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SHAMELESS KERSI RANDERIA NOW CLAIMS THAT 'COMPLETE WAIVER OF SERVICE CHARGES OF RS.750/ WAS MY PROPOSAL'



Armaity Tirandaz

OH MY GOD! THE BRAZENNESS OF KERSI RANDERIA AS WRITTEN BY HIM IN HIS OWN PAPER PARSI TIMES YESTERDAY OF SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2020 IS JUST UNBELIEVABLE! THAT HE COULD SINK TO THESE DEPTHS TO FOOL THE COMMUNITY SHOWS HOW BRAINLESS HE THINKS OUR PARSIS ARE THAT THEY WOULD BE GULLIBLE TO FALL FOR HIS VERSION! HE SEEMS TO HAVE MASTERED THE ART OF FOOLING ALL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME.

THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND RESIDENTS OF BPP BAUGS IN PARTICULAR WILL RECALL

THAT THE PRIME MOVERS OF THE ILLEGAL INCREASE OF ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES OF RS. 750/ PM FROM FEBRUARY 2017 WAS KERSI RANDERIA, THE HYPOCRITE HIMSELF, ALONG WITH YAZDI DESAI, NOSHIR DADRAWALA AND LATE ZARIR BHATHENA WHILST MRS. ARMAITY TIRANDAZ DID NOT SUPPORT THE INCREASED LEVY AND VIRAF MEHTA DISSENTED TO THE PROPOSAL.

THEN STARTED THE AGITATION AGAINST THIS ILLEGAL LEVY SPEARHEADED BY PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA, LATE PARVEZ DRIVER AND DINSHAW MEHTA. IN THE ALBLESS BAUG MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2017 CALLED BY THEM, KERSI RANDERIA SENT HIS FAVORITE GOONARZANGHADIAL TO DISRUPT THE AGITATION AND CONVINCE THE OTHER BAUG LEADERS TO AGREE TO THE INCREASE AS IT WAS JUSTIFIED.



Phiroze Amroliwalla

THE CHAIRMAN, YAZDI DESAI'S CIRCULAR DATED 7TH JANUARY 2017 WAS A CONCILIATORY CIRCULAR REQUESTING THE RESIDENTS TO 'WILLINGLY AGREE' AND 'CO-OPERATE' TO THE INCREASE. THUS IT WAS A VOLUNTARY PAYMENT OF INCREASE IF THE RESIDENTS AGREE AND NOT MANDATORY.

YET KERSI RANDERIA THEN INSTRUCTED ALL BAUG MANAGERS AND CUSTODIANS NOT TO ACCEPT LEGAL RENT UNLESS IT WAS ACCOMPANIED WITH THE EXTRA RS. 750/PM ALONG WITH THE RENT. THE CUSTODIANS ON HIS INSTRUCTIONS FURTHER THREATENED THE OCCUPANTS THAT IF THEY DID NOT PAY UP THE EXTRA 750/ THEN TRUSTEES WOULD FILE CASES AND EVICT THEM.

UNDER THIS THREAT, MOST PARSIS BEING LAW ABIDING AND TIMID TO TAKE ON THE MIGHT OF THE TRUSTEES SUCCEMDED TO THE THREAT AND TO AVOID COSTLY LITIGATION AND ITS CONSEQUENT HARASSMENT STARTED PAYING THIS EXTRA RS. 750/ UNDER DURESS AND MISGUIDED INTERPRETATION OF THE CIRCULAR.

SUBSEQUENTLY YAZDI DESAI CALLED THE BAUG LEADERS FOR A BOARD MEETING ON 9TH APRIL 2017 WHERE AGAIN IT WAS ONLY KERSI RANDERIA WHO ADDRESSED THE BAUG LEADERS AND GAVE THEM CONVULATED AND FABRICATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS OF EACH BAUG/COLONY TO JUSTIFY THE INCREASE. WHEN LACUNAS WERE POINTED OUT, RANDERIA BRAZENLY ADMITTED THAT ADMINISTRATION MAY HAVE COMMITTED MISTAKES BUT REFUSED TO CORRECT THEM.

PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA THEN HAD A MEETING ON 3RD MAY 2017 WITH NOSHIR DADRAWALLA AT GAYLORDS RESTAURANT WHEN LATE PARVEZ DRIVER AND DINSHAW MEHTA WERE ALSO PRESENT WHEN NOSHIR AGREED THAT THE INCREASE WAS TOO HIGH AND HE WOULD TRY TO REDUCE IT TO RS. 350/ OR 400/ PM.

