

# FIR AGAINST KERSI RANDERIA AND HIS AMBAJI CONSTRUCTION

## VIKRAM JAGDALE ALLEGES THAT KERSI RANDERIA HAS CHEATED HIM



Vikram Jagdale and his family

We give below the mail received from Vikram Jagdale and let the community decide for itself the punishment to be given to Kersi Randeria for the fraud committed on Vikram Jagdale.

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Date: Sat, 24 Oct 2020, 11:19 am Subject: Bombay Parsi Punchayet Trustee has cheated me and others......

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**Bombay Parsi Punchayet Trustee has cheated me and others......** 

Respected Sir/ Madam

I Vikram Jagdale a central government employee working with BARC is writing to you about my grievance against Shri. Kersi Randeria (Developer Ambaji Construction) and trustee of Bombay Parsi Punchayet. My mother had slum hutment at Ghatkopar West where Slum Redevelopment work is under progress where Kersi Randeria is a Developer. In 2008 I and our slum society members first met Kersi Randeria when he

requested our members to support him to redevelop the project. He said that he has joined Ambaji construction as a partner and he is going to develop the project. He said

"I am a Parsi and we Parsis never cheat anyone and if you all support me our project will be one of the best redevelopment project in Mumbai".

As Kersi Randeria himself had office in our area and because of his words that he is a Parsi all trusted him and we started supporting him in the slum project. I and other members work hard to start the redevelopment work fast. With all public support and hard work all permissions and CC for rehab buildings was received in 2010. But actual work started only in 2014 when he took another partner in joint venture.

In 2014 bhoomi pujan was done and some people gave booking amount towards purchase of sale flat in the scheme. As majority of our members are gujaratis (Patel), he in our society meeting had also asked to our slum members if anyone interested to buy flat in sale building. I met Kersi Randeria and told that I am interested to buy a flat and as I am working with government firm I can get Home loan also.

As I had worked hard to help Kersi Randeria in the project, he said that he will give discount to me. The booking amount for others was 8500/- per sq. ft. but he said for me it will be 7500/-per sq. ft.. I trusted him and Paid 30 lakhs rupees by cheques to shri. Kersi Randeria (Ambaji Construction) in the year 2014/2015 for

booking of flat at the rate 7500/- per Sq.Ft.(Built up area).

As I paid all the money in cheque, I was told that there is no need for receipts and in next few months after receiving CC for sale building, directly we will do the sale agreement. But when I approached again after few months I was told again that we are registering with RERA and we will directly do the RERA agreement as soon as possible.

RERA registration was done in 2017. I again approached to Shri. Kersi Randeria but he said that when I paid him the money during 2014/2015 he has shown my money Rs. 30 lakhs in his account books as loan. I was told by Shri. Kersi Randeria that "it is not possible to show your flat booking at this moment let me discuss with my experts".

Later I was told that we will first cancel the booking and again take fresh booking with his joint venture partner Heritage housing Corporation. I insisted to Shri. Kersi Randeria it's not my fault in the matter please do the RERA agreement as early as possible. In 2018 as he was in need in further money, he asked me to take loan in subvention scheme which was approved by DHFL in the project and asked me to apply for home loan. I submitted all my documents to Kersi Randeria office person Shri. Ashok Sharma and my home loan of 82 lakhs was sanction in August 2018 by DHFL but to my good luck as there was some issue with DHFL company, the loan transaction could not be completed and hence I could not lend him the same.

For past two years I am visiting Shri Kersi Randeria's office but he avoided to meet and receive my call. Later few months back he said that I will have to purchase the flat as per today's current rate. I reminded him that I paid the money before 5 and 1/2 years back. But he said if you want flat then buy as per current rate or take the money refund with interest of 18%. These were the two options given to me by him.

I said please refund me my money with interest. He agreed to return me my money. But all was fake and still he was not returning me my money. Last year in May 2019 I gave written complaint against Kersi Randeria at Ghatkopar Police station and other authorities and also had given letter to BPP but no one helped me to get my money back. When I came with my family to BPP office, the trustees refused to meet me and Noshir Dadrawala shouted at me and my family, I was there for almost 5 Hours waiting as I was hopeful that I may get help here.

I always thought that Parsis are honorable people but Noshir Dadrawala, instead of helping a poor man like me to recover Rs. 30 lakh paid in 2014-15 shouted at me to go away as this was a personal matter between Randeria and myself and Trustees could not interfere in personal matters. This is most shocking that a Trustee can defraud a poor man and the Parsi Trust he represents cannot take action against him. Somehow I managed to meet the chairman Shri. Yazdi Desai who requested me that I should go by legal way and will get justice. Because of his good words I got some strength and I met Police Commissioner in Janata Darbar and on his instructions FIR was registered nine months ago at Ghatkopar police station on 30/01/2020.

Parsi Junction has received a mail of a fraud committed by Slum Developer Kersi Randeria in a Slum Project being developed by him at Ghatkopar West since 2008. He persuaded the slum dwellers on his self certificate that 'he is a Parsi and Parsis never cheat anyone'. The below mail highlights how he cheats innocent slum dwellers and others who blindly trust him in good faith as a Parsi. Does he have any right to continue as a Trustee.

