, I was simultaneously attending other work.

IN HIS SERVICE

KHUSHMAN JAL TAMBOLI

SECRETARY & TRUSTEE

RAJKOT ZARTHOSHI ANJUMAN Mb: 9824064879; 0281-2443452

ATTACHMENT NO.1

શાહનવાઝ મુમતાઝહુસેન સૈયદ
ઠે.નાકરાતની પોળ, ખંભાત, જી.આ.કે.કે.
તથા
શ્રી અભિરામભાઈ ઘનશ્યામભાઈ નથવાણી
તે હોટલ તેજપેલેસના પોપરાઈટર
ઠે."શ્રી માં" ધર્મભક્તિ કોમ્પ્લેક્સ નજીક.
અંબાજી કડવા પ્લોટ-૧, રાજકોટ.

ટ્રસ્ટીઓશ્રી,
શ્રી.ખુશનમ જી.તંબોલી
રાજકોટ જરથોસ્તી અંજુમન,
સી/૧, કુલછાબ ચોક, રાજકોટ.

વિષય :- ડમરીબાઝ-કિશાનપરામાં આવેલ મીલકત ભાગપદે
આપવા બાબત.

શ્રીમાન,

અમો આપની સંસ્થાની અને આપના વહીવટ હેઠળની ડમરીબાઝ-કિશાનપરા ચોકમાં આવેલી સી.સી.નં.૧૫/૧ પૈકી ૯૬૮,૯૬૯,૯૭૦,૯૭૧, ૯૭૫ અને ૯૭૬ વાળી મીલકત જે હાલ સ્થળ ઉપર ખુલ્લી છે તે ભાડે રાખવા માંગીએ છીએ. આ અંગે અમો આપને બે ત્રણ વિકલ્પ સુચવીએ છીએ જે પૈકી જે શરતો નક્કી થાય તે મુજબ ભાઈ રાખવા ખુશી છીએ.

(૧) માસિક અથવા વાર્ષિક ભાડે

(૨) સમયમર્યાદા

(૩) ભાડું અને અન્ય કોઈ સીક્યુરીટી હોય તો તે

(૪) જો આ જગ્યાનો અમો કોઈ ઉપયોગ કરીએ તો તેમાંથી ઉપજતી ઈન્કમમાં ટ્રસ્ટ પર્સન્ટેન્જ પ્રમાણે વ્યવસ્થા કરવા ખુશી છે કે કેમ ?

આ તમામ બાબતો અંગે આપના ટ્રસ્ટી મંડળમાં ચર્ચા કરી યોગ્ય જવાબ આપશો. જેથી અમો આગળની કાર્યવાહી અંગે વિચારી કીએ. જગ્યા ભાડે આપવાની થાય કે એવા નિર્ણય આવીએ તો સ્થળ ઉપર જગ્યાની માપણી ટ્રસ્ટ કરી આપવાની રહેશે.

નકલ :-

(૧) જહાંગીર ડી.કાસદ

(૨) ખુશનમ જી.તંબોલી

(૩) વિસ્વી બારીયા

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ATTACHMENT NO.2

રાજકોટના મે. સંયુક્ત ચેરીટી કમિશ્નર સાહેબ સમક્ષ.
 સ્કીમ અરખું. |
 ૦૩/૨૦૧૩
 સ્કીમ અરખું.

અરજદાર: ભુમી બચા વિ.
 સામાવાળા: રાજકોટ પારસી અનુમન ટ્રસ્ટ એ નામના ટ્રસ્ટના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ. વિ.

અમો અરજદાર તર્ક આ અરખું આપી જણાવ્યો છીએ કે:-

સદર કામ કાણું જુનું છે. વર્તમાન કોલડ-૧૯ની પરિસ્થિતિના કારણે પણ સમયઅચ છે. હાલના ટ્રસ્ટના પી.ટી.આર ઉપરના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ પેઠી મોટા ભાગના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ અવસાન પામ્યા છે અને જે હાલ અકાદ-ને ટ્રસ્ટી હોય તે રાજકોટમાં રહેતા નથી પરિણામે ટ્રસ્ટનો વહીવટ ટ્રસ્ટ અકાદની એગવાઈ મુજબ ચાલતો નથી અને અનઅધિહન વ્યક્તિઓ ટ્રસ્ટના વાલાંકીય વહીવટ અને સંચાલનમાં એગવેલ છે આથી સત્યરે ટ્રસ્ટનું નવું માપનું રચાય તે કાયદાના હિતમાં અને ટ્રસ્ટના વ્યાપક હિતમાં ખૂબજ જરૂરી છે. કલમ ૫૦-એની એગવાઈ મુજબ અહેર નોટીસ આપ્યા પછી તમામને પોતાના વાંધા - સમર્થન કે વાત રજૂ કરવાની તક કાયદા મુજબ મળવાની જ છે અને કાયદાની લેવા એગવાઈ પણ સ્પષ્ટ જ છે. આ સંપ્રેરોમાં અહેર નોટીસનો મુસદ્દો પ્રસિધ્ધ કરવો આયના હિતમાં ખૂબજ જરૂરી હોઈ તે મુજબ ઉકમ કરી મુસદ્દો પ્રસિધ્ધ કરવા આગાખની કાર્યવાહી માટે જરૂરી આદેશો ફરમાવવા મે. કરશો. આ અગાઉ પણ અમોએ અરખું આપેલું જ છે.

તા. ૨૦/૧૦/૨૦૨૦

By Advocate for Applicant

Received 10/08/20 Presented by: Shahnawaz M. Saiyed. 10/8/20

ATTACHMENT NO.3

03/19/20

BEFORE THE LEARNED CHARITY COMMISSIONER, RAJKOT
 (SCHEME APPLICATION NO. 3642)
 03/2013

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR FRAMING OF A SCHEME UNDER SECTION 50 A OF GUJARAT PUBLIC TRUST FOR RAJKOT ZARTHOSTI ANJUMAN, RAJKOT C-1.

સ્કીમ અરખું.

1) MR.JIMMY SHAVKASHA BACHA
 AVA BAUG
 NAVSARI

2) MR.CYRUS DADABHAI NOGAMAWALA
 AAKASH GANGA APARTMENT, VANKI BORDI
 SURAT

.....APPLICANTS

VERSUS

1) ROHINTAN DASTUR
 RAJKOT

2) ERUCHSHAH KHANSAHEB
 RAJKOT

3) VISPI BARIA
 RAJKOT

4) JAHANGIR D KASAD
 RAKOT

5) HOMI KHANSAHEB
 RAJKOT

6) DALI ELAVARDA
 RAJKOT

OPPOSITIONS.....

AND

KHUSHMAN JAL TAMBOLI
 TRUSTEE OF RAJKOT ZARTHOSTI ANJUMAN
 TRUST, RESIDING AT 6-D, BHILKHA PLAZA,
 KASTURBA ROAD, RAJKOT 360001

Presented Date: 10/08/2020
 K.T. Tamboli

.....APPLICANT / INTERVENOR

I, Khushman Jal Tamboli, residing at 6-d bilkha plaza, kasturba road, Trustee & Secretary of the said Trust RAJKOT ZARTHOSTI ANJUMAN, TRUST REGISTRATION NUMBER: C-1 RAJKOT, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR AND SAY AS UNDER---

1) I say that I am a legally appointed Trustee of the aforesaid Trust by a resolution dated 9th December 2008. I seek liberty to produce papers on facts of my appointment as a Trustee (Exhibit A). I have also been filing audited Trust reports which is signed by me as a Trustee for the last eleven years with the office of the Charity Commissioner at Rajkot, which I will be producing before this Hon'ble Authority. (Exhibit B)

2) I say that the Applicants herein are certain interlopers who have a formed Committee and a alleged Trust to take over and liquidate the Public Trust properties all over India, whose beneficiaries are Parsi Zoroastrians citizens. I say that none of this Applicants are residents of Rajkot and are not concerned and

