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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

### IN ITS INHERENT AND EXTRAORDINARY JURISDICTION MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO. (L) 29493 OF 2021

In the matter of Scheme for the Election  
of the Trustees of the Funds and Immovable  
Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay  
("Scheme").

AND

In the matter of amendments to the Scheme.

**1. Mrs. Armaity Rustom Tirandaz ]**  
**2. Mr. VirafDinshaw Mehta ]**  
**3. Mr. Xerxes Vispi Dastur ] ...Petitioners**

**Versus**

**1. The Charity Commissioner ]**  
**2. Mr. NoshirHomiDadrawala ]**  
**3. Mr. Kersi Jamshed Randeria ] ...Respondents**

In supersession of the Public Notice dated 22nd January 2022, and pursuant to the Orders of this Hon'ble Court dated 1st February and 3rd February, 2022 all members of the Parsee/Irani Zoroastrian Community are hereby informed that the Petitioner and Respondent Trustees of the BPP, Bombay, have proposed further amendments to the Scheme for the Election of the Trustees of BPP, in addition to amendments notified in the Public Notice dated 22nd January 2022.

Accordingly, the Bombay High Court, by its order dated 4th February 2022, has directed a fresh public notice to be re-issued.

The following is a gist of the proposed main and substantive amendments to the Scheme proposed by the Trustees:

1. A detailed election Code of Conduct (CoC) will be mandatorily applicable to all Trustee elections;

its material breach may result in disqualification of a candidate / trustee. A copy of the CoC is annexed to the link below.

2. Election security deposit amount increased to Rs. 25,000/- .Any candidate that fails to secure 10% of the valid votes cast at such election shall have his Deposit forfeited.
3. The minimum age to stand as Trustee has been increased to 30 years.
4. The High Court to appoint an independent Election Commissioner and five Assistant Election Commissioners, for each election to oversee, supervise, conduct, and decide all matters, relating to a Trustee election, , whose term will expire 6 months after the completion of the election process. The Election Commissioners shall follow principles of natural justice.
5. Voting shall be done by Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) having a paper trail (VVPAT machines)\*  
[\*Chairperson Mrs. Tirandaz and Trustee Mr. Viraf Mehta are not in agreement with the above and have proposed elections by paper secret ballot with counting directly at each center]
6. Definition of a "Parsi" subject to any decision of the Supreme Court of India, means:
  - (i) a Parsi descended from the original Persian emigrants and born of both Zoroastrian parents, professing the Zoroastrian-religion;
  - (ii) an Irani from Iran, professing the Zoroastrian religion, coming to India either temporarily or permanently;
  - (iii) a child of Parsi father by alien mother, duly admitted to the Zoroastrian religion.
7. Term of office of a Trustee shall be 5 (five) years; and no Parsi can be a Trustee for more than 10 years, during his lifetime. This is a Term Limit. A Trustee, elected at a mid-term election, will hold office for the remaining term of the Trustee whose vacancy, resulted in such mid-term election. The period served by a Trustee elected to fill in a mid-term vacancy will constitute one (1) Term. However, if any mid-term election is to be held in the last 12 months of the term than the candidate elected will have the option of two more full five-year terms and this short period served will not constitute one (1) Term.



8. Eligibility criteria to be a Trustee include that he must be a (a) citizen of India and (b) resident of India.
9. Resignation of a Trustee, once received, cannot be withdrawn, by him.
10. Trustees may, unanimously, appoint any qualified person as an independent external advisor, to advise the Trustees.
11. Amendments to the Scheme may be proposed either by the Trustees or upon a requisition signed by at least 1000 Parsis.
12. Only donors giving a donation of Rs. 10 lakhs or more to be admitted to the Donor Register and such Donors will have one (1) vote that will be counted as two (2) votes at any election. Persons whose names are on the Donor Register will continue to exercise the right of one (1) vote that will be counted as two (2) votes.
13. All decisions for alienation of immovable property will be taken by a simple majority of Trustees and will require permissions of the Charity Commissioner. By way of additional safeguards, if permission of the Charity Commissioner is granted, the same will not be acted upon for 4 weeks to enable any aggrieved person having locus standi to challenge the same. Decisions to alienate immovable property will also be advertised in Parsi Media so as to enable members of the community to object before the Charity Commissioner.
14. Trustees will be required to take important decisions such as removing persons from the Register or holding that a Trustee has vacated office by following principles of natural justice.
15. Trustees of the BPP who by virtue of such position are appointed ex officio trustees of any other Parsi trust will automatically vacate that position if they cease to be trustees of the BPP.
16. Unless it is not possible, the venues of the elections shall be:
  - (a) Cusrow Baug
  - (b) Kharegat Colony
  - (c) Rustom Baug
  - (d) Dadar Parsi Colony
  - (e) Bharucha Baug
17. The candidature form will mandatorily require the following details to be provided by the candidate:
  - (a) Name of the candidate;
  - (b) The names and signatures of the proposer and seconder of such candidate;
  - (c) Biodata of the candidate;
  - (d) Signature of the candidate before a Notary Public;
  - (e) Any pending disputes with the Trust (which, it is clarified, is not a circumstance of ineligibility

or disqualification from contesting elections)

18. The counting of all votes cast shall be undertaken immediately after the election and shall be completed on the same date. The result of the Election will also be declared on the same day. The votes from each voting centre will be counted at that respective centre by an Election Commissioner in the presence of the candidate or his/her representatives.
19. All costs of litigation for disputes among and between (inter se) the Trustees shall be borne by the Trustees and not by the Trust, subject to orders of the Court.
20. Such other consequential amendments as are necessitated by the above amendments.