BUT KERSI RANDERIA KEPT ON TRYING TO BRIBE PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA THAT HE WOULD EXEMPT PHIROZE FROM THE INCREASE AND IN FACT WOULD ALSO ALLOW PHIROZE TO ENCASH AND SHARE THE TENANCY VALUE OF ALL HIS THREE FLATS IF HE WITHDREW THE AGITATION AND ACCEPTED THE INCREASE AS JUSTIFIED.

AMROLIWALLA INSISTED ON HIS MAKING THE SAME OFFER IN PRESENCE OF NOSHIR DADREWALA AND ZARIR BHATHENA AND ON MAY 25/26TH 2017 AT 8.30 AM AT GRAND MARATHA AT LALBAUG, RANDERIA REPEATED HIS OFFER IN THEIR PRESENCE AND EVEN AGREED TO EXEMPT THOSE WHO COULD NOT AFFORD THIS INCREASE. OFCOURSE AMROLIWALLA REFUSED THE BRIBE BUT HAS EXPOSED THE SAME WHICH WE HAVE PUBLISHED IN OUR EARLIER ISSUES OF PARSI JUNCTION.

IN AUGUST 2017, WHEN ZARIR BHATHENA WAS ABSENT, TRUSTEES NOSHIR DADRAWALA, ARMAITY TIRANDAZ AND VIRAF MEHTA PASSED A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE INCREASE TO RS.400/ FROM 750/

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7 January 2017

Dear Occupants,

Sub: Service Charges

We, Parsi Irani Zoroastrians, are the beneficiaries of the BPP and Wadia Trusts and consequently enjoy the facility of extremely subsidized housing, whereby the rent paid is often as low as 1/100th the market rent in that area. The BPP and Wadia Trusts even pay 50% of the repairs. Therefore it is only fair that the tenants/ occupants must pay for the utilities they consume like water, common electricity, security, salaries of sweepers, malis, pumpmen and property taxes. Today there is a huge gap of Rs. 3.72 crores per annum between the income from Rent / Service/ Parking Charges and the expenditure on BPP colonies. This excludes the 50% contribution by the BPP / Wadia Trusts towards building repairs.

In view of the above, the Bombay Parsi Punchayet is constrained and compelled to increase the service charges with effect from 1st February 2017. The increase is Rs.750/-per month in the existing Service Charges. Even with this increase the BPP will be able to bridge only 65% of the deficit. So annual increases in service charges are an inevitable reality in the future.

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet is confident that comparing the prices of property in the vicinity, the amenities provided and the outgoings to be borne by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet, the occupants will willingly agree to the proposed increase. This increase is coming after 13 years and, hence, if the same is considered on year-on-year basis **it comes to merely Rs.57.69 paise per annum.**

Obviously, this increase is so negligible that it is incomparable with similar service charges prevalent in the neighbourhood of your Colonies. It is hoped that the occupants in keeping with the tradition of cordial relations, will certainly co-operate in the matter.

Good wishes for 2017.

Yours truly,

Yazdi H. Desai
Chairman

PM BY 3:2 MAJORITY WITH RANDERIA OPPOSING THE REDUCTION. BUT KERSI RANDERIA CLEVERLY INSTRUCTED THE ADMINISTRATION NOT TO IMPLEMENT THIS REDUCTION AND IN THE NEXT MEETING ENSURED ZARIR WAS PRESENT AND THE DECISION WAS REVERSED WITH THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIRMAN.

SUBSEQUENTLY IN NOVEMBER 2018, FOUR TRUSTEES -NOSHIR, ARMAITY, VIRAF AND XERXES -

SENT A SIGNED REQUISITION TO THE BOARD TO TAKE IT ON AGENDA TO INITIALLY REDUCE THE LEVY TO RS. 350/PM AND LATER WAIVE IT FULLY WHEN FUNDS IMPROVE. BUT KERSI RANDERIA DID NOT ALLOW THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA TO BE TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION IN ANY BOARD MEETING TILL HIS MAJORITY PREVAILED.

THUS FROM JANUARY 2017 TILL JUNE 2020 KERSI RANDERIA, THE DEFACTO

CHAIRMAN, DID NOT ALLOW THE WAIVER OR EVEN ITS REDUCTION TO 350/PM.

BUT IN APRIL 2020, CHAIRMAN, YAZDI DESAI SUFFERED AN UNFORTUNATE STROKE AND IN JUNE 2020, ZARIR BHATHENA SUCCUMBED TO HIS PROLONGED ILLNESS AND THE DYNAMICS OF THE BOARD SUDDENLY CHANGED AND FROM DEFACTO CHAIRMAN HE WAS RELEGATED TO A MINORITY.