Why was Noshir Dadrawala so anxious to protect him by not allowing him to meet My wife suggested me to meet Kersi Randeria's wife Madam Hutokshi Rustomfram as we have heard that she is very nice and respectful person and from a good family. So in February 2020, I went to meet Madam Randeria to their home at DADAR. I with my 81 years old mother, 12 years daughter, wife and son all together went to Dadar. My wife talked to her from security reception counter and requested her to meet but she refused to meet saying she don't know us.

As we were leaving back from there, Kersi Randeria's driver came to us and said what is the matter, I told him my story and said now FIR is registered but I don't want to fight against Kersi Randeria and as I want peaceful solution and my money back so I wanted to meet Madam Randeria. I gave him FIR copy and requested him to give it to madam. He took FIR copy to madam and came back after 10 minutes and said that madam will meet us tomorrow 12 noon at Vikhroli office.

Next day we all five again went to meet madam at Vikhroli office. As we were waiting there to meet madam I received phone call from ACP Ghatkopar and I was asked to leave the office of Kersi Randeria immediately. So again my hope of getting money was lost as Kersi Randeria have good contacts with police department and so after 9 months have passed of FIR registered no action against Kersi Randeria is taken.

Because of his tag of BPP Trustee, money power and influences he is escaping. My matter is not in court yet, so I am trying to resolve issue peacefully as I know Kersi Randeria is expert in court matters and he will waste my another 10 years in court affairs. I am no longer interested in forcing Kersi Randeria to sell the flat at Rs. 7500/ per sq.ft. which was the booking rate in 2014-15 when I paid him my hard earned Rs.

the Board even after waiting for five hours with his family. Perhaps the shaming pressure of his colleagues may have influenced Kersi Randeria to refund the Rs. 30 lakhs with Interest which he has promised to do but has not done so far.

Rs. 30 lakhs is or should be peanuts for him from the exaggerated way he talks.

Trustees of the BPP are a reflection of the whole community and when he defrauds a poor Govt. servant, our whole Parsi Community has to hang its head in shame. Jagdale has filed a complaint at 30 lakhs for its booking. I trusted him and did not even took any receipt for it but all payments are by cheques. I only want my money back with interest as he promised a few years back. Going to Court would cost me huge legal costs which I can no longer afford but knowing how he manages the police department, government officers, slum officers and court officers he can harass me for years in Court. Since I have no alternative I am hoping that as a Trustee of BPP, the Press can persuade him to repay my booking amount and hence this appeal.

Kersi Randeria always said to our slum people that he is parsi and he will never harm or do wrong with any one and I also trusted him because I have heard that parsi people are very good and they never harm or cheat anyone. But today I along with 200 plus our slum members are homeless because of Kersi Randeria and are suffering a lot.

I appeal to all my Parsi brothers and sisters to look into the matter and help me and do the needful as I am a government servant, working with BARC and I have sold my native place land, taken loan from my BARC employees credit society, all my savings and paid 30 lakhs to Kersi Randeria (Ambaji Construction) to have my own dream house. I am very much in stress and depression at the moment. I have complaint to Ghatkopar police station and others but still no action has been taken. I also appeal to all Parsi community and all media persons to help me to get my money back as I have come to a stage and feel like committing suicide. I have all the proofs regarding my matter and ready to share if required.

**Yours Truly** Vikram Jagdale vnjagdale2210@gmail.com Mobile:- 7977044415

**Ghatkopar Police Station against Kersi** Randeria in May 2019 but by use of money power, political influence and general lethargy of police, the investigation has not proceeded further and a poor man like Jagdale and his family continues to suffer hardship due to non-refund of a petty sum of Rs. 30 lakhs for us but a humongous amount for a poor man.

Ultimately following advice of Chairman Yazdi Desai, he met the Commissioner of Police and finally an FIR was registered against Kersi Randeria on 30-01-2020 in Ghatkopar Police Station. Jagdale has

already given a copy of the FIR to Kersi Randeria's wife Hutoxi but even then nothing has progressed about refunding his Rs. 30 lakhs with 18% Interest as promised by Kersi Randeria. He has sent us a full copy of all the documents to prove his charge of being defrauded of Rs. 30 lakhs.

It is time our community stood up in defence of Vikram Jagdale that till his Rs. 30 lakhs are refunded, Kesi Randeria should be boycotted and ostracized from all community functions be it in a BPP Baug or any private function as he is besmirching the good name of our Parsi community.

Since Vikram Jagdale sent his complaint mail to all newspapers including Parsi Kersi immediately Times. Randeria started viralling his reply that though

admitting that Jagdale has filed an FIR, he now alleges that Jagdale asked for a 2 crore bribe. Kersi Randeria in his defense admits that the entire amount is paid by Jagdale by cheque which he is showing in his Income Tax return from 2014. HOWEVER HE DENIES THIS PAYMENT WAS FOR **BOOKING A HOUSE. Even Jagdale realizes** that he has no agreement for booking and has given up his demand for a flat.