The above Petition has been peremptorily fixed for hearing before the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court comprising of Hon'ble Justice Mr. S. J. Kathawalla and Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. Jadhav on February 22nd, 2022 by way of video conferencing or physical hearing or hybrid as per the SOPs prevalent on such date. A link to attend the VC/hybrid hearing will be available on the website of the Bombay High Court ([www.bombayhighcourt.nic.in](http://www.bombayhighcourt.nic.in)).

Any member of the community who desires to be heard in respect of the proposed amendments to the Election Scheme, may be heard thereon either in person or through a duly appointed Counsel/Advocate before the Hon'ble High Court after filing a statement in writing and signed or an affidavit setting out his/her views and objections, if any. Such application / affidavit shall be filed with DSK Legal, either in writing or by email, whose details are given below. The affidavit / application must include the name and the complete contact details of the applicant. All such applicants need to be present for the hearing either in person or through a duly appointed counsel / advocate, failing which their objections will not be considered.

A copy of the above Miscellaneous Petition, the further amendments proposed and the Code of Conduct may be obtained between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on any working day against payment of necessary charges of Rs. 100/- per petition copy from the office of

### **DSK Legal,**

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Alternatively, the Miscellaneous Petition, such further amendment and the Code of Conduct may be downloaded by accessing the following link:

[https://dsklegal-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/p/zaid\\_mansuri/EoBBdeG6tPVMnw3-Ka\\_NeeQB-vFNp98O1MYAEfAhT4gjOw?e=As28r5](https://dsklegal-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/p/zaid_mansuri/EoBBdeG6tPVMnw3-Ka_NeeQB-vFNp98O1MYAEfAhT4gjOw?e=As28r5)

Dated this 5th day of February 2022.

sd/-

(Mr. Aspi Sarkari, CEO)

**On BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARSI PUNCHAYET, BOMBAY**

209 DR. D.N.Road, Fort Mumbai 400 001.





## COMMENTS ON THE ELECTION SCHEME ONGOING BEFORE THE HIGH COURT

As the community is aware the election scheme is going on before the Division Bench of the High Court led by His Honors Justice Kathawalla and Justice Jadhav and WhatsApp is replete with comments on its progress.

**Some comments made on Facebook of Parsiana and Jame Jamshed are worth reproducing and the very first comment was made by Advocate Sarosh Zaiwalla.**

### Comments of Sarosh Zaiwalla

The Parsi Community is facing an existential threat at the hands of a proposed scheme, put forward by Mr. Darayus Khambhatta and Burjes Desai for election of Trustees of the Bombay Parsi Panchayat as filed by them in the Hon'ble High Court.

The Most dangerous part of the proposed scheme is Para 14.6, where a blank cheque has been given to the Trustees to sell the Trust Property, or dealing with immovable property and liquidate the same by what the Authors have said "Simple Majority of the Trustees." and further declared that the said decision of Alienation, will be legally binding upon any dissident Trustees.

The insertion of a such a clause 14.6, under the guise of proposed election scheme, is a camouflage attempt to alienate all the Trust Properties of the Bombay Parsi Panchayat, including our Fire Temple, Doongerwadi, Sanatorium and every other property wherever situated, and is not only illegal but violative of the Constitution of India, and the Fundamental Rights guaranteed to all religious denomination including the Parsi Community, to manage its own affairs, in the matter of religion and religious properties and hence such a proposed scheme is void ab initio and the Learned Advocates have misapplied their mind and have attempted by impugned action to wipe out the Parsi Community, maybe to please some parties wherever they are.

Even more shocking has by its very first paragraph of the scheme defined Parsis in a novel method by stating in Para 1 (k)

"Parsi means a Parsi (including an Irani Parsi) whether male or female of the age of 18 years or upwards professing the Zoroastrian faith and who shall, if so required by the Trustees, have filed in the Office of the Trust an affidavit in such form as may be prescribed or required by the Trustees that such male or female as the case may be, has not renounced Zoroastrian faith, whether by reason of marriage to a non Zoroastrian spouse or

otherwise, and continues to profess Zoroastrian faith."

The above definition, by play of Words cleverly avoids the definition of who is a 'Parsi' as per the Judgment of the Bombay High Court as pronounced by "Justice Davar and Justice Beamon", as stated herein below.

It is now clear as a daylight that the intentions of the Drafter of the Proposed scheme is to change the very definition of the word Parsi, by declaring that such male or female has not renounced the Zoroastrian faith, whether by reason of a Marriage to a non Zoroastrian spouse and continues to profess Zoroastrian faith. This very definition is perverse and an illegal attempt to change the very definition of the word Parsi as laid down by the Bombay High Court in the case of Petit versus Jeejeebhoy, where the Learned Eminent Judges, being Justice Davar and Justice Beamon has defined Parsis as person born of both Parsi Parents, or one whose father is a Parsi, and includes the Zoroastrians who have migrated from Iran.