THUS ON 29TH JULY ZOOM BOARD MEETING, THE TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL OF PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA THAT THE LEVY WAS ILLEGAL FOR TENANTS PROTECTED BY THE RENT ACT AND AS A CONSEQUENCE WAIVED THE LEVY OF 750/ PM FOR BOTH TENANTS AND LICENSEES WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020.

THE COMMUNITY OR AT LEAST THE OCCUPANTS OF BPP BAUGS OWE A DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE TO PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA FOR HIS DEFIANCE AND RELENTLESS REFUSAL TO PAY THE EXTRA 750/ REGARDLESS OF THREATS OF LEGAL ACTION OR EVEN THE BRIBE OF ALLOWING TO ENCASH 50% OF THE TENANCY VALUE OF HIS THREE FLATS IN ADDITION TO FULL WAIVER OF 750/FOR ALL THREE FLATS GIVEN TO HIM BY KERSI RANDERIA.

REALISING HIS DOWNFALL, THE ASTUTE POLITICIAN KERSI RANDERIA, ONE TIME PARTNER OF BJP'S MLA, RAM KADAM, CHANGED TACTICS 360 DEGREES. WELL AWARE THAT ARMAITY TIRANDAZ AS THE ACTING CHAIRMAN WITH THEIR MAJORITY WOULD NOW PUSH THROUGH THEIR AGENDA ITEM TO REDUCE EXTRA SERVICE CHARGE FROM 750/ TO ATLEAST 350/ OR EVEN ZERO. ANTICIPATING THIS HE CHANGED TACK TO PROPOSE AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE FIRST ZOOM BOARD MEETING AFTER MARCH 2020 THAT

7b) DISCUSS THE FULL WAIVER OF THE RS 750/AND THE RS. 200/ (FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION) ACROSS ALL COLONIES.

SEE THE CLEVERLY WORDED ITEM-IT IS ONLY TO DISCUSS NOT AN AFFIRMATIVE -TO WAIVE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AS HE WAS NOT VERY SURE WHAT WOULD TRANSPIRE AT THE ZOOM BOARD MEETING AS THE ITEM WAS SENT BY HIM BEFORE HE ALONG WITH NOSHIR DADRAWALA DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND TO AVOID ACRIMONY.

HE DID THE SAME SUMMERSAULT WHEN ARMAITY PROPOSED HELPING THOSE MOBEDS WHOSE AGIARIES WERE CLOSED AND WERE WITHOUT ANY INCOME WITH A ONE TIME PAYMENT OF RS. 20,000/. HE OPPOSED TOOTH AND NAIL ANY PAYMENT TO THE MOBEDS BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE PASSED BY HER MAJORITY, IMMEDIATELY HE TOOK ANOTHER SUMMERSAULT AND PROPOSED THAT EVERY MOBED ALL OVER INDIA BE PAID ATLEAST RS. 50,000/ AND HAD HIS PROPOSAL RECORDED FOR FUTURE USE JUST AS HE IS DOING TO HIS PRESENT PROPOSAL. THIS WAS JUST THEATRICALS AND THE MAJORITY JUST IGNORED HIS DRAMA AND PASSED THE PROPOSAL TO PAY ONLY THE DEPRIVED MOBEDS RS. 20,000/.

HIS AGENDA ITEM 7a) WAS TO CHARGE ALL UNIFORMLY EXTRA 750/ PM IF THE LEVY WAS LEGAL AND IF ILLEGAL THAN TO REFUND THE COLLECTED EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS.

THUS HIS MAIN ITEM WAS TO FORCE AMROLIWALLA TO PAY THIS EXTRA 750/ BY FILING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM. BEFORE HE CAN AGAIN MISGUIDE THE COMMUNITY ON THIS MATTER WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THIS ISSUE OF REFUND HERE:

IN THE FIRST PLACE RANDERIA IS WELL AWARE THAT REFUND OF COLLECTED EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES IS A NON-STARTER AS BPP DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS TO REPAY THE FEW CRORES COLLECTED SO FAR.

AS REGARDS ITS LEGALITY, PLEASE NOTE THAT MORE THAN 50% OF OCCUPANTS OF BPP BAUGS ARE LICENSEES AND HENCE THE LEVY OF THIS 750/PM WOULD BE LAWFUL AS PER THE TERMS OF THE LL AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY THEM. HENCE THE LICENSEES HAVE NO RIGHT TO DEMAND ITS REFUND BUT HAVE TO BE THANKFUL TO THE TRUSTEES AND PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA THAT ITS RECOVERY WILL BE STOPPED FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020.