All he wants is to get back the Rs. 30 lakhs he paid him in 2014-15 with 18% Interest as promised to him by Kersi Randeria. All that he has to do is pay back the admitted amount with admitted 18% interest and the matter will end here and now. It is difficult to believe that a Govt servant would sell his plot of land in his village, take a loan from his society just to give a Ioan to Kersi Randeria. But unfortunately since he took no receipt for the payment as booking amount nor did he enter into any Agreement of purchase of a flat in good faith believing Kersi Randeria as a Parsi would not swindle him, but he cannot now claim that money was paid to book a flat. Jagdale has accepted his faux pas is now not claiming any flat but only wants refund of the booking amount/loan of Rs. 30 lakhs with 18 % interest.

Since there is no dispute left between them and both agree on the repayment with 18% interest then the earlier it is completed the better it will be for Kersi Randeria so that no further action need be taken. An amicable compromise is what this paper is advising and hope that the injustice done to Jagdale since last five years comes to a happy end and we will feel justified for having been instrumental to give justice to a poor person.

# **BPP - "THE GREAT DIVIDE ADVANTAGE - THE ADMINISTRATION"**

The front page of Parsi Times (The Truth Delivered Weekly) of 17/10/2020 had a photograph of Dinshaw in paghdi and dugli, showing "Dadi House Charge sheet filed". The next day i.e. 18/10/2020, Parsi Junction (Committed to transparency and accountability) was more appropriate asking us to judge, "When will the infighting end?" Whilst unknowing to all of us, politics over progress seeped in in the year 1974 when the then Mayor of Bombay found himself elected to the August institution by the Sona Mandal i.e. the BPP. From then on till today, there is no progress except "Tari Mari" - the pious Board Room has turned into a battlefield of one-upmanship and "who's who". I' which was missing from the front two pages of TOI on 21/10/2020 is installed in our "August institution".

A few years before this in 1980, an Administrator was appointed by the trustees, who was none other then Late Shri R.K. Anklesaria from Ahmedabad. He was allotted 4B+HK in Khareghat Colony. His job was to look over the work of the administration with 'Action Taken' report to be presented on the Agenda every Tuesday evening to the Board. During those days, he was known as the "Eighth Trustee". A clean record person whom I confronted in 1993 Anjuman

Committee Election and forced him to shift the ballot boxes to the Head Office, although curfew was imposed due to Babri Masjid demolition. I stood my ground as I knew something would go wrong with the khiladi (Dinshaw Mehta) whose presence was felt in the Anjuman Committee elections. The word khiladi was coined by Shri R.K. Anklesaria for Dinshaw Mehta at the Khareghat Memorial

Shri R.K. Anklesaria, whose first target was Late Shri F.K. Davar, the then resident engineer, who occupied his chair in the sub-office at Khareghat Colony. In the year 1981, a meeting was called in the Khareghat Memorial Hall, which I too attended. A good lady, Late Mrs. Keki Rao accused Shri F.K. Davar of usurping three cement bags which were obtained in her name on her ration card. Cement then was a rare commodity, 3 bags only (issued on ration cards). Whilst her accusation, only 1 cement bag was used for her work the other 2 bags found their way into BPP godown for use later on. Shri R.K. Anklesaria tried to protect Shri F.K. Davar, but to no avail, as the argument heated up between the lady and Shri R.K. Anklesaria, the meeting was called off with an assurance to look into the matter but nothing came about in the later days. One

thing did definitely happen, Mr. F.K. Davar's wings were clipped, not likened by him and soon after Mr. F.K. Davar revolted in not reporting to the Administrator. The matter was put to the board. The then trustees headed by Dr. Aspi Golwalla put their foot down and advised Shri F.K. Davar to follow Administrator's advice. Soon after, Shri F.K. Davar resigned and not before endorsing his 4BHK at Wadia Building, Khareghat Colony, which later on was divided into two for another family as Shri F. K. Davar was residing alone.

Coming to the present day, things are different now. There is a great divide in the Board as of 2008. This divide has caused the Administration to take advantage of the rift ---. While one set of the Board in majority started employing their own in the Administration to do away with the favorites of the other part, who went to the court to redress their grievances. In this BPP started to become cash strapped due to the cost escalation. Quite a few employees who are retired and overaged gained on contract basis costing the trust funds.

The favourites started passing on reports not only against the other half but also filing wrong reports, so that the beneficiaries in the baugs and colonies would receive a dress down from the Administration.

As of 2015, things became worrisome. Whilst one trustee resigned only to be brought back a few briefs were filed pitting one against the other.

My good friend, the real Chairman has become incapacitated. The acting Chairman (not as per election scheme) was installed recently. A good lady, but is mild. At present a virtual meeting is held, taken advantage of by the Administration. The Administration are also divided into three parts - a) general, b) engineering (based at Khareghat Colony behind Aderbad) and c) Legal & Estate. Whilst the Dy Accounts Executive occupies the part of sub-office at Khareghat Colony, the main Chief Accounts Executive occupies the chair in Head Office.

Housing and Estate Department comes

directly under the control of the trustees through the CEO, who himself is a good straight forward person but mild to be bullied by the others.