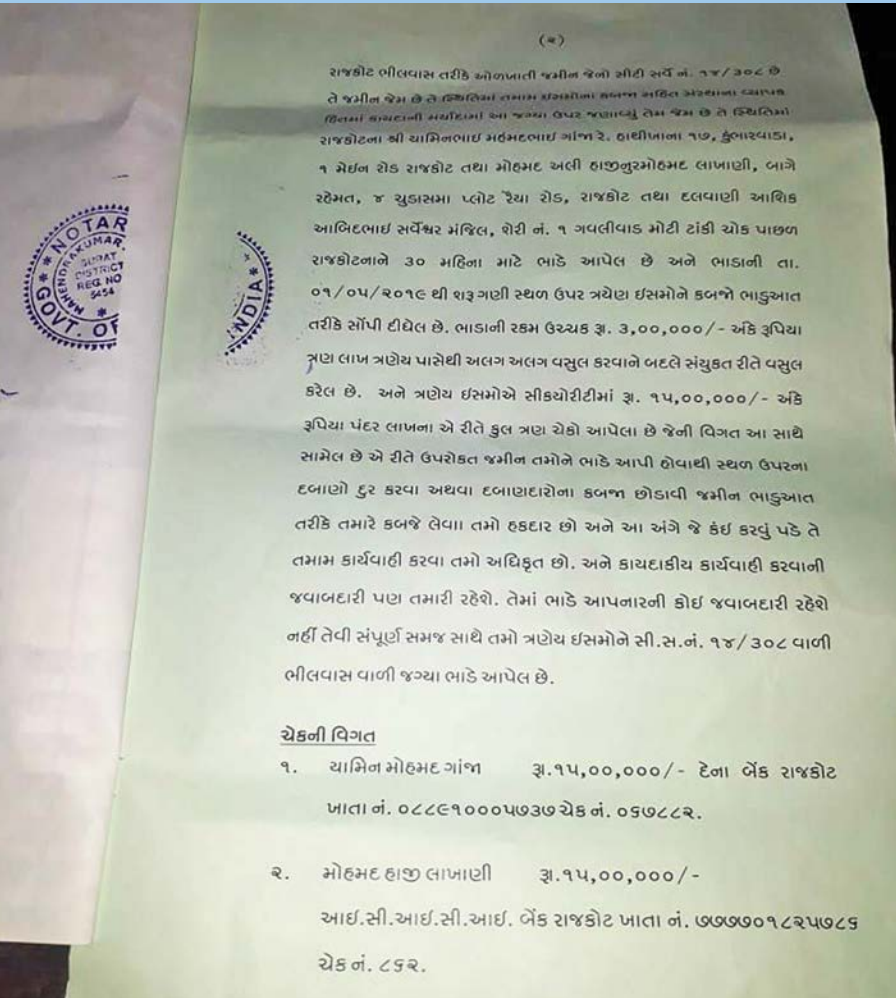
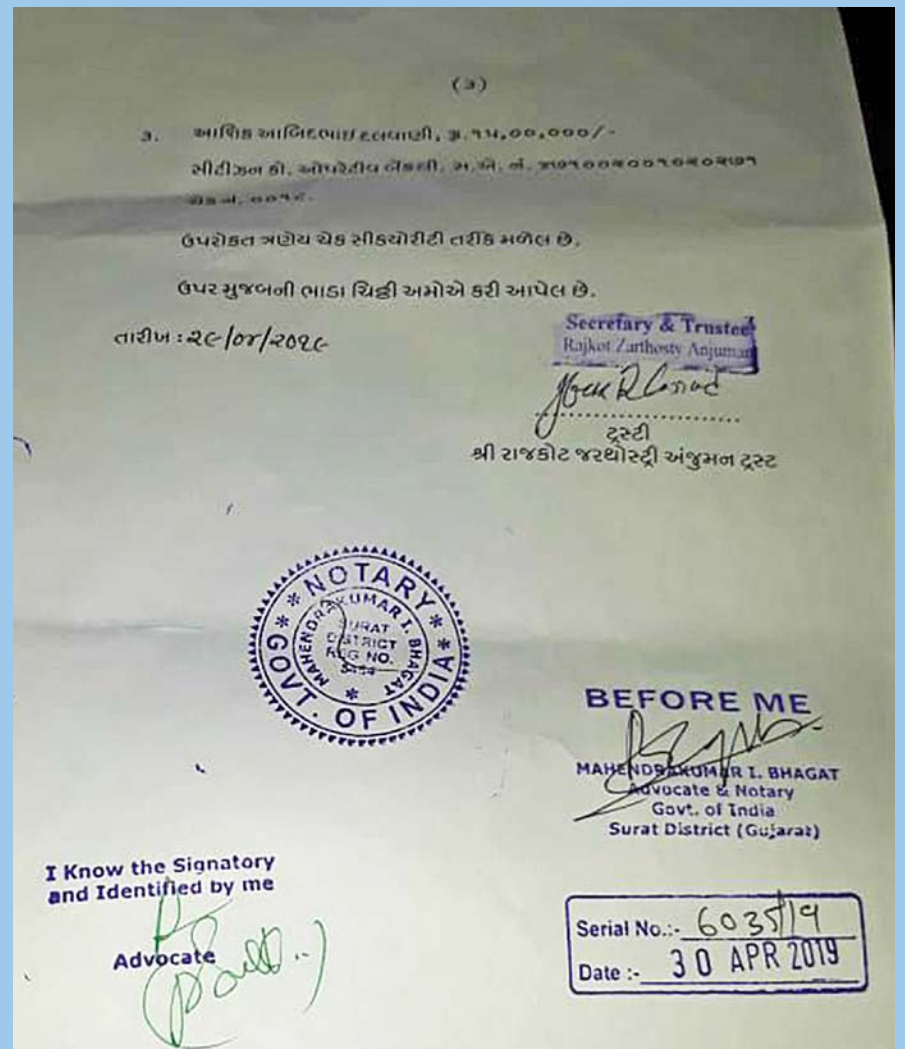
K.T. Tamboli

The Criminal act of the Trustee Jehangir Dorabsha Kanga, who falsely claims to be the only Trustee of Rajkot Anjuman Trust, in collusion with Sam Chothia who is his neighbor in Bulsar, is evident when he denies that both Khushman Tamboli and Kersi Eruchshah Khansaheb continue to be Trustees. He accepts that both were duly appointed as Trustees but their Change Report was rejected by the Rajkot Charity Commissioner on a technicality but no one has the exact Order of rejection but based on that Kanga is surmising that BOTH Tamboli and Khansaheb have ceased to be Trustees and hence he is the sole surviving Trustee. Be that as it may but the criminal act of Jehangir Kasad in collusion with Sam Chothia is the allegation made by Tamboli that Kasad and Chothia have executed a Lease Agreement with the same Shahnawaz Saiyed on 29-4-2019 for