To change this definition under the guise of a proposed amendment to the scheme, not only betrays disrespect to the High Court, whose findings have been followed by Hon'ble Supreme Court and Other High Courts of India in the past, but is also an attempt to shake up the very foundation of Parsi Zoroastrian Community in India as it existed for over 1200 years.

Further the proposed scheme created by Darius Khambhatta and Berjes Desai at para 11 of the scheme has attempted to create "Power to Co-opt any Parsi as a Trustee, where vacancy has occurred and has declared such trustees will have the same right and obligations as a Trustee duly elected under the Scheme".

In other words it amounts to granting powers to the Trustees to bring in by back door, any person as they please, without elections as a full fledged BPP Trustee, which clearly betrays that fact the Learned Advocates is attempting to override the views of the electorate to bring in person of their choice as Trustees.

The proposed scheme put forward by Darius Khambhatta and Berjes Desai is illegal and violative of the Fundamental Rights guaranteed by Constitution of India, by what could be called Back Door entry to subvert the BPP Trust from within.

**Khushru Zaiwalla"**



**OUR COMMENTS:** Whilst originally they may have proposed as above, the Petitioners led by Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur have objected to the definition of Parsi, and Co-option has been amended/removed as per Public Notice issued and published in this paper. Sale by simple majority has also been opposed by the Petitioners but Kersi Randeria convinced the Division Bench that safeguard of Charity Commissioner permission would suffice and even after that Court could be moved. Everybody knows how the CC office functions and we agree that **UNANIMITY** of all seven Trustees would be a better option and you can file your **Objections** to it pursuant to the **Public Notice**.

## Facebook of Parsiana 01-04-22

### BPP election scheme to be readied

Amendments to the Bombay Parsi Panchayet (BPP) election scheme should be put before a division bench of Bombay High Court Justices Sharukh Kathawalla and Milind Jadvav on Thursday, February 3.

The decision followed a two and a half hour hearing on February 1 between the Justices, intervenors, sitting trustees Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria, several lawyers representing the various parties, two lawyers instrumental in drawing up the amendments, Darius Khambata and Berjis Desai and an amicus curiae, Sharan Jagtiani. Two other BPP trustees, chairwoman Armaity Tirandaz and Viraf Mehta joined in briefly when Kathawalla wanted their consent to the amendments.

After hearing the various legal arguments put forth, it was decided that the proposed amendments should be put forward by a majority of the BPP trustees to avoid any legal complications later. When universal adult franchise had been mooted around 15 years ago, the BPP trustees had unanimously agreed to move the Court for the historic change, noted Kathawalla.

The two counsels for the five trustees, Karl Tamboly and Firoz Bharucha, and four of the trustees themselves gave their assent subject to certain modifications in the proposals. These will be incorporated as required. Once the scheme is drawn up, advertisements will be placed in two publications, probably this weekend, inviting objections to the modified scheme. A fixed time frame will be stipulated to avoid any party trying to indefinitely delay the election process.

After that a date for the elections will be fixed by the Court.

## Parsiana

### Facebook of Parsiana

Happened today 04-02-22

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### One crore rupees election corpus

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A one crore rupee (USD 133,877) election corpus will be donated to the Bombay Parsi Panchayet (BPP) by jurists Darius Khambata and Berjis Desai, the Bombay High Court was told by Desai this Friday morning, February 4. A division bench of Justices Sharukh Kathawalla and Milind Jadhav were hearing **virtually the third day of arguments on the modification/amendments to the BPP election scheme. The hearing in Chambers dragged on for four hours as some points agreed on yesterday were once again gone over as the three majority trustees changed their minds.**

They said they were not agreeable to the chairperson losing her/his casting vote should the number of trustees drop below seven. This clause was introduced to avoid midterm elections being held every time a trustee exited from the board.

“If the casting vote remains, then hold midterm elections,” to avoid a majority-minority tussle, said Kathawalla.

“Today you are a majority, if tomorrow a minority what will happen? All of you are thinking of yourselves, not the community.”

The notice period for holding elections was reverted to 60 days from the 40 or 45 days agreed upon Thursday. The majority trustees who had agreed to EVMs (electronic voting machines) being used once Khambata and Desai stated they would subsidize the additional cost over and above paper ballots, now said they wanted paper ballots for this election. Similarly the trio opposed any upper age limit for holding office.

Kathawalla was annoyed with the BPP’s solicitors for writing directly to the amicus curiae, Sharan Jagtiani, instead of the court regarding modifications. “You don’t have the guts to address the Court,” he commented angrily. The discussions on the code of conduct that went on for two hours decided no freebees were to be given



to voters as an inducement to vote for a particular party or individual. A candidate could spend upto Rs 5,00,000 (USD 6,694) for her/his candidacy. The Parsi Press was instructed not to carry “anything that is defamatory” about a candidate or his family and to shun publishing personal attacks. This applied to online publications as well. Poll Khol, Sacchu Bol editor Kaikhushroo Irani assured the court he would observe the guidelines. When Mehta was initially asked to give an undertaking for Parsi Junction (PJ) he replied, “I have nothing to do with Parsi Junction.” He admitted he wrote articles for PJ but they were on issues, not personal attacks. He referred the Court to Kersi Sethna who is the editor of PJ. Sethna was phoned by Kathawalla and an assurance taken from him that he would adhere to the guidelines. “I agree your honor,” Sethna replied.