So as the trustees fight amongst themselves, the administration cooks in another vessel "the Action Taken Reports", which inadvertently becomes the law when such reports are signed unknowing to the Board. The Custodians, the Housing Executives and the Legal part are taken care of by the CEO. A small part of politics is also played in the Baugs and Colonies by the socalled welfare committees to rigmarole the custodians through gifts. Human nature is always greedy and custodians are human. We have recently read in Parsi Junction, how the Godrej Baug custodian turned a Nelson's eye to the structural changes to the house of a Secretary of Godrej Baug Welfare Committee. Many things maybe happening in other Baugs and Colonies, then why should we blame the Board? The Board has no time to look through the game of the custodians except signing affidavits and vaklatnamas as presented by the Legal Department. Should I write further into the affairs of Doongerwadi right from the years 1961. Please reform before it is late and come under one trust "World Alliance of Mazdayasni Zarthostis".

My purpose of writing is to draw the attention of the Board to reform and reduce unwanted staff so that a penny saved is a penny earned for the betterment of the beneficiaries for their welfare. The trust was built on the citadel of philanthropists and trustees must look after the trust and properties, which is actually their job.

Yours truly,

Dr. Syrus D. Irani Mahim

# MY RESPONSE TO PARSI TIMES OF 24TH OCT 2020

#### BY PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Enough is enough Mr. Kersi Randeria. Your enmity with Dinshaw Mehta is a personal matter between you two, more so as you are neither the complainant nor were you a trustee then. Instead of raking

up past issues, why don't you, as a sitting Trustee, set the "record straight" by answering the queries I have been raising viz:

- A) Wasting BPP funds amounting to nearly a crore in frivolous litigation against Armaity and Viraf by denying them their right to all the files and documents. At the time the previous Board had done the same thing to Noshir Dadrawala it was you who got involved and therefore you very well knew the outcome of this forced litigation. Knowing this outcome you still went ahead with the uncalled for litigation which you lost and thereby wasted community funds.
- B) You give an impression that you want to help the poor and needy with houses. By what standard is your mother poor or needy when she is a Director along with you in your Rs.100 Crore turnover Ahura Mazda Manufacturing Company? Did you not think of any genuinely poor

- or needy family when you surreptitiously transferred your Kaka's BPP flat to your mother and added your nephew's name as living with her when both of them live in Godrej Baug in your sisters flat? Stop drawing sympathy from our community by spreading false information that I am harassing your 90 year old mother. With due respect to your mother, please note that my question is directed at you and not at her. May God grant her a long and healthy life!
- C) You favored one Kaikhushru Irani of "Poll Khol" with a flat in Palmlands, Contractor Baug, Mahim. You misguided the Board into believing that Mr. Irani had lost his eviction case filed by the Petit Trust and is without a roof over his head when in fact he had won and promised to reimburse BPP Rs.40 lakhs for which you stood guarantee. Where is that Forty Lakhs since the last three years? Loss to the BPP?
- D) Why was a flat in Godrej Baug valued at Rs.60 lakhs "allotted" to your partner's relative for a paltry sum of Rs.8 lakhs although the party volunteered Rs.30 lakhs? This largesse of yours has cost the BPP a loss of Rs.22 Lakhs plus interest. Had this flat been publicly auctioned, the BPP would have realised the full market value. Another loss to the BPP?

- E) The printing of your "Dissent" under all advertisements for Auction of **BPP flats on Security Deposit basis** is a façade. This is done by you primarily to dissuade genuine parties so that these unsold flats can be then "allotted" by you to your chosen few as in (C) above.
- F) Why don't you publish the list of the 150 allottees with true and complete details of their names, reasons for allotment and terms and conditions on which these allotments were made. This publishing is imperative as you have scrapped the Merit Rating Scheme and resort to rampant ad hoc allotments without any laid down guidelines.

The above are only the tip of the iceberg. The trustees need to concentrate on the present rather than raking up old skeletons as that is not going to help the community or the trust in any way.

Kersi Randeria, if you really want to set the record straight, then answer truthfully all the queries raised by me so far, instead of trying to deflect attention from the real issues. The total loss to the BPP for your actions is phenomenal compared to what you accuse others of.

**Phiroze Amroliwalla** 

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# SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGH

#### BY DINSHAW RUSI MEHTA



Dinshaw Mehta

Yesterday's Parsi Times (Saturday 24th Oct.2020), in the front page article under the same heading as above, Kersi Randeria tried to justify the vengeful and vindictive actions of HIS.

#### **HISTORY OF RANDERIA**

People seem to have forgotten the damaging history of Kersi Randeria right from 2001 when Manek Engineer lost the BPP Trustees elections AGAINST ME, to various cases filed against the BPP and

He has tried every trick in the book, legal and illegal to try to stop me from doing good for the community. His hatred for me began with the introduction of the Refundable Security Deposit Scheme which allowed the BPP tenants to encash their tenancy rights. Randeria was of the view that the flats, including the large 2000 square feet flats should NOT be ENCASHED BUT given FREE only to PARSIS, many of which included his friends and family.

This long battle with Randeria resulted in the creation of AZA.

#### THE NEW AZA

The original AZA had an agenda which in their view was for the welfare of the poor. Unfortunately with time, the founders of AZA realized that Randeria had only one agenda - to tarnish my reputation. He didn't care the means or the manner as long as he achieved his agenda. That saw Randeria publish the most dis-tasteful morphed photographs of me during the 2008 election.