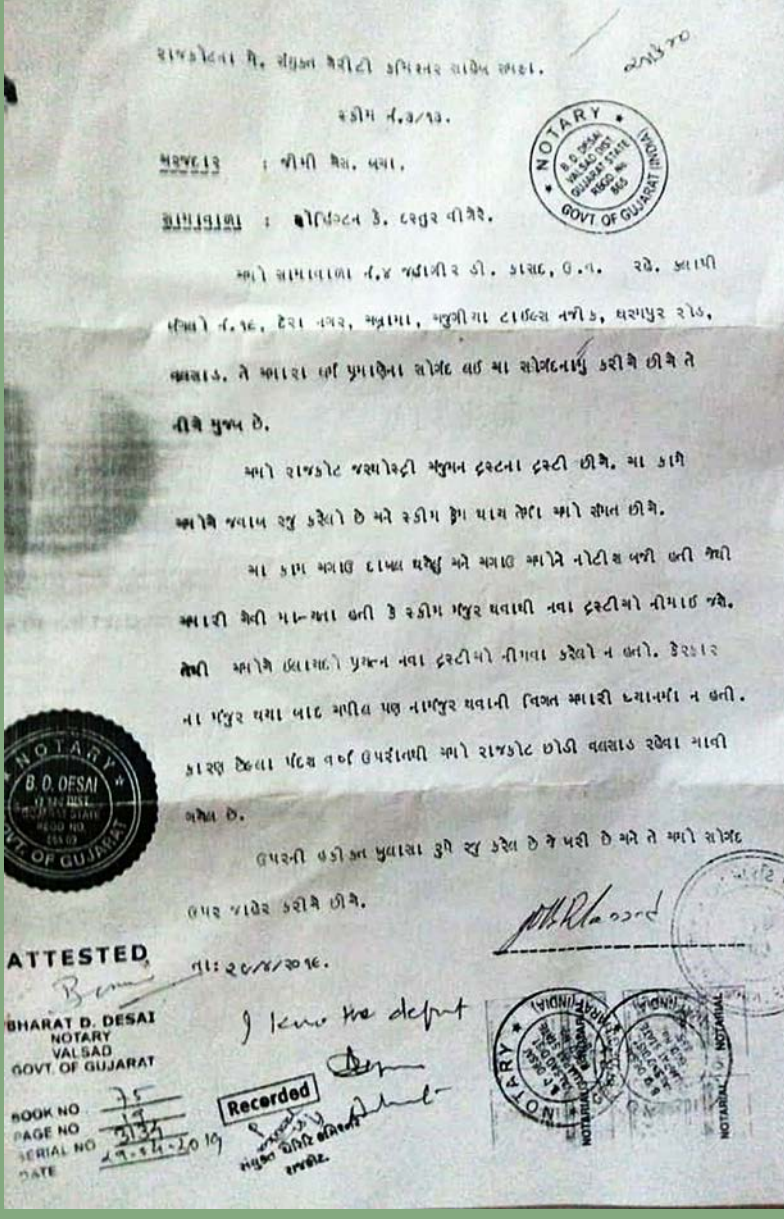
the Aramgah land which was notarized in Surat and on same day of 29-4-2019 Kasad signs a Declaration to the Rajkot Charity Commissioner supporting the FPZAI Scheme and this document is notarized in Bulsar now Valsad.

We give below both the said documents executed by Kasad in collusion with Sam Chothia which clearly shows the criminal action of both these individuals to make fools of both the Trustees of BPP and Office Bearers of FPZAI BY PRETENDING THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AFTER THE PROPERTY BUT IN FACT HAVE ALREADY CREATED THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OVER THE RAJKOT ARAMGAH PROPERTY.

Kasad Illegal Bhilwash Agreement

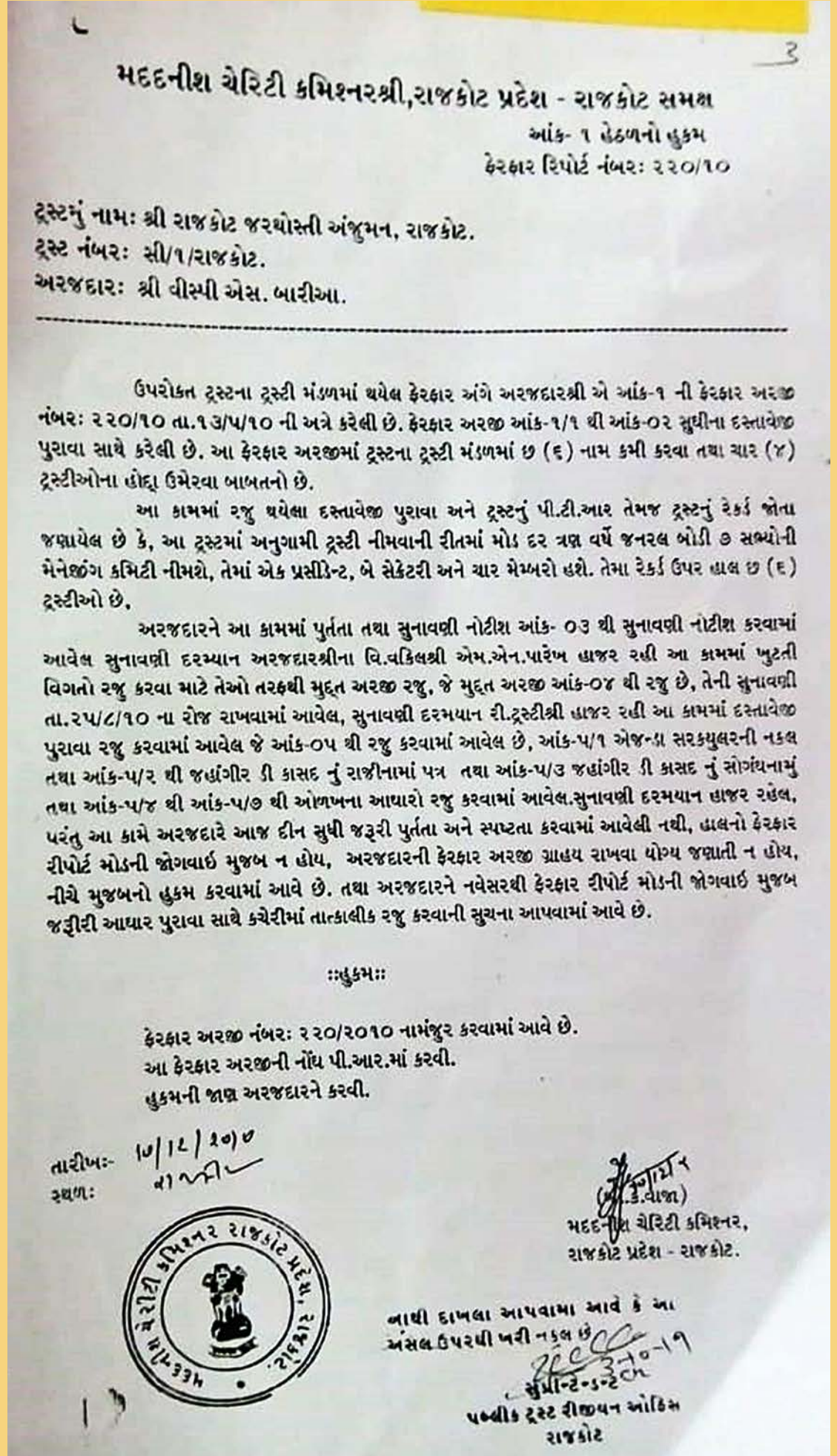


Trustee Kanga's letter to Sam Chothia



SINCE JEHANGIR KANGA AND SAM CHOTHIA BOTH DENY THAT KHUSHMAN TAMBOLI IS NOT A TRUSTEE AS HIS CHANGE REPORT HAS BEEN REJECTED YET BOTH OF THEM COULD NOR PRODUCE THE REJECTION ORDER OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER AND WANTED THEIR VERSION ACCEPTED. WE GIVE BELOW THE CC ORDER NOT ACCEPTING THE CHANGE REPORT AS IT WAS NOT IN THE REQUIRED FORMAT. THE ORDER CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE CHANGE REPORT IS AWAITING AMENDMENT IN PROPER FORMAT. IN ANY CASE TAMBOLI HAS BEEN ACTING AS A TRUSTEE SINCE LAST OVER 10 YEARTS AND THIS TECHNICAL DEFECT OF A PROPER FORMAT CANNOT DEPRIVE TAMBOLI OF HIS TRUSTEESHIP. WE GIVE BELOW THE CC ORDER WHICH GIVES THE REJECTION ONLY ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS:

Rajkot CC order rejecting Tamboly



ટ્રસ્ટનું નામ: શ્રી રાજકોટ જરથોસ્તી અંજુમન, રાજકોટ.
 ટ્રસ્ટ નંબર: સી/૧/રાજકોટ.
 અરજદાર: શ્રી વીરમી એસ. બારીઆ.

ઉપરોક્ત ટ્રસ્ટના ટ્રસ્ટી મંડળમાં થયેલ ફેરફાર અંગે અરજદારશ્રી એ આંક-૧ ની ફેરફાર અરજી નંબર: ૨૨૦/૧૦ તા.૧૩/૫/૧૦ ની અરજી કરેલી છે. ફેરફાર અરજી આંક-૧/૧ થી આંક-૦૨ સુધીના દસ્તાવેજ પુરાવા સાથે કરેલી છે. આ ફેરફાર અરજીમાં ટ્રસ્ટના ટ્રસ્ટી મંડળમાં છ (૬) નામ કમી કરવા તથા ચાર (૪) ટ્રસ્ટીઓના હોદ્દા ઉમેરવા બાબતનો છે.