All campaigning has to stop 24 hours before the polling. Kathawalla said CCTVs (closed circuit television cameras) should be installed in all the five polling booths.

Advertisements will be placed in the Parsi Press announcing the scheme and objections invited from community members within 15 days. After hearing the intervenors, the scheme will be finalised and dates announced for the holding of elections.

### **Parsiana**

**LATER PARSIANA APOLOGISED TO Darius Khambatta when he clarified that he had made no offer to donate Rs. 1 crore to BPP but Berjis Desai alone has so proposed to donate Rs. 1 crore to BPP.**

## **TRADE THE STOCK MARKET**



*Tiger Vispi Irani*

### **Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani**

Welcome to my weekly roundup of stock markets.

Last week we had stated that the NIFTY will remain in the range of 16830 on the downside and 17800 on the upside. If one sees, the NIFTY

did exactly what we had said with low of 17244 and high of 17794.

My take going forward is that NIFTY will still remain in this same broad range of 16830 and 17800 for the coming week.

NIFTY should not break this broad range but the trend remains negative with the foreign institutions remaining net sellers for whole of last week.

Now coming to our weekly call:

A buy on State Bank of India (SBI) at 523 for tgts of 565. Although SBI did not achieve its tgt price, it showed a high of 546. There by giving a net return of almost 5% for the week.

This week my buy call will be on Divis lab at a closing price of 4304 for upside tgts of 4460 for the week.

This week's long term call will be Dr reddys at closing price of 4351. One can expect a good 25% returns in the next 6 months.

The trend on nifty still remains on the downside.

Happy investing!

Team champion tiger

These are my personal views and full discretion should be used on ones part

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# SUPREME COURT ALLOWS DOKHMENASHINI FOR COVID VICTIMS

## \*BREAKING NEWS\*



above the Tower of Silence to make sure birds do not become carriers of the virus which was the main fear of the government. The SOP has been accepted by both the parties.\*

\*The impugned judgment and final order of the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court dated 23.07.2021 is hence set aside by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.\*

\*The final order shall be out soon.\*

\*A million thanks to all those whose took up this matter for the community.\*

**\*Jehangir Bisney\***

**our comments: Surat Parsi Panchayet and the whole Parsi community owes a great debt of gratitude to both Senior Counsel Fali Nariman and Advocate Zerick Dastur.**

**It is time that Zerick Dastur throws his hat in the forthcoming elections for BPP trustee. As a youth contestant and being an Advocate he would be a very big asset in the BPP saving huge legal fees and he is likely to be elected with the highest votes.**

**Zerick the community needs you. Don't let them down.**

### Dokhmenashini for Covid victims

Good news for the community. The petition filed by Surat Parsi Panchayat was taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court today. Mr Fali Nariman and Mr Zerick Dastur appeared on behalf of the Petitioners. Mr Tushar Mehta Solicitor General appeared on behalf of the Union of India. It was submitted before the Court that the parties had agreed upon on a standard operating procedure for disposal of parsi covid 19 victims by way of the Dokhmeneshini system. Accordingly the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass an order allowing Dokhmeneshini system for Parsi Covid victims in terms of the agreed protocol which confirms to the tenets of the Zoroastrian faith and also addresses safety concerns of the Government. The Gujarat High Court Order has accordingly been set aside and the proceedings to be

\*Gujarat High Court ruling in Surat Parsi Panchayet Dokhmenashini matter set aside.\*

\*Huge win for the Parsi community.\*

**\*Thank you Senior Counsel Mr. Fali Nariman & Advocate Mr. Zerick Dastur! \***

**\*Jehangir Bisney\***

### Covid victims

\*The Surat Parsi Panchayat matter concerning the last rites (Dokhmenashini) of the Parsi Zoroastrian community was listed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India before Hon'ble Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud today.\*

\*The Solicitor General of India, Mr. Tushar Mehta mentioned that the stakeholders met as discussed in the previous hearing dated 17.01.2022.\*

\*The parties have come to an amicable settlement in this matter. The Union Government has agreed to allow Parsi Zoroastrian community members to conduct last rites of the deceased in the manner of Dokhmenashini with certain conditions.\*

**\*The conditions include setting of an iron grill**



governed in terms of the agreed protocol.

The news is indeed a positive development for the community where the trustees of the Surat Panchayat, respected High Priest Dasturji Kotwal and the legal team comprising Mr Fali Nariman and Zerick Dastur along with Karanjawalla & Co (the same legal team which represented the community in the Mumbai metro matter) put in efforts together to bring about a successful outcome. They were supported by prayers and good wishes from numerous community members who were concerned and who desired to ensure that Parsi Zoroastrians who succumb to covid get a disposal with dignity and in accordance with their religious traditions.