The founders of AZA rightfully alienated themselves from someone with such hatred within them.

Of late, Randeria has obtained the services of a few individuals reminding us once again of the time the community was plagued by AZA. The new AZA, filled with acrimonious individuals such as Arzan Ghadially of Godrej Baug who we have learnt is now an employee of Randeria, the infamous (for all the wrong reasons) Mehernosh Fitter of Dadar Parsi Colony who shamelessly tried to induct into a Cusrow Baug flat, Balaram Street no-gooder Kaikhushru Irani who has been rewarded with two charity flats in gratitude by Kersi Randeria, and Baku Talia of USA who has been banned from the American Association as well as by FEZANA for being nothing but a trouble maker.

The above people have been flooding whatsapp day and night with nothing but false nonsensical hatred, as is directed by Randeria.

#### **NEVER ENDING ALLEGATION**

One must wonder, how all the investigating authorities found no merit in the complaint filed by Khojeste Mistree in relation to Dady House.

- The EOW exonerated me in November 2013 with a clear finding that no case was made out.
- The MRA Marg Police Station also filed its report to the Magistrate's Court in May 2015 stating no case was made out and the case ought to be shut.
- The Charity Commissioner saw no merit in the complaint filed against me and in December 2013 injuncted all seven Trustees from dealing with property.

All the above were based on the same facts!

Yet, suddenly just when the community was beginning to appreciate the positive work being done by the majority trustees (to the exclusion of Randeria), suddenly a charge sheet in an 2014 matter was filed.

The matter is sub-judice and hence no more can be said at this stage, however the timing of the charge sheet raises serious suspicion and confirms that whilst the BPP Trustees were busy working for the community, Randeria was working hard to get the state machinery to work for him.

#### **GREASING OF PALMS**

Randeria claims that Musharaf's affidavit proves Randeria's case.

Let's analyize how Randeria got this affidavit and what was given to Musharaf to go against his own affidavits given by him earlier to the EOW, THE Charity Commissioner, MRA Marg police and in Small Causes Court RAD SUIT filed by Musharraf to claim Tenancy.

In October 2015, the new Board was elected. Kersi Randeria summoned Musharraf Kader not to BPP office but to the Writer Corporation Office of Yazdi Desai at Byculla on 21-5-2016- which is admitted by Musharraf Kader.

After meeting Randeria, Musharraf came to my office and informed me of the above meeting that Kersi Randeria first tried to get him to admit that transfer fees were Rs. 65 lakhs of which he had paid me Rs. 20 lakhs in cash. But when Musharraf adamantly refused, Kersi Randeria changed tactics and blackmailed him to say that since he had given cash Rs. 25 lakhs to CEO'S residence all he had to do was to give an Affidavit that he had given cash to late CEO's residence on my instructions and that it was later returned back to him by me. He was threatened that if he did not give this affidavit, Randeria would bring Parsi ladies and ensure closure of his Guest House business. He was also informed that if he gave this affidavit as drafted by Randeria, Musharaf would be rewarded with the issuance of the rent receipt of his premises in his name.

I informed Musharraf that after paying over Rs. 1 crore to the outgoing tenant and the BPP for the premises, he must first ensure that the premises were transferred to his name to be safe from any litigation and that I would take care of myself.

In June 2016, Kersi Randeria manipulated the other Trustees that it is now an admitted fact that transfer fees was indeed Rs. 45 lakhs and not Rs. 65 lakhs as earlier alleged and since we have received the full Rs. 45 lakhs in November 2013, it is only fair that we issue rent receipt in their name which innocently all other Trustees rightly agreed. In an unprecedented manner, the said Resolution of issue of rent receipt was very cleverly made to be signed by all

seven Trustees by Kersi Randeria which was handed over to Musharraf Kader with one hand and his Affidavit taken in the other.

#### INDUSTRIALIST OR DEFAULT SPECIA-LIST

Randeria in his paper claims that he is an industrialist. One must poke these big claims and see whether Randeria is a true flourishing industrialist or someone who is running debt ridden companies having outstanding amounts of CRORES OWED TO BANKS!

Various banks have approached me recently informing me of the large outstanding owed to them and that they are contemplating legal action to liquidate Randeria's companies and Randeria personally.

#### **FORAS ROAD**

Every time Randeria wishes to attack me, he will always bring up that my family hailed from Foras Road.

I take pride in my family. My father Rusi Mehta was a corporator in the Muslim dominated locality from 1967 till 1987 when he was shot by liquor barons who he opposed. My brother Noshir was then elected a Corporator for three terms and when the Ward was declared a ladies Ward my sister Anahita won the elections for three terms.

#### **ONE NUCLEAR FAMILY**

My family has been attacked for over 20 years by Kersi Randeria and his group because of my love to serve the community. They have gained nothing but trauma seeing the vile lies spread in the papers like Parsi Times.

My family is my rock. My wife and the only lady in my life has become the butt of whatsapp ridicule remains by my side no matter what. My three sons Viraf, Hormuz and Darayus have had to face physical assaults, threats, abuses all through my tenure as Trustee and it continues even today. We as a family know the meaning of happiness and togetherness, something Randeria will never understand nor appreciate. My family knows the truth. They know justice will eventually prevail just as it did over false claims and accusations filed

by Randeria over the years.