આ કામમાં રજુ થયેલા દસ્તાવેજ પુરાવા અને ટ્રસ્ટનું પી.ટી.આર તેમજ ટ્રસ્ટનું રેકર્ડ જોતા જણાયેલ છે કે, આ ટ્રસ્ટમાં અનુગામી ટ્રસ્ટી નીમવાની રીતમાં મોડ દર ત્રણ વર્ષે જનરલ બોડી ઓફ સભ્યોની મેનેજિંગ કમિટી નીમશે, તેમાં એક પ્રસીડન્ટ, બે સેક્રેટરી અને ચાર મેમ્બરો હશે. તેમા રેકર્ડ ઉપર હાલ છ (૬) ટ્રસ્ટીઓ છે.

અરજદારને આ કામમાં પુર્તતા તથા સુનાવણી નોટીશ આંક- ૦૩ થી સુનાવણી નોટીશ કરવામાં આવેલ સુનાવણી દરમ્યાન અરજદારશ્રીના વિ.વકિલશ્રી એમ.એન.પારેખ હાજર રહી આ કામમાં પુર્તતા વિગતો રજુ કરવા માટે તેઓ તરફથી મુદત અરજી રજુ, જે મુદત અરજી આંક-૦૪ થી રજુ છે, તેની સુનાવણી તા.૨૫/૮/૧૦ ના રોજ રાખવામાં આવેલ, સુનાવણી દરમ્યાન રી.ટ્રસ્ટીશ્રી હાજર રહી આ કામમાં દસ્તાવેજ પુરાવા રજુ કરવામાં આવેલ જે આંક-૦૫ થી રજુ કરવામાં આવેલ છે, આંક-૫/૧ એજન્ડા સરકયુલરની નકલ તથા આંક-૫/૨ થી જહાંગીર ડી કાસદ નું રાજીનામાં પત્ર તથા આંક-૫/૩ જહાંગીર ડી કાસદ નું સોગંધનામું તથા આંક-૫/૪ થી આંક-૫/૭ થી ઓળખના આધારો રજુ કરવામાં આવેલ. સુનાવણી દરમ્યાન હાજર રહેલ, પરંતુ આ કામે અરજદારે આજ દીન સુધી જરૂરી પુર્તતા અને સ્પષ્ટતા કરવામાં આવેલી નથી, હાલનો ફેરફાર રીપોર્ટ મોડની જોગવાઈ મુજબ ન હોય, અરજદારની ફેરફાર અરજી ગ્રાહ્ય રાખવા યોગ્ય જણાતી ન હોય, નીચે મુજબનો હુકમ કરવામાં આવે છે. તથા અરજદારને નવેસરથી ફેરફાર રીપોર્ટ મોડની જોગવાઈ મુજબ જરૂરી આધાર પુરાવા સાથે ચેરીમાં તાત્કાલીક રજુ કરવાની સુચના આપવામાં આવે છે.

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ફેરફાર અરજી નંબર: ૨૨૦/૨૦૧૦ નામંજુર કરવામાં આવે છે.
 આ ફેરફાર અરજીની નોંધ પી.આર.માં કરવી.
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નાથી દાખલા આપવામાં આવે કે આ અંસલ ઉપરથી ખરી નકલ છે
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PRAYERS AT DOONGERWADI FOR THE COVID CREMATED

In the issue of Parsi Junction of 6th Sept. 2020, on the Prayer Hall controversy arising from their administrator charging Rs. 48,000/ for the four days prayers, whether done or not, we had informed the community in general and BPP Trustee Noshir Dadrawalla in particular that only Geh Sarna charges of Rs. 6000/ would be charged by Ervad Faramroze Mirza, the in-charge of Prayer Hall and no more if rest prayers were done at the Agiaris.

Noshir had graciously accepted this reduction and even thanked Ervad Mirza for his welcome gesture to reduce prayer fees from Rs. 48,000/ to Rs. 6000/ for Geh Sarna alone. At that time we had commented as under:

NOSHIR, PARSI JUNCTION HOLDS YOU IN HIGH RESPECT BUT YOUR SUGGESTION TO CREMATE THE BODY WITHOUT ANY RITUALS AND THEN DO SOME SYMBOLIC GEH SARNA AT DOONGERWADI BY TWO PRIESTS WITHOUT THE BODY BUT FACING SOME DOKHMA WALLS SEEMS FARFICAL TO SAY THE LEAST AND MEANINGLESS AS VADA DASTURJI OF UDVADA KHURSHED DASTUR PROCLAIMED WHEN THIS IDEA WAS FIRST MOOTED.

DOONGERWADI TRUST DEED SPECIFICALLY LAYS DOWN USE OF THE LAND ONLY FOR DOKHMENASHINI AND HENCE EVEN THIS SYMBOLIC SHAM GESTURE OF DOING GEH SARNA AT DOONGERWADI WITHOUT THE BODY WILL BE AGAINST THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST DEED AND HENCE ALL TRUSTEES WOULD BE IN BREACH OF THE SAME AND ONCE AGAIN THE ORTHODOX MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE BOUND TO RISE UP AGAINST SUCH DICTATS.

WHAT WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT IF THE MOBEDS ARE WILLING TO DO GEH SARNA AT DOONGERWADI FOR A CREMATED BODY WITHOUT THE BODY THAN WHY CANNOT SUCH A PRIEST DO THE ACTUAL GEH SARNA IN FRONT OF THE COVID BODY AT THE CREMATORIA ITSELF INSTEAD OF ALL THIS SHAM DHONGIDOX WITHOUT THE BODY AT DOONGERWADI IN BREACH OF THE TRUST DEED.

ARE MOST MOBEDS READY TO DO GEH SARNA FOR A CREMATED COVID BODY AT DOONGERWADI BUT NOT AT THE PRAYER HALL FOR FEAR OF THE CONTAGIOUS COVID AFFECTING THEM? IT WOULD SEEM SO SINCE ERVAD MIRZA HAS POINTED OUT THAT NOT A SINGLE MOBED CAME TO THE PRAYER HALL FOR DOING GEH SARNA OF COVID BODIES AND HE ALONE WAS THE BRAVE WARRIOR WHO DID THE GEH SARNA'S OF ALL THE COVID DECEASED.

SINCE THE HIGH COST OF GEH SARNA ALONE IS NO LONGER THE CRITERIA, WE HOPE THE HIGH PRIESTS, VADA DASTURJI'S JAMASPASA, KOTWAL AND KHURSHED DASTUR, WILL IGNORE THE MAIL OF NOSHIR DADRAWALA SEEKING THEIR INDULGENCE TO ALLOW TWO PRIESTS TO DO THE GEH SARNA AT DOONGERWADI OF A CREMATED BODY WITHOUT THE BODY OF A COVID CREMATED DECEASED AT DOONGERWADI, TO AVOID ANY FURTHER CONTROVERSY ON THIS ISSUE.

However on 11th Sept 2020, Noshir Dadrawalla informed his colleague Trustees that since Dr. Vispi Jokhi's father-in-law, Soli Dinshawji Buhariwalla aged 89 years was critical with covid and in case of his imminent demise requested permission to allow the family do the Geh Sarna prayers at Doongerwadi by two priests facing the Dokhma but without the cremated body. He sent the below mail to all concerned as under:

" On 11-Sep-2020, at 3:56 PM, Noshir wrote:

Dear Colleague Trustees,

Some of you have suggested that the opinion of some of our revered and learned High Priests should be obtained in writing.

Here is the email of our most learned, scholarly High Priest Dasturji Saheb Dr. Firoze M Kotwal to Commodore Medioma Bhada (Dated 9th July 2020)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dasturji Dr. Firoze M. Kotwal** <fmkotwal@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, 9 Jul 2020 at 17:56

Subject: Religious information with regard to recitation of the Gah-Sarna without the body of a deceased present

To: Medioma Bhada <mrbhada@gmail.com>
Cc: Dasturji Dr. Firoze M. Kotwal <FMKOTWAL@hotmail.com>

Dear Medioma.

Below are the points as requested by you which you may wish to use in your reply to Mr Hanoz Mistry.