## COVID PROTOCOLS TO BE FOLLOWED

- "1A. Dead bodies of the Parsi Zoroastrians who die of Covid 19 will be brought to the funeral parlour in the Tower of Silence complex and will only be handled by the Nassasalars- (professional Corpse bearers who have been professionally employed by the Panchayats). The corpse bearers are and will continue to be fully vaccinated and their temperatures duly recorded before every funeral and carrying out procedures of handling dead bodies as per existing COVID guidelines.
- 1B. Neither relatives nor friends are permitted nor will be permitted to touch the dead body and it will be ensured that they will always remain beyond 10 feet from the dead body.
2. The Nassasalars, at all times, while handling the dead body of the Parsi Zoroastrian COVID-19 victim will wear the PPE kit, gloves, face shield and N – 95 mask and the Govt of India regulations pertaining to dead bodies of COVID – 19 victims having been read and explained to them and they will be cautioned to follow the directives of the Govt. of India.
3. The body of the COVID-19 Parsi victim will be brought by the Nassasalars to the Tower of Silence Complex from mortuary or home in a body bag which will not be opened, but as per existing Guidelines, the face of the deceased will be allowed to be seen from a distance of at least 10 feet by the family only by unzipping the face – covering of the body bag.
4. The final funeral prayers i.e. the "GehSarna" (or Paidast) ceremony (which is the recitation of the first Gatha handed down by the Prophet Zarathushtra) over the dead body, is and will be by two Parsi Zoroastrian Priests wearing N-95 masks and gloves, who will stand at a distance of 10 feet from the SPACE reserved for the dead body.
5. The final prayers (which last about 1 hour) will be completed and upon its completion, the Nassasalars will carry the body o the Dokhma (Tower of Silence) where no one except the professionally employed corpse bearers can enter.
- As per Parsi religious traditions, no relative can touch, or much less kiss the body and every person at the funeral will perform hand hygiene after the funeral ceremony – a distance of at least 10 feet from the body will always be maintained. The individuals who will transport the dead body are the Parsi Nassasalars (the professional pallbearers) and no one else. Normally two Nassasalars will carry the body (in the body bag) to the Tower of Silence (Dokhma No.3) in a bier.
5. Relatives attending the Gehsarna (Paidast) ceremony will wear face masks and follow other guidelines as prescribed by the Government of India and will sit 10 feet away from the dead body and only such number of family members will be permitted to attend the funeral as per the applicable guidelines.
6. One Dokhma No. 3 has been set aside for Covid victims alone and used for performing religious ceremonies for dead bodies of Parsis COVID-19 victims. This Dokhma No. 3 will not be used for non-Covid-19 dead bodies.
7. Only Dokhma No.3 (in the Tower of Silence) will be used for dead bodies of Parsi Covid victims. And non-Covid victims' bodies will be placed in other Dokhmas i.e Dokhma No.1 and Dokhma No.2. Since the principal mode of disposal at the Tower of Silence is through strong and powerful rays of the Sun, and hence to deal with the problem of birds of prey, the Petitioner undertakes to install as soon as possible, a metallic bird net over Dokhma-No 3 – which is exclusively reserved for the dead Parsi COVID-19 victims; this will eliminate contact with birds and animals and will avoid any intrusion by vultures. Hence, there will be no exposure of the body to birds etc. once the metallic net gets installed over Dokhma-No 3.
8. Religious rituals such as reading from religious scripts, sprinkling holy water and any other last rites that does not require touching of the body are allowed.
9. After each ceremony, the entire funeral area/parlour will be washed, sprayed and disinfected. All PPE suits, masks and face shields will be disposed off and a new set will be used for each COVID-19 victim's funeral ceremony".





## Fight against the tide



Phiroze Amroliwalla

The Editor,  
Parsi Junction.

Dear Sir,

Ever since the 2015 elections to the BPP board the "Majority" v/s "Minority" issue has been coming up frequently leading to battles in the courts and a waste of community funds!