#### INDUSTRIALIST SCAMS THE POOR

In 1989, five years before I became a trustee in 1994, I issued tenders for construction of Rusi Mehta building at Godrej Baug, as donation to the community in memory of my father Rusi Mehta who was a Municipal Corporator undefeated in a Muslim dominated locality from 1967 till his demise in June 1987. Kersi Randeria who was all the time in Godrej Baug doing small time labour contracts for Maneck Engineer sent me his Quotation and requested me to give him the construction contract as a Parsi. When I compared his construction rate with that of others I found his rate was 80% more than the highest rate received by me.

I immediately realized Randeria was out to defraud people (since 1989) and to no surprise, he continues to do so. If Randeria claims to be an industrialist - he should repay the small man like Vikram Jagdale who has sent Parsi Junction a sad and depressing letter of how he has been swindled by Kersi Randeria of Rs. 30 lakhs.

#### IF YOU FEEL LEFT OUT - BLAME THE **CHAIRMAN**

Randeria in his paper castigates honorable Armaity Tirandaz alleging that "BPP Trustee Armaity Tirandaz has embraced the illegitimate title of 'Acting Chairman' and taken on powers that she legally does not have -thus dancing to the tune of others".

Randeria is aware that he can no longer threaten and blackmail residents of our colonies under the leadership of Tirandaz. has now decided to threaten her.

Tirandaz has been unanimously appointed as Chairman by all the Trustees after being originally proposed by Kersi Randeria himself. But her good work and her selfless service for which she and the board are getting kudos from everyone in the community is irritating Randeria. Randeria it seems is still creating legal hurdles and challenges for the BPP Board for their magnanimous decision of waiving service charges for colony residents. Randeria who has always been opposed to the waiver continuously seeks to have service charges increased - burdening our colony residents.

#### RANDERIA ARRESTED - OUT OF BAIL, RANDERIA ARREST AGAIN - OUT OF BAIL, RANDERIA ARRESTED AGAIN .....

Kersi Randeria admits that he has been arrested by the Police and released on bail in two cases. One for outraging the modesty of ladies and the other for assault and battery. Both offences were committed outside the Magistrate Court premise where the case filed by Khojeste Mistree was being heard. Both matters are pending in court and sub-judice. My sister Anahita came to the St. Georges Hospital to see Hormuz who was flat on a stretcher being treated in the Casualty Ward. When Randeria saw her he announced to his group that "FORAS ROAD NI RAND AVI". He did this not once but repeatedly every time she went past them or he went past us. Being a Corporator obviously she is not going to take it lying down.

The question that comes up is if the case was filed by Khojeste Mistree, why was Randeria in the Magistrate Court that day with 20 to 25 of his supporters. This clearly shows that Randeria was there to create deliberate nuisance and prejudice the court in undertaking justice. One can only conclude that Randeria intentionally attended the Magistate Court that day only to create issues, sexually abuse ladies and physically assault people. WHY was Rukhsana Farhad Delkhah who has filed a case against me for insulting her brought to the Court that day. She had been given a flat by Kersi Randeria and in gratitude she came to Court and on his instruction filed a bogus complaint against me for insulting her modesty. He also brought another lady Khorshed Meherjee to create confusion in the Court and soon thereafter she was rewarded by Kersi Randeria by appointing her as Manager of the Gamadia Colony's Boys Hostel at afancy salary to be paid by BPP. This is the way Kersi Randeria misuses BPP Funds to sponsor his friends and relatives.

#### **NO TIME FOR HATERS**

The above is fact from the lies that was presented in the Parsi Times. I am no longer a Trustee. However, no matter what, I will continue to serve the community. This may irk the likes of Randeria but for me Randeria's will come and go, but my community will stay with me forever.

## DINSHAW MEHTA RELENTLESS IN THE EYE OF THE STORM!

Arzan Ghadialy, the apparent paid employee of Kersi Randeria, in yesterday's Parsi Times (Saturday 24-10-2020), has under the above heading posted a letter threatening raids from **Income Tax authorities and made other** derogatory remarks against me and my family.

He talks ill of the judiciary by saying "we may not be around when the verdict comes, knowing how our Judiciary functions in India." We may inform Arzan that after the bail payment, the Court was fixing the next date for sometime in January 2021, when Dinshaw Mehta approached the Court and requested the Judge to expedite the hearing to clear his name at the earliest and the next date is now fixed for 7th November 2020.

Arzan like his employer is trying to mix the two different Rs. 20 lakhs so that he cannot be blamed for deliberately causing loss to charity by complaining of shabby investigation against the NOC given to BPP by the police that the Rs. 20 lakhs in the CEO'S cabin belongs to BPP and to use it for community charity leading to its being taken away by the police into its custody.

What a tragic blunder by Ghadialy that in his hurry to blame Dinshaw Mehta that he had hid the Rs. 20 lakhs cash out of Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees taken from Musharraf in the cupboard he caused loss of community funds. Since 2015 till date there has been no progress in the investigation and hence both Arzan and his boss Randeria will now try to make all kinds of false and baseless accusations to ensure that the money belonging to the community and BPP is confiscated as their personal egos are far bigger than charity funds of Rs. 20 lakhs.