AS REGARDS TENANTS PROTECTED BY THE RENT ACT, THE INCREASE IN RENT OUTGOINGS IN THE NAME OF ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES IS PER SE ILLEGAL AND CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED. THOSE WHO DEFIED THE TRUSTEES AND REFUSED TO PAY IN SPITE OF THREATS OF COSTLY TIME-CONSUMING LITIGATION WERE REWARDED BY NOT PAYING THIS ILLEGAL CHARGE.

NOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE TENANTS WHO OUT OF FEAR WERE COERCED TO PAY. SINCE THEY DID NOT OPPOSE THE ILLEGAL LEVY AND PAID OUT OF FEAR HOW CAN THEY NOW ASK FOR REFUND. THEY WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO OPPOSE THE TRUSTEES ILLEGAL ACTION.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE CIRCULAR OF 7TH JANUARY 2017 WAS VERY CLEAR THAT THE TRUSTEES WERE SEEKING VOLUNTARY AND WILLING PAYMENT WITHOUT ANY COMPULSION AND HENCE HAVING AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY PAY THIS DEMAND OF EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES THEY ARE NOW ESTOPPED FROM CLAIMING ITS REFUND. THEY TOO HAVE TO BE THANKFUL TO THE TRUSTEES AND PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA THAT ITS FURTHER RECOVERY OF RS. 750/PM WILL BE STOPPED FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020.

HENCE IN VIEW OF WHAT IS STATED ABOVE NEITHER LICENSEES NOR TENANTS WHO VOLUNTARILY PAID THE ILLEGAL INCREASE CAN BE REFUNDED THIS LEVY.

JAMSHED SALAMAT IRANI ENGINEERS

A NEEDLESS CONTROVERSY

JAMSHED SALAMAT IRANI, WHO CLAIMS TO BE BLIND IN ONE EYE AND CANNOT SEE WITH THE OTHER, on receiving a complaint about alleged exorbitant charges of Rs. 48,000/ for four days prayers, including cost of Sukhad of around Rs. 15,000/for four days, by the Mobed in charge, Ervad Faramroze Mirza, phoned him to inquire the rates and taped him and sent it viral.

One can understand Jamshed doing it for he has nothing else to do to pass his time, but unexpectedly the new activist on the horizon, Arzan Ghadially, took the bait and created a needless controversy of an issue where one has to be thankful to Dinshaw Tamboly for creating the Prayer Hall and save Doongerwadi EXCLUSIVELY for those who swear by Dokhmenashini.

On Thursday 30th July 2020, Arzan Ghadially sent the below WhatsApp message to Jamshed and others as under:

Subject: Prayer hall

"Just heard a recording between Jamshed Salamat Irani and Faramroz Mirza of the Worli Cremation Hall. I am shocked beyond words after listening to the recording.

1. When they advertise in papers that the cremation is free. There is a fine print based on Faramroz Mirza and he states Rs 48000 is mandatory for 4 days prayer. If you can't afford, he states you don't bring the body to the hall and cremate directly thru BMC.

Which means u either pay 48000 or don't bring the body to hall. This defeats the claim that the hall is free.

2. There are some poor people who may not be able to afford 48000, in which case don't bring the body to the cremation hall and approach BMC directly Which means it is not free as advertised.

3. What is the breakup of 48000 which has been fixed by the Consortium of a Trustees?

4. Why is the break up not in public domain or on website for transparency? Why produce list of expenses like a Menu Card at the time of cremation.

5. As per IT act and laws. Receipts are mandatory for cash even if they are collected and disbursed to different dept. I am sure but I will still take a second opinion from the IT Dept and revert in detail.

6. Why clubbing all and collecting on behalf of others? Not necessary. The hall is advertised is free. Why involve yourself in matters not concerning the hall.

7. Why compulsory and why not voluntary? Why advertise it is free. Are hidden cost of prayer hall being recovered ?

8. A suggestion. Provide the prayer hall free and let the people pay for all charges directly to the Mobeds. Those who still want to avail of the package of 48000 can pay and use. Don't make it mandatory. 50000 to 70000 expenses for the departed.

No wonder Religion will be soon be given an industry status that it even makes money from the dead. A poor person is not even allowed to die peacefully with such expenses.

Very Sad.

Regards
Arzan J Ghadially"

WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THE TAPED CONVERSATION OF JAMSHEDJI WITH ERVAD MIRZA AND ARZAN'S INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDING IS NOT FAITHFUL TO THE ACTUAL RECORDING. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE ERVAD MIRZA TOLD JAMSHEDJI THAT THE PRAYER RATES ARE ON THE PRAYER HALL TRUST WEBSITE BUT ARZAN STILL CLAIMS 'WHY IS THE BREAK UP OF 48,000/ NOT ON WEBSITE'.