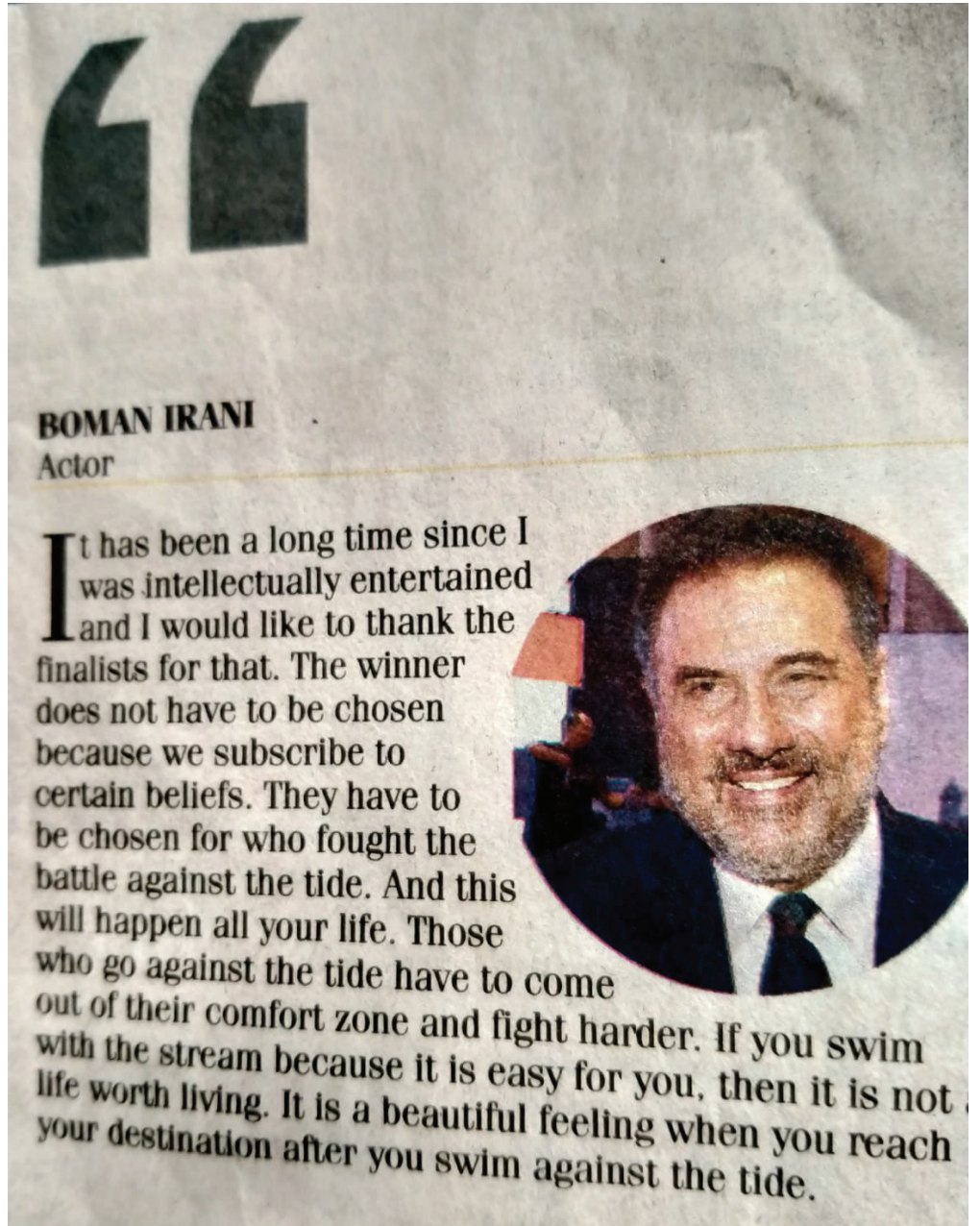
At present even with an election petition pending before the learned judges, this issue raises its head. Though there are a few well-intentioned interveners raising important issues for consideration, it seems by and large the community is not interested in speaking up. One result of this silence is that two very well-known and well-intentioned lawyers have also filed an altogether new scheme, which from reports gathered on WhatsApp has generated controversy in our community.

It is time our community speaks up and I am reminded of the observation of our very loved and famous Bollywood actor Mr. Boman Irani who in 2019 while judging a competition had this to say::

**" The winner does not have to be chosen because we subscribe to certain beliefs. They have to be chosen for who fought the battle against the tide. And this will happen all your life. Those who go against the tide have to come out of their comfort zone and fight harder. If you swim with the stream because it is easy for you then it is not a life worth living. It is a beautiful feeling when you reach your destination after you swim against the tide."**

**AND SILENCE IS NO LONGER AN OPTION!**

Phiroze Amroliwalla



Sorabji Rustomji Katpitia

Husband of Aloo. Father of Zarir Havovi n pervin. Father in law of Afroze n Kurush  
Grandfather of Friyana Nekzad Khushnam Percy n Kaizad. Great grandfather of Reanna.  
Passed away today due to covid



Present Clause	Corresponding Clause in Existing Scheme		
1.	Title marked as "Interpretation" prior to (a)	5.3.	Partly based on the first sentence of 8
1.1.	No Corresponding Clause	5.4.	Partly based on the second sentence of 8
1.2.	No Corresponding Clause	5.5.	Based on 11
1.3.	No Corresponding Clause	5.6.	No Corresponding Clause
1.4.	No Corresponding Clause	5.7.	No Corresponding Clause
1.5.	No Corresponding Clause	5.8.	No Corresponding Clause
1.6.	No Corresponding Clause	5.9.	No Corresponding Clause
1.7.	Same as (c) at p. 16	5.10.	No Corresponding Clause
1.8.	No Corresponding Clause	5.11.	No Corresponding Clause
1.9.	No Corresponding Clause	6.	No Corresponding Clause
1.10.	No Corresponding Clause	6.1.	No Corresponding Clause
1.11.	Changed from (a)	6.1. (a)	No Corresponding Clause
1.12.	No Corresponding Clause	6.1. (b)	Partly based on 14
1.13.	No Corresponding Clause	6.1. (c)	Partly based on 22 (b) In the corresponding clause, "unsound mind" is used instead of "not fit and proper"
1.14.	Slightly Modified from (b) No Substantive change of note.	6.1. (d)	No Corresponding Clause
1.15.	Modified and based on 25	6.1. (e)	No Corresponding Clause
1.16.	Modified and based on 13.2 and 24 (b)	6.1. (f)	Based on 22 (c) and (d)
1.17.	No Corresponding Clause	6.1. (g)	No Corresponding Clause
1.18.	No Corresponding Clause	6.1. (h)	Based on 18
1.19.	No Corresponding Clause	7.	No Corresponding Clause
1.20.	Based and Modified from 3(e)	7.1.	Same as first sentence of 13.1
2.	Same as title prior to 3	7.2.	First sentence is based on 25.
2.1.	Slightly modified from 3 Substantial parts of Sub-clause (b) are reproduced.	8.	No Corresponding Clause
2.2.	Similar to 3(f) at p. 17	8.1.	No Corresponding Clause
3.	Slightly modified from title prior to 4	8.2.	No Corresponding Clause
3.1.	Similar to 4	8.3.	No Corresponding Clause
3.1. (a)	Similar to 4 (a)	8.4.	No Corresponding Clause
3.1. (b)	Modified and based on 4 (b)	8.5.	No Corresponding Clause
3.2.	Based on 4 (d)	8.6.	No Corresponding Clause
4.	No Corresponding Clause	8.7.	No Corresponding Clause
4.1.	No Corresponding Clause	8.8.	No Corresponding Clause
4.2.	No Corresponding Clause	8.9.	No Corresponding Clause
4.3.	Similar to 21 (e)	8.10.	No Corresponding Clause
5.	Same as Title prior to 7	8.11.	No Corresponding Clause
5.1.	Similar to 7	8.12.	No Corresponding Clause
5.2.	Based on 9 With additions regarding the non-issuance of any certificate 7-days prior to an election.	8.13.	No Corresponding Clause
		8.14.	No Corresponding Clause
		8.15.	No Corresponding Clause
		8.16.	No Corresponding Clause