1. The analogy used by Mr.Hanoz Mistry, of a priest conducting a genuine marriage, with the simple recitation of the Gah-Sarna prayer, recited for the deceased as a prayer and not as a ritual, is ridiculous. In this case, it is simply the recitation of the Ahunavaiti Gatha prayer and I emphasize that it is not a ritual and cannot be seen to be part of any ritual.
2. In this case there is no corpse (*nasa*) and so no ritual like the *sachkar* or *sagdud* are required or needed and the prayer is merely recited near the *dakhma*, its rightful place. I reiterate that it is not recited as part of a funeral ceremony, but as a prayer for the solace, comfort and satisfaction of the living and the dead.
3. I would recommend that the trustees should consult the learned High Priests of the community in all religious matters and not be led astray by a half-baked, self-styled, group of religious preachers.
4. There is an old saying: "**Neem hakeem khatar-i jan Neem mulla khatar-i imaan**"

Best wishes

**Dasturji Kotwal
Dastur (Dr.) Firoze. M. Kotwal
High Priest H.B. Wadia Atash Bahram**

And this is the email response I received from Dasturjisaheb Khurshed Dastur, High Priest, Iranshah, Udwada on 1st September 2020:

Dear Noshir,
I am in receipt of your mail.

I am in total agreement with your genuine and practical views with regard to the Geh Sarna prayers to be performed at the Doongerwadi facing the Dokhmas by 2 mobeds but only for those who have succumbed to COVID-19 and have been forced to be cremated.

Adhering to the scholarly and religious advice of Dasturji Dr. Firoze Kotwal is the way forward in the face of the current crisis and will also bring respite to the families of those who may unfortunately succumb to this virus.

Saying this, I would like to emphasise that this arrangement has to be temporary in nature and ONLY for those who are the unfortunate victims of COVID-19. It must be remembered that this practice must cease to exist as soon as the situation is in control.

With Warm Regards,
Dasturji Khurshed K. Dastoor
High Priest "IRANSHAH"

Dear colleagues,

The father in law of Dr. Vispi Jokhi (CEO, Masina Hospital) is critical with covid.

He and the entire family are keen to have 2 priests pray at Doongerwadi.

Priests from their agyari are ready to recite the Geh Sarna facing the Dokhma at Doongerwadi.

In case this almost 90 years old gentleman passes away please let us allow the Geh Sarna to be performed by two priests from their Pantak facing the dokhma and rest of the ceremonies at their agyari. Agyari.

This is a request.
We also have the Blessings of our two leading High Priests.

Please provide your consent.

Unfortunately I am scheduled to travel out of Mumbai tomorrow morning or else **I would have stood at Doongerwadi and seen to it who would dare stop this from being done.**

There is nothing UnZoroastrian or Unconstitutional about this policy that we should adopt at a difficult time like this.

It involves two Parsi Zoroastrian Priests Pray for a deceased Parsi Zoroastrian the Ahunavad Gatha. WHAT IS IRRELIGIOUS OR IRREGULAR ABOUT THIS? Read what Dasturjisaheb has said about some so-called fake and ignorant defenders of the religion.

We have already done injustice to a few families. ENOUGH NOW. BE BOLD. As elected leaders take a humanitarian stand and which is backed by two of our leading High Priests.

We make it clear that this is a temporary relaxation and only in cases where the person is cremated because of Covid.

We have procrastinated enough already. **TAKE A STAND**

Noshir H. Dadrawala
Trustee
Bombay Parsi Punchayet"

IN REPLY TRUSTEE XERXES DASTUR SOUGHT A DISCUSSION ON HIS REQUEST AT NEXT BOARD MEETING ON ZOOM AS UNDER:

"On Fri, 11 Sep 2020 at 16:21, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Noshir for this. Have also read your earlier mail to all the Dasturji Sahebs and suggest we all discuss the same once we get a response from all of them and close this out. This is a religious issue and would really like input from them before we make a final call as we have discussed this in the past.

Best regards
Xerxes Dastur"

"On 11-Sep-2020, at 5:45 PM, Noshir - CAP <noshir@capindia.in> wrote:

Yes of course.

The man is breathing his last. He will be no more within the next hour or so.

But we will DISCUSS, DISCUSS and DISCUSS some more till the Holy Cows and Holy Bulls come home.

Disappointed and I am going public now as I said I would on our BPP Trustees WA group.

Noshir H. Dadrawala"

"On Fri, 11 Sep 2020 at 18:07, Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Noshir,

Am sorry if you feel that you have to mark all our correspondence to everyone. Am once again reiterating what I wrote to you earlier, that the decision as regards the Geh Sarna should come with a clear recommendation from the Vada Dasturjis.

Post which we can all discuss this at the Board. You have personally sent a message to

the Vada Dasturjis earlier this afternoon and we are all marked on that and I am waiting to hear from them before I participate in a discussion on this.

Do you think it is fair that we have refused a few and now all of a sudden you are forcing us to make a decision. I am always available to discuss this and then make joint decision. For good orders sake will also say that the gentleman concerned is also known to me and I feel for him and the family but we have to have decisions which hold true for everyone especially in matters like this where there are such strong sentiments on both sides. These decisions will have long term impact on our community and we should all (Trustees as well as the Vada Dasturjis) be on the same wavelength.

Since you are travelling tomorrow I am open to have a call today with all concerned to close out this matter jointly.
Safe travels

Best regards
Xerxes Dastur"

"On 2020-09-11 18:16, Noshir - CAP wrote:

Xerxes the opinion of Dasturji Kotwal and Dasturji Khurshed is already with us. You have been given the same and yet you want to DISCUSS ... Please do DISCUSS nothing will ultimately get DECIDED ... only long DISCUSSIONS.

But, yes, please DISCUSS next Tuesday. I will not be there to DISCUSS ... I am leaving Mumbai tomorrow morning. Please do DISCUSS.

Noshir"

SINCE ALL THIS MAILS WERE MARKED TO ALL, EX-CHAIRMAN DINSHAW MEHTA THEN POINTED OUT THE BREACHES OF TRUST DEED GOVERNING DOONGERWADI AND SENT THE BELOW MAIL:

"On Sep 11, 2020, at 7:00 PM, dinshaw dinshaw <dinshaw@dinshawmehta.com> wrote:

Noshir,
please pardon my views but when you started the campaign about allowing Covid cremated bodies to do Geh Sarna at Doongerwadi, it was mainly based on the

exorbitant Rs. 48,000/ being charged by the Prayer hall co-ordinator Ervad Mirza even just for Geh Sarna.

However since last week or 10 days the Geh Sarna charges at Prayer Hall is now just Rs. 6000/. Hence the geh sarna prayer charges being out of reach of middle class no longer survives.

I am further informed that Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastur gave his views of allowing geh sarna at Doongerwadi on 1-9-20 without the body based on his assumption that the charges still continued at Rs. 48000/ which assumption is no longer correct.

Dasturji Khurshedji also opined that Geh Sarna should be done in front of the body and hence according to Dasturji Khurshedji doing it at Doongerwadi without the body was a baseless and meaningless ritual. Under the circumstances it would be better to do Geh Sarna with body at Prayer Hall than at Doongerwadi without the body.

Please also note that the Trust Deed of Doongerwadi which you as an elected member of the BPP Trust have to honor and obey does not allow the use of its land for any other means of disposal other than Dokhmenashini and hence a cremated body under whatever unfortunate circumstances cannot have any prayers including geh sarna to be conducted at Doongerwadi. You are bound by the Trust Deed without exception.

As regards the case of Mrs. Nazir who was not allowed to be consigned to Doongerwadi was because of the difference in interpretation whether an intermarried Parsi could be consigned at Doongerwadi that it was decided by the Trustees that if she did not convert but continued to follow the Zoroastrian religion she had a right to Doongerwadi which is very logical.

But in this case the Doongerwadi land is specifically reserved only for disposal of dead by Dokhmenashini and hence the Doongerwadi land cannot be used for any other mode of disposal and because of this very restraint in the Trust Deed that the Prayer hall was set up in the first place.