WE GIVE BELOW THE WEBSITE INFORMATION OF THE PRAYER

COST PAYABLE TO ERVAD MIRZA. EACH PRAYER HAS ITS OWN COST TABULATED AND ONE CAN PAY ONLY FOR THE SPECIFIC PRAYER DONE AND NOTHING MORE. COMPULSORY FULL PAYMENT OF RS. 48,000/ STARTED ONLY AFTER COVID COMPULSORY CREMATION STARTED AS EXPLAINED LATER.

ARZAN HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT RS. 48,000/ IS NOT FOR FULL FOUR DAYS PRAYERS AS STATED BY HIM WHICH IS RS. 42,000/ ONLY AS IT INCLUDES RS. 6000/ AS INCIDENTAL EXPENSES RECOVERED TOWARDS REIMBURSEMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE AND ANCILLARY STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE TRUST WHO ARE NOT HIGHLY PAID LIKE BPP STAFF DUE TO LIMITED RESOURCES OF THE TRUST.

PRIOR TO COVID THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 6 TO 8 GEH SARNAS A MONTH AND THIS INCIDENTAL RECOVERY WOULD BE SHARED BY ALL THE TRUST STAFF.

AS PER OUR INVESTIGATION, THE FIRST COVID DEATH TO BE CREMATED WAS THAT OF SAROSH JAMSHED PATEL OF BHAI GULLY ON 17TH APRIL 2020. HIS MOTHER ROSHAN APPROACHED VATCHA GHANDHI AGIARY FOR FOUR DAYS PRAYERS WHICH WAS REFUSED AS HE WAS CREMATED. HIS MOTHER ROSHAN THEN WENT BACK TO PRAYER HALL FOR THE PRAYERS BUT EXPRESSED INABILITY TO PAY FULLY FOR THE FOUR DAYS PRAYER CHARGES AND SHE WAS TOLD THE PRAYERS WOULD BE DONE FOR FREE. AFTER FOUR DAYS PRAYERS OF KARDA, UTHUMNA AND CHARRUM. ROSHAN VOLUNTARILY OFFERED AND PAID RS 11,000/ TO MIRZA FOR THE COST OF THE SUKHAD, FLOWERS, FRUITS AND CHASNI.

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June 01, 2020

Prospective Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians using the Prayer Hall facility at Worli, Mumbai, through the auspices of 'The Prayer Hell Services & Maintenance Trust' are hereby informed of the maximum amounts Co-ordinator has been authorised to recover for performance of various ceremonies, for distributing to Mobeds, ancillary staff and service & material providers.

No.	Amount	Types of Ceremonies
1	6,000/=	For Geh Sarna. This ceremony will be performed only between sunrise and sunset.
2	10,000/=	For 2 / 3 Sarosh no karda that are performed after sunset.
3	11,000/=	For Uthamna performed 3rd day in the afternoon.
4	15,000/=	For early morning Uthamna and Dahm Yazad & Afarngan performed on the 4th day.
5	6,000/=	To be paid directly to the Co-ordinator towards incidental expenses that are incurred, irrespective of the days or ceremonies performed.
	48,000/=	TOTAL of columns 1 to 5

All the above charges are recovered by Mobeds for performing the ceremonies and include cost of sandalwood, loban, flowers, diva's, fruits etc.

It may be noted the facility of the Prayer Hall is provided gratis and no receipts can be given by the Trust for any of the above expenses.

#DinshawTamboly #WZO

ANYWAY ERVAD MIRZAA ALSO HIT BACK ON WHATSAPP AS BELOW:

Subject:Prayer hall

Date Today Friday 31-07-2020 11:50

“Practice what you preach Mr. Arzan J Ghadially.

Both your parents were cremated at Worli Crematorium in 2017 and 2018. Were the ceremonies done free of charge or did you pay for them, and if you paid did you get the receipts.

Ervad Faramroze Mirza”

AS EXPECTED ARZAN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF MIRZA'S MAIL TO WRITE TO DINSHAW TAMBOLI BUT MORE THAN THAT IS HIS QUERY AS TO WHY MIRZA IS CHARGING RS. 6000/ AS INCIDENTAL EXPENSES. EVEN BPP AFTER

CHARGING FOR THE BUNGLI, CHARGE INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF RS.4000/ FOR THE 6 KHANDIYAS AND FOR THE CLERK, ETC AND ISSUES NO RECEIPT. SIMILARLY, THE 4 MAINTENANCE AND ANCILLARY STAFF OF THE PRAYER HALL, THE MANAGER AND THE ACCOUNTANT ARE BOUND TO BE GIVEN SOME ASHO DAD AS THE TRUST OBVIOUSLY CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THEM VERY HANDSOME SALARY LIKE BPP DOES. IF MIRZA SAID IT WAS A BRIBE IT WAS MEANT AS 'ASHO DAD' OR GRATUITY. ARZAN'S WHATSAPP REPLY TO ERVAD MIRZA IS:

“Date Saturday 01-08-2020

Dear Faramroz Mirza,
It was my parents wish to be cremated. Have

never kept it a secret. Infact you have dug your own grave by bringing up the issue now as you are now doing it on someones instigation.