In 2016 all the actors of the melodrama concurred with the EOW as well as the MRA Marg police investigation report that transfer fees were always Rs. 45 lakhs and not Rs. 65 lakhs as falsely accused by his colleague Trustees. It is time Dinshaw Mehta sued all his accusers of Defamation for a huge amount and gave it to Parsi General Hospital which is also cash strapped.

**Arzan then talks of "Dinshaw Mehta's** allegations about a bribe paid of Rs. 65 lakhs in hard cash to a High Court Judge". Let us be clear that Dinshaw Mehta has never alleged that he paid any bribe to any Judge, if anyone, Yazdi Desai would respond to this.

At last Arzan Ghadialy also confirms that the transfer fees were only Rs. 45 lakhs which were fully received by **BPP.** Yes Musharraf did give a package alleged to contain Rs. 25 lakhs cash to CEO's residence but Arzan lies when he says that Dinshaw Mehta asked Musharraf to give cash Rs. 25 lakhs to his residence. Musharraf gave the cash on 30th March 2013 as the Trustees had warned him that if he did not give the transfer fees of Rs. 45 lakhs by 31-3-2013 then he would have to pay Rs. 50 lakhs as transfer fees. But since he could not arrange for white payment he sent the package of cash 25 lakhs to his house.

Arzan may please note that when CEO informed the Chairman Dinshaw Mehta that Musharraf is not able to give white payment as he has already paid Rs 55 lakhs to the outgoing Tenant Sardar Harbhajansingh Amarsingh Birdy and Rs. 20 lakhs to BPP, he needed time to arrange for balance white payment by cheque. Dinshaw Mehta advised the CEO to inform other Trustees of the cash receipt.

Luckily both Yazdi Desai in his complaint to EOW and Khojeste Mistry to the Magistrate both confirmed that CEO had informed them that cash Rs. 25 lakhs had been paid by Musharraf as he could not arrange for white payment and that further Yazdi had informed the CEO to return the cash back to Musharraf that BPP cannot accept cash but to pay the balance by cheque. Naturally the Ceo returned the cash back to Musharraf as ordered by Yazdi Desai and at request of Musharraf gave him six months time to arrange for white payment by cheque.

Dinshaw Mehta never on his own indulged in cash transactions but when the Tenant requested for time to arrange cheque payment in white and

sought time to make the payment then there is nothing wrong in giving such facility.

Arzan now gives a new twist that " Dinshaw Mehta was trying to recover part of the Rs. 65 lakhs, which he had allegedly paid towards bribing the judge". Once again where Arzan gets the figure of Rs. 65 lakhs as bribe to judge is not understood. Again only Yazdi can answer this.

He talks of cash dealings in those days. Perhaps he should ask his employer why the audio and video recordings are turned off when talks of cash dealings are indulged by his employer himself. Arzan then talks of all Trustees resigning as Kersi Randeria has lost his majority and his dictatorship in community affairs have thankfully come to an end.

But Arzan has still not answered the query raised by Dinshaw Mehta for which Godrej Baug Association has been taken by Committee member Tehmton Dumasia against all the Committee members for taking cheques from tha Association account into their personal accounts. Dinshaw Mehta had accused Arzan Ghadialy on Wednasday 21-10-2020 of having taken cheque of Rs. 70,000/ from the Association account into his personal account but till date he has not refunded the same back to the Association nor replied to Dinshaw Mehta on this charge made by Dinshaw Mehta against Arzan Ghadialy.

But he tried to get Farhad Hozdar, President of GBRWA to reply on his behalf by sending the below mail to

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, Arzan <arzanjg@gmail.com wrote:

Attn: Farhad Hozdar-President GBRWA & The Managing Committee

Farhad& Managing Comm Dear members.

There is a viral message in circulation and the same is appended below and I quote from the viral message.

Quote 'Further it is complained **Tehmton Dumasia** to Charity **Committee** Commissioner that membersincludingyoualsotookcheque of Rs. 70000/ from the Association. Can you explain why? Have you returned the money to the Association? Care to explain? And that is why you resigned from the Committee?. Dinshaw Mehta' unquote.

These are very serious allegations against committee members including me and to this end would request you to kindly issue a factual clarification on behalf of GBRWA.

#### Warm Regards ArZan.

But Farhad refused to give any clarification on behalf of GBRWA except to admit that Rs. 70000/ was not the figure taken by Arzan but did not admit exactly how much was taken by Arzan from the Association but the confession is clear that Arzan has taken some amount from the Association. The truth will ultimately come out sooner or later. We give below the reply of Farhad **Hozdar to Arzan as under:** 

#### "Dear Arzan,

With reference to your email in trail-"We have perused the whats app message forwaded to us which includes the subject matter of your email in trail-At the outset we feel anguished to state that our most peaceful and fun loving community which in the eyes of the world is an example of integrity and intelligence has been brought to its knees from within; family members and associates are being made soft target which we can only strongly condemn. The pain to the community at large is unspeakable. We can only hope that commonsense prevails for larger good and progress of our respected community.