With Warm Regards.
Dinshaw Mehta"

NOW MANECK DAVAR JUMPED INTO THE FRAY ON EMOTIONAL GROUNDS OF THE FACTORS AFFECTING THE FAMILY

WHO HAD LOST THEIR LOVED ONES AND WANTED SOLACE OF PRAYERS AT DOONGERWADI:

"On 2020-09-11 23:32, Maneck Davar wrote:

Dear DINSHAW,

I have by design kept away from commenting on community issues for quite some time now. On the issue of geh sarna I hold a diametrically opposite view, one which is driven by pure emotion, that is of the unmitigated tragedy of losing a dear one in times of this Covid crisis.

This crisis is one that humanity has never faced before and even the mightiest dogma has had to bow down before it. It is to the credit of our High Priest that they have, in this hour of despondency and unmitigated despair, suspended their strong beliefs and have allowed prayers in agiaries for those cremated because of Covid. You must realize that the sons and daughters of Covid victims are not cremating them out of choice, but out of compulsion and against their beliefs and their faith in their religion. Both, the revered Dastoorji Dr Firoze Kotwal and Dastoorji Khurshed Dastur have held that during this period, when Covid patients have to be cremated, there should be no objection to the geh sarna prayers being recited at Doongarwadi. This is practical and a humane view which should be applauded and supported by all.

Your argument about the trust deed of the Doongarwadi is completely specious and without merit. There is no alternate method of disposal of the dead being practiced here. What is being asserted is the basic right to say prayers for the departed one which the trustees have no right to dictate or interfere as long as the prayers are of the Zoroastrian faith. Also to say that Vada Dastoorji Khurshed Dastur agreed because Rs 48,000 were being charged for prayers at the Prayer Hall and has changed his view as only Rs 6000 is now being charged is to portray him and his scholarship in a very poor light. I am sure he can speak for himself and he has spoken on this issue.

I would urge the trustees of the BPP to consider this on the basis of humanity. Any court in this country will uphold the rights of the individual to recite the prayers of his faith in his place of worship. The appropriateness of this is not for any mortal to judge or to interfere in, it is between the bereaved and his God. When the community faces such a huge religious and moral dilemma it is for all right thinking men and women to show magnanimity

and reach out to those who need solace.

I once again urge you, in the name of humanity, to desist from opposing this. I am also writing this out of a personal selfish reason, one that every right thinking Zoroastrian who believes in the dokhma should ask himself or herself. What if I lost my parent, spouse, child or sibling to Covid?

May Ahura Mazda the all compassionate make you and your ilk give you the gifts of understanding and humility.

Maneck Davar"

TO THIS DINSHAW MEHTA REPLIED AS UNDER:""

Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated

"From: dinshaw dinshaw

To: Maneck Davar, Dinshaw Rusi Mehta

Cc: Noshir - CAP, Xerxes V. Dastur, Kersi Randeria, Kersi Randeria, Armaity Tirandaz, Xerxes V. Dastur, Viraf Mehta, Cisa, Mr. Viraf D. Mehta, dasturjikhurshed@gmail.com, Dasturji Khurshed, Vada Dasturji Firoz Kotwal, Dasturji Dr. JamaspAsa, Piroja Jokhi, Piroja Jokhi, Vispi Jokhi, BPP DOONGARWADI, Jehangir Patel, Parsi Times, Farrokh Jijina, Z-Newz 2 more...

Date: 2020-09-12 17:13

MY DEAR MANECK, AFRAID I CANNOT AGREE TO YOUR VIEWS WHICH ARE GOVERNED BY EMOTIONS AND SENTIMENTS BUT WHICH HAVE TO BE DICTATED BY THE OBJECTS OF THE TRUST DEED WE WERE ELECTED TO PROTECT, WHICH ACCORDING TO YOU IS 'SPECIOUS AND WITHOUT MERIT'.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE SAME ARGUMENTS WHICH WERE USED DECADES BACK BY DD AG THAT WE ONLY WANT PRAYERS AT DOONGERWADI FOR CREMATED BODIES EXCEPT NOW THE OPERATIVE WORD IS COVID. HENCE IN FUTURE THIS RELAXATION WILL LIKELY LEAD TO RE-OPENING OF THE DEMAND OF PRAYERS FOR CREMATED BODIES, IN VIEW OF THE CONDITION OF THE PRAYER HALL SURROUNDINGS COMPARED TO THE IDYLIC SURROUNDINGS OF DOONGERWADI..

THE BEST WAY IS WHAT WAS ADVISED BY HIGH PRIEST JAMASPASA TO TAKE THE COVID BODIES TO DOONGERWADI ITSELF ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT DEAD BODIES CANNOT TRANSMIT

COVID. THEN GEH SARNA CAN BE DONE IN FRONT OF THE BODY WHICH IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT.

MANECK, HOW DID YOU GET PRIVY TO THIS GROUP MAIL? YOU WERE NOT ON IT ORIGINALLY.

DASTURJIKHURSHEDJIDIDINFORMTHAT HE WAS SWAYED TO GIVE HIS OPINION BASED ON THE EXORBITANT CHARGES OF RS 48000/. HE ALSO CONVEYED THAT GEH SARNA HAS TO BE DONE IN FRONT OF THE BODY OTHERWISE IT IS BASELESS.

MANECK, TO EACH HIS OWN AND LET US END IT HERE AND NOT ARGUE ABOUT IT.

WARM REGARDS,
DINSHAW MEHTA"

"From: Muncherji N Cama <mnc.samachar@gmail.com>
Date: 12/09/2020 9:43 pm (GMT+05:30)
Subject: Re: Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated

My dear Dinshaw,

This exchange will continue endlessly. Nowhere does the trust deed say what you are quoting . All that the trust deed says is that the land is to be used for Dokhmenashi AND for Zoroastrian prayers (paraphrased) .

So according to the trust deed, the trustees have to allow all Zoroastrian prayers there funereal or otherwise!

Whether a geh sarna can be held without a body is a separate issue . Allowing for the same logic, why are geh sarnas not held when Parsee/Irani Zoroastrians die in plane crashes and the body not found ?

Sincerely,
Muncherji Cama"

Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated
From: noshir
To: Muncherji N Cama, Farzana
Cc: dinshaw dinshaw, Maneck Davar, Xerxes V. Dastur, Kersi Randeria, Kersi Randeria, Armaity Tirandaz, Xerxes V. Dastur, Viraf Mehta, CIsa, Mr. Viraf D. Mehta, dasturjikhurshed@gmail.com, Dasturji Khurshed, Vada Dasturji Firoz Kotwal, Dasturji Dr. JamaspAsa, Piroja Jokhi, Piroja Jokhi, Vispi Jokhi, BPP DOONGARWADI, Jehangir Patel, Parsi Times, Farrokh Jijina 3 more...

Date: Sun 13-9-2020 08:52

The argument that is currently being raised is Geh Sarna ceremony cannot be performed without the body.

Have those raising this argument read a single authentic Avesta or Pahlavi scripture?

Do these "Defenders of Doongerwadi" know more about our religion than our learned Dasturji Dr. Firoze M Kotwal?

Let us first understand what is the Geh-sarna ritual.

In the Zoroastrian tradition, the funeral ceremony is called Geh-sarna.

The ceremony requires two priests to perform the Kusti and after reciting the prayers for the particular Gah (watch of the day), hold a paiwand between them, put on the padan over their face, take the Baj and recite the Ahunawad Gatha (Yasna 28-34).

Our learned Scholar High Priest Dasturji Dr. Firoze M Kotwal has suggested that if two priests holding the paiwand (ritual connection) perform the Geh-sarna facing the Dokhma, it may bring some solace to the relatives of the deceased whose mortal remains are cremated (against their wishes) due to death by Covid-19.

It is unfortunate that this simple and practical solution has created an engineered uproar amongst those who have neither studied Zoroastrian history indepth, nor read a single authentic religious text!

The question to ask is whether the Geh Sarna ceremony is for the dead or for the living who are in mourning?

The answer is it is for both but more so for the living.

The ignorant rabble rousers who have never studied the scriptures shout and scream that the Geh-sarna ceremony is for the soul of the dead and not the living.

Let's examine the facts...