Anyway. If you recollect we did had a massive argument with you over the same matter when we asked you for a receipt. I can produce witnesses who were present. You refused to issue a receipt. You asked for 8000 as incidental charges and you said the amount has to be paid to BMC staff as bribes. Rs 8000 as a bribe? You were also very rude and asked me to speak to Mr Dinshaw Tamboli as they were Trustees and they decide what is the amount to be collected.
Secondly There was one Priest who was present at the funeral as he was a family friend. he pointed out that the prayers too were being skipped. We had this argument with you as the amount charged for prayers were 25000 over and above the 8000 and prayers were skipped to cut short.

I called up Mr Dinshaw Tamboli amd spoke to him about this amount too. You may call and verify about the call.
Now answer the following.

Please explain for what purpose you now charge 6000 as incidental charges?

What do you do with the amount?

You have admitted in the recording that if any person who cannot afford to pay 48000, the body will not be allowed to enter the hall while Mr Dinshaw Tamboli states the hall is free. **You have now compelled me to write to Mr Dinshaw Tamboli to clear the air and I shall share the same in public domain. 6000 as bribes to BMC?? Some one sure is making money from the dead and that is Shameful.**

Regards
Arzan J Ghadially”

ARZAN THEN SENT THE BELOW MAIL TO DINSHAW TAMBOLY WHOSE REPLY IS ALSO GIVEN BELOW:

“From: Arzan JG <arzanjg@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, 1 Aug 2020 at 16:42

Subject: A Request .

To: <dinshawtamboly@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Dinshaw Tamboli,
Hope all is well and in good health.

I have been forwarded a recording between Mr. Jamshed Irani and Mr. Faramroz Mirza. The recording concerns the Charges for Prayer Hall. Mr. Faramroz Mirza was asked for charges to cremate. He mentioned the Hall is free and quoted a figure of Rs 48000 for a full 4 days prayer all inclusive. When he was asked if any receipt will be issued. He said no receipts will be given for any amount. He however stated there is a rate card prepared by the Trustees where the break up is provided and signed by the Trustee. He further added that receipts are not issued as the amount collected is disbursed to different people. (No such provision / exemption in IT act)

He was further asked if **in case a person cannot afford to pay Rs 48000/- for the prayers and just wishes to do the Cremation. Mr Faramroz replied that they can approach the BMC directly and are not allowed to bring the body in the hall. If the Hall is provided free why the discrimination? The Hall be allowed to be used by those who cannot afford as you advertise it is free. This needs to be clarified and should be allowed free without any preconditions as not as stated by Mr. Faramroz Mirza.**

The manner he spoke made me wonder if he owns the Prayer hall. I have received messages from people who have complained about his rude behavior and arrogance. I can share messages. Kindly request him to show some respect when he speaks to people who have lost a family member. I have personally witnessed his rude behavior.

A clarification from you is solicited for purpose of clarity and in line with Transparency.

- 1. Is the 4 days ceremony compulsory on a payment of Rs 48000?**
- 2. Can prayers be performed by a priest not designated by the Trust?**
- 3. If a person who cannot afford to pay Rs 48000. Will be allowed to use the Prayer hall?**
- 4. An amount of half a lakh collected with no receipts is an offence. Do you agree?**
- 5. Can the Trust stop cash payments and allow payments by Cheque if no receipts are issued.**
- 6. Kindly provide breakup of the Rs 6000 charged towards incidental charges. As per Faramroz Mirza he had informed me that these have to be paid to BMC staff. If I am asked to pay Rs 6000 compulsory I**

have a right to know in whose pocket this Rs 6000 amount is sitting. I will personally visit the BMC and sort it out. This amount is requested to be discontinued. Let the Trust bear such cost.