In the present circumstances we can only agree to disagree with what is stated therein, as mentioned in your email. As you have requested for the benefit of all we state and clarify;

#### The figure that is quoted is incorrect.

It is malicious to presume that you or any Committee members would do anything detrimental for the Association. We ALL have worked sincerely for the good of the Baug and in no way have you or any other member misused funds as is purported in the message. No amounts are due to the Association from any member.

Further we have to state that you resigned as member of subcommittee on personal grounds only. "

We hope the above clears the doubts raised in the subject message as brought to our notice by you.

Sincerely For and on behalf of GBRWA Farhad H. Hozdar President.""

This reply clarifies nothing but makes the amounts given to the Committee members from Association bank accounts all the more

suspicious if the reason for its payment to them is not explained nor does the member have to pay it back to the Association as admitted above which would possibly mean only that the Committee members have in an unholy alliance and decided that every committee member ought to get a cut from the Association funds to be distributed among themselves.

Parsi Junction is aware that this is not the case as every committee member is honest and above board but then the fact of the moneys being given to committee members without it being returned needs to be explained to the community. If you have nothing to hide then why not disclose why this modus operandi is being executed and for whose benefit. Ultimately the Committee will have to explain to the Charity Commissioner in the pending matter of Tehmton Dumasia.

Further by refusing to share the accounts with Tehmton Dumasia, an elected committee member in spite of several requests is to say the least gross, no matter whether the committee likes Tehmton or not. Stop being pig headed and give him the accounts and bring peace to the Colony.

Even the Trustees in spite of appointing the highest paid Senior Counsel in the High Court were forced to give all papers, documents, agenda, Minutes etc to the Minority Trustees but only after receiving a rap on their knuckles by the Court and after spending over a crore between them but whilst Armaity and Viraf paid their own legal costs but that of Kersi Randeria was paid from charity funds and of which about Rs. 30 lakhs is still to be paid to Janak Dwarkadas.

# **PARSI GATE**

Ushta all

If I may add my 2 cents:

Instead of bickering over the Parsi Gate or for that matter the Railway line under the Atash Behram

Why not concentrate on the Teachings of Asho Zarathushtra of spreadiing tolerance peace Prosperity Equality & stamp the flow of Racism Discrimination Bigotry.

By fighting about the Parsi Gate or the railway line is not going to secure a place in heaven . It's one's thoughts, words deeds that matter. Listen to your inner voice not some Vada Ervad etc,, they are not going to take the bullet for you. Your soul only your soul will face judgement whereas the souls of the Vadas as well Ervads will be stripped of their Titles Accolades & Awards once the umbleical cord is cut

**Choicest Happiness Farida** 

#### A BIT OF UNDERSTANDING

Only if all of us, diligently practised this, The entire world would be at peace. Let's not tear apart this beautiful Earth into pieces

With wicked, mean, selfish ways, man, it fleeces A wee bit of understanding, can spread mirth n peace.

Selfish a man is born, but understanding powers are his.;

If this he uses well, difficulties would certainly cease.

LET'S AWAKEN OUR CONSCIENCE. GREAT UNDERSTANDING IT WILL RELEASE.

WITH IT, LET'S WORK TOWARDS SPREADING HAPPPPPPINESSSS n PEACE.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

## **A NEW 'MORROW**

Await I eagerly for a new, happy, wonderful, beautiful 'morrow !!!

That morrow when Ahremaan will subdued become n goodness from Fareshtas, borrow.

When evil go away permanently will; where goodness is on the brink.

That morrow, when people less selfish will become n about others think.

May this new 'morrow destroy all evil, temptations, jealousy n ego.

May people willingly, from within, their vices quit and negativity forgo.

May this new morrow increase our faith in our religion n in Zarathushtra.

Like Faredun, may we destroy the Zohak within us, with the help of our kind Mazda.

Pray I, all evil vanish away will and wisdom and goodness for ever prevail.

May our community, our religion n population, Himalayan heights scale.

**Armin Dutia Motashaw** 

## **QUOTES TO PONDER**

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruits; sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of Nature. We are born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.....Life is good when you are happy; much better when others are happy because of you" Pope Francis

Ego and love are branches of the same tree. The difference is , love always wants to say sorry and Ego always wants to hear it

"Let the waters settle you will see the moon and the stars mirrored in your being Rumi

#### POWER OF A WOMAN

It seems society Is male dominated Even in the sphere Of Religion Whether it Muslim Sikh Hindu Buddhist Bahai Jew or a Zoroastrian No religion suppresses women Or be under the thumb of a male They have the freedom to Practice as well Preach But apparently it has Been Hijacked by the Bigoted Male domain Who have no monopoly Over wisdom

> Do not let them Fence us in Or put us In "Straight jackets" Indira Gandhi

Golda Meir Cleopatra who Even brought about The downfall of The Roman Empire At the advice of a woman Alexander so called "Great" Setting fire to the Library In Alexandria!!!

Do not underestimate The power of woman She can raise you high Or bring you down If she can survive Labour pains She has the strength', Will power tenacity To raise hell In this male dominated society

**Choicest Happiness** Farida Bamji

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