8.17.	No Corresponding Clause
9.	No Corresponding Clause
9.1.	Same as 13.3
9.2.	Modified from 16
9.3.	Modified from 16
9.4.	No Corresponding Clause
9.5.	No Corresponding Clause
9.6.	Procedure changed from what has been prescribed in 18
9.7.	No Corresponding Clause
9.8.	No Corresponding Clause
9.9.	Based on 19
9.10.	Based on 20
9.11.	No Corresponding Clause
9.12.	No Corresponding Clause
9.13.	No Corresponding Clause
9.14.	No Corresponding Clause
9.15.	No Corresponding Clause
9.16.	No Corresponding Clause
10.	Same as Title prior to 26
10.1.	Same as 26
10.2.	Same as 27
10.3.	Same as 28
10.4.	Same as 29
11.	No Corresponding Clause
11.1.	No Corresponding Clause
12.	No Corresponding Clause
12.1. (b, d, f-g)	No Corresponding Clause
12.1. (a)	Partly based on 22
12.1. (c)	Based on 22 (a)
12.1. (e)	Based on 22 (c) and 22(d)
12.2.	No Corresponding Clause
12.3.	No Corresponding Clause
12.4.	No Corresponding Clause
12.5.	No Corresponding Clause
13.	Same as title prior to 52
13.1.	Based and Modified from 52
13.2.	No Corresponding Clause

14.	Based on title prior to 13.1
14.1.	Based on 14
14.2.	No Corresponding Clause
14.3.	No Corresponding Clause
14.4.	Based on 14
14.5.	No Corresponding Clause
14.6.	No Corresponding Clause
14.7.	No Corresponding Clause
14.8.	No Corresponding Clause
15.	Same as title prior to 51
15.1.	Based on 51
15.2.	Based on 32
15.3.	No Corresponding Clause
16.	No Corresponding Clause
16.1.	No Corresponding Clause
17.	Same as title prior to 30(i)
17.1.	Based on 30(i)
17.2.	Based on 30(ii)
17.3.	No Corresponding Clause
17.4.	No Corresponding Clause
17.5.	Based and modified from 31
17.6.	No Corresponding Clause
17.7.	No Corresponding Clause
17.8.	No Corresponding Clause
17.9.	No Corresponding Clause
17.10.	No Corresponding Clause
18.	No Corresponding Clause
18.1.	Based on 33 & 34
18.2.	Based on 34
18.3.	Based on 35
18.4.	Based on 37
18.5.	Based on 37
18.6.	Same as 41 with slight modifications
18.7.	Based on 41
18.8.	Based on 42 with modifications
18.9.	Based on 44 with modifications
18.10.	No Corresponding Clause
19.	No Corresponding Clause



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## "NOAH'S ARK"

When our forefathers  
Escaped from Persia  
After the invasion  
They fled in rudderless  
Boats without "GPS"  
Bobbing on the mighty ocean  
For days  
Not knowing where they  
We're headed  
But luckily landed  
On the shores of Sajan

One must be knowing  
About the Noah's Ark  
Where Noah was  
Forewarned about  
A great flood  
Bade him to build  
Boat called the Ark  
Where he was  
Supposed to save every  
Pair of animal species  
Free them when the flood  
Receded

If we were to escape in  
An so called "Ark"  
The first criteria would  
Be to prove one was a Zoroastrian  
(Like the proof of vaccination)  
I bet there would be  
A sign somewhere stating  
Not for Non Zoroastrians

Just imagine how awful  
And cruel it would be  
To give this kind of  
Treatment to the  
Other half of humanity  
Just because they are  
Different colour religion  
Or Creed

Just hang on just a sec  
When one breathes  
His/her last breath  
The nameless colourless  
Soul awaits at the Gate  
Waiting to hear its fate  
There is no such thing  
Colour caste creed or religion  
Neither titles or award  
But just a nameless soul  
Entering Heaven or Hell  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida

This poem a perception of a situation like what it would be if we experienced a similar situation



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ON FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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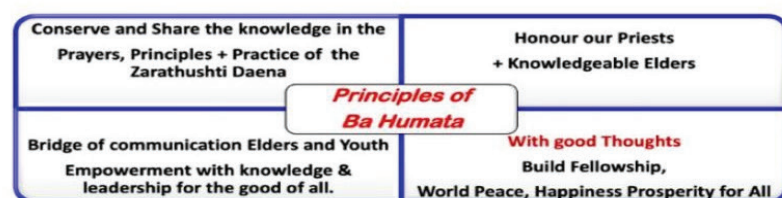
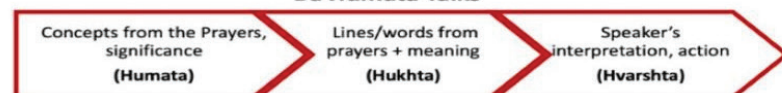
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### The Stone Chariot



A flagship tourist place in Karnataka is the iconic Stone Chariot in Hampi. This is actually a monument or a shrine, built like a chariot and is located inside the Vittala Temple complex. The shrine is dedicated to Garuda who is the vehicle of Lord Vishnu. Earlier a huge sculpture of Garuda was seated atop the chariot, though it is now vacant.



*Ruby B. Aderbad*

**Ruby B. Aderbad** works with an **MNC** in Mumbai and is an avid traveler who likes to digitally capture memories. She quotes that traveling is her drug of choice and is happily addicted to it. The mountains and jungles are her go-to places to detoxify, anything that connects her with nature.

## A NOTE FOR MY VALENTINE

O my darling Valentine,  
Just a small glimpse of you would give me  
untold immense joy

Darling Valentine, it's soon gonna be fifty  
years of falling in love with you, do you  
realise this my boy !

It is true, and I firmly believe, love never  
dies; that holds true for me too, o my  
sweet Valentine

Love is not possessiveness, it doesn't

ask for rights; all I know is, I love you, darling  
Valentine of mine.

Wherever you are; if you can read this, or my  
feelings; here I am, telling you, "I love you  
deeply, with all my heart".

In fact Valentine, whether you believe it  
or not, of your soul, of your entity, I am an  
inseparable part.

Yours ever,  
Valentine.



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## UNBELIEVABLE BOMBAY FACTS

Jackal at High Court, Tigers at Malabar Hill, Gowalia Tank, Mazgaon and Mahim

From chronicle : 'Hunting Wild Beasts in Old Bombay'

- 1) The Governor and most of the island's residents, till 1753, went annually to Salsette (Thane district ) to hunt the wild boar and Royal Tiger, both of which were found here in great plenty. The tigers also roamed freely on island.
- 2) In 1822, February 9th, a tiger on Malabar Hill came down, quenched his thirst at Gowalia Tank, and ran off over the hill between the Hermitage and Prospect Lodge. Prints of its feet were distinctly visible in the morning.
- 3) In 1828 at Colaba Ferry a huge shark was observed in proximity to some bathers. In 1849, a finback whale was driven on shore at Colaba, 60 feet long, and 30 to 40 feet round the thickest part. All along the road from the Fort to Colaba was a perfect fair. The stench was felt from the town side of the causeway from where it lay at the back of Colaba Church.
- 4) A jackal was killed in the new High Court Buildings shortly after they were finished.
- 5) In 1858, March 3rd, some officers of the P. and O. Steamer observed a tiger swimming from Mainland to Mazagon. A boat was lowered and the crews armed with ship's muskets were ready. When they came up to it, the brute was boarding a buggalow, and was being kept off by the soldiers by

handspikes. It was shot through the head by six balls. Weight, 353 lbs. Length to tip of tail, 8 ft. 9 inches.

- 6) May 26th 1859 –A young Portuguese, shot a tiger at Mahim, and on the 27th, brought the carcass to the Chief Magistrate for the reward. Mr. Forjett, the city Police Chief, shot a tiger within a few hundred yards of the fashionable drive on the Esplanade. Mr. Forjett promised the hide to Dr. Birdwood for the Museum.
- 7) The first observation of a pack of hounds in Bombay was in year 1830, prior to it, the sport was confined to hunting with a "bobbery pack" and to annual "rides" round the island. In 1810, for example, the programme of the ride consisted of breakfast at Malabar Point at 9 am., then a sharp trot to " the Breach," Love Grove and Worli, ending up with tiffin at one o'clock in Mahim college. After tiffin the party rode via Mahim, Sion and Mazagon to Hope Hall, where dinner was served at 6 p.m. The Courier [newspaper] released an advertisement in March, 1811, that "The Picnic meets this morning at gun-fire on the course, where the hounds will throw off. A numerous field and great sport is expected. Afterwards bobbery hunting until breakfast, which has been ordered for fifty at the Stand at 9 ; the party will then proceed to Lowjee Castle, where various Hindustani gymnastics, pigeon-shooting, tumbling, juggling, etc., will be exhibited till 4, when a dinner in the real English style will be served up for the same number as at breakfast. The sports of the day to conclude with music, fireworks,"

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