I will further elaborate on Point No 4 in simple terms. As per your rate card dated June 1, 2020. (The price was conveniently hiked at a time when there is a Pandemic). It states that the Trust has authorized a Coordinator to recover for performance of various ceremonies for distributing to Mobeds, ancillary staff & Material provider. Thus technically speaking your Trust becomes the principal Employer. (BMC follows the same practice and issues a Receipt of Rs 350 towards using the Crematory) You are aware that any amount you or the Trust empowers to recover from Community members is Taxable to the receiver. **An amount of Rs 48000 is being authorized by your Trust to be recovered without a receipt is against IT rules.** As A result neither the Trust issues a Receipt or your Authorized Coordinator. Such cash amounts are termed as 'Black Money'. If there are hypothetically on an average 2 cremations in a week (though there are twice as many cases). Your authorized Coordinator is collecting Rs 1,00,000/- per week and in a month 4,00,000 lakhs. In a year Rs 48,00,000/- (Rs Forty eight lakhs) . A sum of 48 lakhs by cash without a receipt is Tax free to the Coordinator Mobed. The Mobeds are fleecing the community. Since the amount involved now is huge. The prayer hall as well as at Dungenwadi must ensure that the Mobeds have to issue receipts for payments received. Some of the Mobeds are minting money in the name of religion and still live on doles and that too tax free. My issue is not against any Mobeds. My issue is receipts have to be issued for payments received. Period. **THE BMC ISSUES A RECEIPT AT THE CREMATORIUM FOR A MERE RS 350 AND HERE WE HAVE THE PRAYER HALL DEMANDING RS 48000/- CASH WITHOUT RECEIPT AND ALSO MAKES IT MANDATORY THAT IF YOU CANT AFFORD Rs 48000/- YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING THE BODY IN TO THE PRAYER HALL AND TAKE IT DIRECTLY FOR CREMATION.** I am repeating the exact words of Faramroz Mirza which is on record as proof on Social Media. Just for information. Mobeds too are taxable under Income Tax while the Trust is exempted. I see no harm in the Trust issuing a Receipt.

Kindly request you to allow the Cremation hall free as stated without any preconditions and request a policy for Mobeds to issue receipt or accept Cheque payments 100% in line with Transparency and finally please do away with Rs 6000 collected under the guise of incidental Expenses. Let the people pay what they can afford to pay the BMC staff.

Regards
Arzan J Ghadially."

IT SEEMS ARZAN HAS LOST HIS MIND. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY AGIARY IN MUMBAI ISSUING ANY RECEIPT FOR FOUR DAYS PAIDUST PRAYERS OR FOR MUKTAD PRAYERS OR FOR DASMO OR MASISO. THE SIMPLE REASON IS THAT THE COST NOT JUST INVOLVES THE MOBEDS CHARGES BUT ALSO FOR FOUR DAYS SUKHAD COST, FOR FLOWERS ON BOTH UTHAMNA DAYS, FOR CHASNI OF FRUITS AND OTHER COSTS LIKE SUTUM FOOD, ETC. FURTHER WHAT IS PAID TO THE MOBED IS IN AN ENVELOPE AS 'ASHO DAD' AND THE PANTHAKY COLLECTS HIS FEES.

THE SHAMELESS ARZAN NOW THREATENSTHATHEWILLCOMPLAIN TO INCOME TAX AND OTHER AUTHORITIES FOR NOT ISSUING RECEIPTS. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE DECADES AND THIS WHIPPER SNAPPER NOW WANTS TO CHANGE CENTURY OLD TRADITION.

AS IT IS MOBEDS ARE THE MOST POORLY PAID PROFESSIONALS AND WE HAVE THE UNGRATEFUL LIKES OF ARZAN GHADIALY WHO WANT TO DEPRIVE THEM OF WHATEVER MEAGRE INCOME THEY EARN. SEE HOW THE HINDUS TREAT THEIR PUJARIS OR MUSLIMS THEIR MAULANAS. BUT PARSIS SOMEHOW HAVE ALWAYS TREATED THE MOBEDS MOST SHABBILY. NO WONDER THAN MOBEDS TEACH THEIR CHILDREN TO TAKE UP ANY OTHER PROFESSION BUT MOBEDI. AND NOW THE SENSELESS THREAT OF ARZAN GHADIALY TO COMPLAIN TO INCOME TAX IF THEY DO NOT ISSUE RECEIPT SEEMS TO BE THE LAST STRAW.

NOW SEE THE POLISHED AND DIGNIFIED REPLY OF DINSHAW TAMBOLY TO ALL THE QUERIES AND CHARGES OF ARZAN GHADIALY:

“The Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust

Registration No. E – 31041 (Mumbai) dated 13-03-2015

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August 03, 2020

File Ref: E-24

Mr. Arzan J. Ghadially,
 Mumbai.