Ervad Dr. Sir. Jivanji Jamshedji Modi, a leading scholar of his time, states in his paper, 'The Funeral Ceremonies of the Parsees', that the recital of Gatha "is intended to give moral courage to the survivors to bear up with fortitude the misfortune of the loss of the deceased."

Vendidad (the favourite scripture of the ultra orthodox unthinking Parsis) 10.1-2 states: "Zarathushtra asked Ahura Mazda: 'O Ahura Mazda! Most beneficent Spirit! Holy Creator of the material world! How are we to stand against the druj (evil influence), which runs from the dead to the living? How are we to stand against the nasu (evil influence) which carries infection from the dead to the living?'

"Then Ahura Mazda replied: 'recite those words which are spoken twice in the Gatha'. This is a reference to the passage in the beginning of the Ahunawad Gatha.

Thus, even the Vendidad (the preferred text of the traditionals) affirms that the Geh-sarna is for the benefit of the living.

Despite all these scriptural references there is unnecessary "Drama".

I say this to the ignorant rabble rousers, instead of Defending Doongerwadi learn to Defend what is the Truth and what is Right.

On my part I will continue my crusade for this cause.

My Colleague Trustees at BPP are welcome to Defend Doongerwadi (something that is my duty as well) but not at the cost of compromising the Truth or appease the unthinking ultras within our community.

Unfortunately we are a community obsessed with the Dead. The day we start thinking about the living we will see Peace and Progress within the community.

Get a life ... all you politically motivated Dramebaaz!

Noshir H Dadrawala"

"From: dinshaw dinshaw <dinshaw@dinshawmehta.com>
Date: 13/09/2020 1:06 pm (GMT+05:30)
To: noshir <noshir@capindia.in>
Subject: Re: Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated

VADA DASTURJIKHURSHEDJIDASTUR OF UDVADA HAS OPINED THAT GEH SARNA HAS TO BE DONE IN FRONT OF THE BODY ONLY AND IF DONE AT DOONGERWADI WITHOUT THE BODY IT IS A BASELESS AND MEANINGLESS RITUAL.

WARM REGARDS,
DINSHAW MEHTA"

“Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated

From: noshir

To: dinshaw dinshaw

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Date: Sun 13-9-2020 14:01

Thanks Dinshaw.

Would love to see that in writing.

And, just by the way why are you ignoring the opinion of the Living Authority on our religion - Dasturji Dr. Firoze M Kotwal?

It would not be right to compare one High Priest with another but Dasturji Kotwal's depth of scholarship is unparalleled and undisputed among all the High Priests. All the High Priests look up to Dasturji Kotwal as the seniormost and most scholarly.

Dinshaw, I am clear in my mind that there is no real or potential threat to Doongerwadi if we allow two Parsi Zoroastrian Priests to pray the Ahunavad Gatha facing the Dokhma.

Unfortunately I was travelling yesterday. But, I promise you, the next time a request is made I will personally ensure that the prayers are said at Doongerwadi. I will personally stand along side the priests and family and see who will dare to stop prayers from being offered.

Get a truck load of unthinking orthodox to lynch me, get the police, get the army, get people to write hate mails about me But I'll see how this will be prevented.

If you are sworn to protecting Doongerwadi then so am I. The only difference is you are pandering to the whims of the unthinking orthodox where as I am upholding what is Religiously and Ritually correct.

We have maintained cordial relations so far. It would be best if we don't make this bitter or ugly.

This is not about you or me. This concerns the religious sentiments of families who are not reformists or heterodox. These are families who are cremating their loved ones because they have no other choice.

Be reasonable. Be rational and above all else a statesman.

Kind regards and I really, really hope we can sort this out amicably in the best interest of our community.

Noshir H Dadrawala”

Prayers at Doongerwadi for the Covid Cremated

From: dinshaw dinshaw

To: noshir, Dinshaw Rusi Mehta

Cc: Muncherji N Cama, Farzana, Maneck Davar, Xerxes V. Dastur, Kersi Randeria, Kersi Randeria, Armaity Tirandaz, Xerxes V. Dastur, Viraf Mehta, Clsa, Mr. Viraf D. Mehta, dasturjikhurshed@gmail.com, Dasturji Khurshed, Vada Dasturji Firoz Kotwal, Dasturji Dr. JamaspAsa, Piroja Jokhi, Piroja Jokhi, Vispi Jokhi, BPP DOONGARWADI, Jehangir Patel, Parsi Times 4 more...

Date: Sun 13-09-2020 15:23

DEAR NOSHIR,

AGREED DASTURJI KOTWAL MAY BE MORE LEARNED THAN DASTURJI KHURSHEDJI BUT HE IS STILL A HIGH PRIEST AND HIS OPINION CANNOT BE BRUSHED ASIDE. IN VIEW OF THIS CATEGORICAL ASSERTION BY THE UDVADA HIGH PRIEST OF GEH SARNA WITHOUT THE BODY WHY CREATE A CONTROVERSY OVER A NON-ISSUE.

I AM FURTHER INFORMED THAT DR. JOKHI'S FATHER IN LAW, SOLI DINSHAWJI BUHARIWALLA, AGED 89 YEARS, FOR WHOM YOU HAD ORIGINALLY TAKEN UP CUDGELS, UNFORTUNATELY EXPIRED AT BREACH CANDY HOSPITAL AND GEH SARNA WAS DONE YESTERDAY AT THE PRAYER HALL AT 9AM ON SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2020 BY ERVAD FARAMROZE MIRZA AND ANOTHER MOBED FOR WHICH DR. JOKHI WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE AND PAID HIS PRAYER FEES OF RS 10,000/.

IN VIEW OF THE SPLIT AMONG THE TRUSTEES, YOU KINDLY ADVISED THEM TO DO THE GEH SARNA AT THE PRAYER HALL WHICH IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE, LET US PUT AN END TO THIS EMBARRASSING CONTROVERSY TO AVOID FURTHER SPLIT/DIVISION IN THE COMMUNITY.

IFYOURECALLWHENTHEBPPTRUSTEES

HAD A MEETING WITH ALL THE HIGH PRIESTS, IT WAS AGREED THAT DASTURJI JAMASPASA WOULD GET AUTHORITATIVE FINDINGS FROM RENOWNED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OF UK THAT COVID CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED FROM DEAD BODIES AND DASTURJI KHURSHEDJI WAS TO GET SIMILAR FINDINGS FROM RESEARCHERS AT AIIMS.

THIS WAS ABOUT THREE MONTHS BACK. IF WE CAN EXPEDITE THIS THAN WE CAN TAKE THE COVID BODY DIRECTLY TO DOONGERWADI AND DO THE GEH SARNA IN FRONT OF THE BODY AT DOONGERWADI ITSELF AND CONSIGN THE BODY TO ONE OF THE TO BE RESERVED DOKHMAS, WHICH WILL END THIS UNFORTUNATE CONTROVERSY.

PLEASE USE YOUR CLOUT TO EXPEDITE THIS FINDING AND RESTORE PEACE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

WARM REGARDS,
DINSHAW MEHTA”

WE NOW HOPE THAT BOTH THE HIGH PRIESTS ARE ABLE TO GET THE MEDICAL VIEWS FROM UK AND NEW DELHI THAT COVID DEAD DO NOT TRANSMIT THE DISEASE ANY MORE IN WHICH CASE WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM HONORABLE CONSIGNMENT AT DOONGERWADI ITSELF AND THE GEH SARNA CAN BE DONE AT DOONGERADI IN FRONT OF THE BODY AND NOT A MEANINGLESS RITUAL WITHOUT THE BODY.

OUR ABOVE PRAYERS HAVE ALSO BEEN ENDORSED BY TZML WHOSE MAIL WE REPRODUCE BELOW:

Subject: Dokhmenashini for Covid-19 patients is MORE URGENT. Instead smaller issues like Geh Sarna for cremation bodies is diverting our energies.

From: TZML Admins

To: TZML, Dasturji Dr Firoze M. Kotwal, Dasturji Dr. K.D.M. JamaspAsa, Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, Mr Yazdi Desai, armaity tirandaz, Kersi - Ahura, Viraf Mehta, CLSA, Xerxes V. Dastur, Noshir Dadrawala, farzad85@hotmail.com, mahanazdastur1490@gmail.com, Shernaaz Khambatta Jt. Dy. CEO BPP

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Date: Mon 09:35

Roz Aneran, Mah Farvardin, YZ 1390
14 Sept 2020

Dear humdins:

Subject: Dokhmenashini for Covid-19 patients is MORE URGENT.

Instead smaller issues like Geh Sarna for cremation bodies is diverting our energies.

Thanks to The Parsee Voice for spelling out in exact details the real reason why Geh Sarna cannot be performed at Doongerwadi for the unfortunate Covid-19 deceased Parsis. (see *their letter below*).

As a community we just cannot go on making exception after exception for each rule, else in a few months, everyone will clamour for their favourite exception to be accomodated.

And what was so special about **Dr. Viraf Jokhi's** father-in-law that trustee Noshir Dadrawalla had to exert so much influence in trying to allow this case through. **Dr. Jokhi's** mother **Piroja Jokhi** has been writing for years on her displeasure at Dokhmenashini at Doongerwadi. Now all of a sudden, people want a bite of the traditional rituals and practises.

Instead, let the BPP in a right earnest spirit, get the BMC to approve of Dokhmenashini for all Covid-19 deceased patients. It may be a difficult task, but not impossible, provided the trustees make united and emphatic efforts.

Already, there are newspaper headlines which

mention that entry to religious places will be relaxed.

Shouldn't BPP be then making fresh efforts by re-examining previously encountered hurdles and coming up with solutions?

Dasturji Jamasp and **Ervad Dr. R. Peer** and **Ervad Dr. P. Bajan** have given detailed guidelines to pursue, additionally **Dasturji Jamasp** has covered the issue from a medical angle as well.

Hence, let BPP concentrate on this most urgent need of the community.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

TZML Admins
(tzmladmn@gmail.com)

POEMS

THANK YOU

Saying Thank you
In any language is
Not enough
That's what I
Call:
Service before self

After what you
Guys are doing
We salute you
Putting your selves
As well your
Loved ones at risk
Rushing to save
The lives of others

To serve humanity
you all are very keen
Humble and dedicated
You all have always been
To stop the spreading of
From this deadly pandemic
Here's a toast to all of you
We could have never
Done it without you
A Very Big Thank you

Choicest Happiness
Farida
Feedback appreciated

A MESSAGE

Asho Zarathustra laid
Out a plan
For humanity
Of Good Thoughts Good Words
Good Deeds.
He made sure this message
Was universal, equally shared
By all regardless of colour
Caste creed
Rich poor beggar or thief

People come
People go
Like the peaceful
Waters flow
Let us live in
Peace & harmony
Let the negative
Feelings go

Diversity is the
Spice of life
Lending a helping hand
As well putting a smile
On someone's face
Make life more worthwhile
Çaue there should be
No place for hate
As one will
Meet one's fate
At the "Gate"

SUCH IS LIFE!!!!

We all do know
That our lives
Could change
In an instant
No matter what
The tragedy be
Wouldn't be nice
To treat humanity with
Self respect, understanding?
As well as dignity?

It seems to haunt us
As life ebbs away
'Cause there is
No turning back

I quote:

The hands of the clock
Are wound but once
And no one has the power
To tell just where the hands
Will stop
At a late or early hour
The present only is our own
Live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For then the clock may
Then be still
Robert H Smith



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We are pleased to inform Patrons that the Sanatorium will become operational from October 01, 2020 onwards.

The facility will be completely sanitized before it makes Guests welcome.

Keeping in mind the good health of Guests and Sanatorium Staff, use of our facilities will be made available on the following conditions to be adhered to by all Guests:

- **In view of the current global pandemic, Guests wishing to use the Sanatorium should visit only if they are not suffering from symptoms associated with the Novel Corona Virus – Covid - 19.**
- **Guests confirm they have visited the Sanatorium of their own volition and absolve Trustees and Staff of The WZO Trust Funds from any financial or medical responsibility or liability.**
- **Guests will have to wear protective masks and maintain social distancing in all the common areas of the Sanatorium.**
- **Guests will subject themselves to oximeter and infrared thermometer temperature reading every morning that will be taken by the Manager. In the event that the oxygen reading of any guest is found to be below 90 and temperature above 100.4 F, they will be asked to immediately leave the Sanatorium. A record of the oximeter and temperature readings of Guests will be maintained during their stay at the Sanatorium.**
- **Till further notice, the maximum number of Guests permitted in each room will be not more than 3 (three), and the maximum number of total Guests in the sanatorium will not be more than 15 (fifteen).**

These Conditions and Rules have been framed keeping in mind, maintaining the good health of Guests as well as our Staff and all are advised to diligently comply with the same.

Guests wishing to use the facility from October 01, 2020 on-wards may contact the Manager of the Sanatorium on either of the telephone numbers mentioned above.

**Yazdi K. Randelia;
CEO,
The WZO Trust Funds.**

CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY

IN THE PARSI JUNCTION ISSUE OF 13TH SEPT 20, WE HAD BROUGHT OUT THE BPP TRUSTEES ATTEMPT TO HELP THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED PARSIS DUE TO LOSS OF JOB OR NON-RECEIPT OF SALARY OR REDUCTION IN INCOME AFFECTING THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE ENDS MEET BUT SINCE THE LIAISON COMMITTEE IS NOT FUNCTIONING AT PRESENT, THE INQUIRY OF THE BONAFIDES OF THE APPLICANT CANNOT BE DONE AND HENCE THE TRUSTEES HAVE POSTPONED THE SCHEME TO HELP SUCH FAMILIES WITH RS. 10,000/ PM FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THIS PAPER HAD MADE A COMMITMENT TO HELP TWO SUCH FAMILIES FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 2020 TO MARCH 2021, WE CALL UPON SUCH NEEDY FAMILIES WHO ARE NOT TAKING DOLES FROM BPP OR ANY OTHER TRUST BUT AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC EFFECTS TO APPLY TO US WITH THEIR NEEDS AS DINSHAW TAMBOLY AND HIS WZO HAS AGREED TO HELP SUCH FAMILIES FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. SINCE THE FUNDS AT PRESENT ARE LIMITED ONLY THE REALLY NEEDY ONES ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY TO US OR TO WZO/DINSHAW TAMBOLY FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

WE HOPE ONLY GENUINE AFFECTED PARSI FAMILIES WILL APPLY AND UNDESERVING OR THOSE TAKING DOLES FROM TRUSTS WILL NOT TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BENEVOLENCE OF WZO/DINSHAW TAMBOLY.

PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA QUESTIONS THE MOTIVES OF "LIFELINE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS" IN PARSİ TIMES OF 19-9-2020



The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

Sub: 'Parsi Times LIFELINE' !

This Saturday morning most Parsis were amused to read in the PARSİ TIMES the above announcement, albeit with a pinch of salt! The first question that comes to the mind of readers is "Lifeline" for whom? "Vulnerable Seniors"? Are you serious?

Phiroze Amroliwalla

the mind of readers is "Lifeline" for whom?
"Vulnerable Seniors"? Are you serious?

One cannot forget the denial of a meal by the PT owner and BPP trustee with a single sentence "The issue is closed." to the 'vulnerable' and 'impoverished' senior citizen of Maleghamwala Bldg. Mahim, Mr. Kersi Bodhanwala whose house the BPP negotiated for surrendering upon his demise. This was the response to the request for just a meal and that too not from the personal kitchen of the trustee and owner of PT. but of the kitchen set up by the BPP.

So Mr. owner of PT, what is the agenda behind this "LifeLine"? Having lost your majority in the BPP board and not having the authority that you commanded thus far while allotting flats to your favored few on terms settled by you outside the boardroom, maybe at Café Coffee Day, and thereafter slyly maneuvering some of your colleagues on the board thereby causing untold loss to the Trust. Are you seeking a 'Lifeline' for yourself in different pastures?

Perhaps the famous deeds of your partners must have galvanised you to this new venture.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

Jiyo Parsi Friday Forum || September 25 || 6-7 PM IST

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An interactive session with Dr. Pervin Dadachanji

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