By E-Mail to: Arzan .JG <arzanjg@gmail.com>

Dear Mr. Arzan Ghadially,

Ref: Your e-mail dated August 01, 2020

Before your questions are responded to, it is essential to address a few basic facts that you may not be aware of which could therefore be at the root cause of your misunderstanding of the correct position:

1. The Prayer Hall is the property of the BMC. Our Prayer Hall Services & Maintenance Trust merely maintains the facility and provides services required by the families of deceased Parsi-Irani Zoroastrians. We cannot in these circumstances charge for use of the Hall.
2. It has been an established and time-tested custom within our community, that the fees charged for prayers performed at any religious location, or even at one's residence, are directly agreed between the Panthaki and the family member requesting the services of priests who are to perform the ceremony. The same principle is applied to funeral ceremonies to be performed at the Prayer Hall.
3. Er. Framroze Mirza is the coordinator appointed by our Trust and also organizes prayers for those families who either do not have a Panthaki or where the family Panthaki does not pray for those who opt for a system of disposal of the dead other than Dokhmenashini. At the same time, he is by no means the only Panthaki entitled to organize prayers for the families of a deceased Zoroastrian. Other Panthakis like Er. Khushroo Madon have over the years also organised prayers and Er. Mirza has merely facilitated funeral arrangements as the Coordinator at the Hall.
4. While the fees actually charged are agreed between the Panthaki and the family, in order to ensure that the rates charged by priests at Doongerwadi and Priests at the Prayer Hall are comparable at all times, our Trustees have, from time to time, put out the maximum fees that Panthakis organizing funeral prayers can charge at the Hall. We are satisfied that the rates put out by our Trust are on the lower side as compared to the rates charged at Doongerwadi. **As Er. Mirza would tell you himself, he has often waived or substantially reduced his fees for those who do not have the financial ability to pay the charges indicated.**
5. **The Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust has very limited funds of our own and we rely entirely on donor support for maintaining the property, cleaning, repairs, security, etc.** That is why we hand over a letter soliciting voluntary donations from families after use of the Hall. Our corpus is limited and

earnings on sums invested have fallen considerably over the last few months.

6. **Finally, and most importantly, it is essential for a community such as ours to nurture and support our priests, who struggle today to eke out a living for themselves and their families.** A large percentage of our priests, who are not attached to an Agiary or Atash Behram, are part-time priests and have to supplement their earnings by being employed in commercial establishments. Priests who pray at the Prayer Hall are often prohibited from praying at an Agiary or Atash Behram and have no choice but to seek employment in other establishments or vocations. We are constrained to say therefore that some of the issues you raise such as receipts and taxability of the earnings of priests, show a callous disregard for the well-being of this dwindling number of our Zoroastrian priests. Moreover, this is an issue for the priests to deal with as we are not the recipient of any amounts for the prayers conducted.

Now coming to your specific questions:

1. **Is the 4 days ceremony compulsory on a payment of Rs. 48,000/?**

In normal (non-Covid) times there was no such requirement and if you see the maximum indicative fees put out by the Trust, we had specified not only the rates for each ceremony, but also the charges for additional priests praying (say) at Uthamnas.

Today, with the Covid pandemic and specifically with the permission given to Agiaries & Atash Behrams to also conduct 4 days prayers (other than the Geh Sarna) for those who have to be cremated because they have tested Covid Positive, we were faced with a situation where the Geh Sarna is done in the compound of the Worli Crematorium but the relatives chose to have other prayers performed at Agiaries and Atash Behrams.

To safeguard the interests of the priests who pray at the Prayer Hall, it was decided that we would agree to their charging a flat fee of Rs. 48,000/- during this period and thereby ensure that all other ceremonies after the Geh Sarna are also performed at the Prayer Hall, even if the family prefers for any reason to have these performed at an Agiary or Atash Behram of their choice.

May that we add that we have found from our records of 2017

& 2018 that you have used the Hall in those years and have paid the Panthaki a fee not significantly different to the maximum amount indicated by us today without any resistance or fan-fare.

2. Can the prayers be performed by a priest not designated by the Trust?

Yes, certainly. In fact, we would encourage family Panthakis to perform the ceremonies of those who wish to be cremated, and Er. Mirza has been told to first ask the family of the deceased if they would like to appoint a Panthaki of their choice to do the prayers.

3. If a person cannot afford to pay Rs. 48,000, will he be allowed to use the Prayer Hall?

Since commencement we have had only 2 instances where this has been done and where the families have willingly paid the Coordinator Rs. 6,000/- for covering the incidental costs for use of the hall. Relatives of a non-Covid deceased can therefore use the Prayer Hall without any obligation to have the prayers at the Hall. It is however, recommended that Rs.6,000 be paid to the Coordinator for covering the incidental expenses.

Family members of a Covid infected deceased person who do not wish to have the four days ceremonies performed at the Prayer Hall are free to have the Geh Sarna done by their own Panthaki/Priests, as in any event the ceremony is performed in the Car Park with the cadaver in a body-bag and directly taken thereafter from the ambulance to the furnaces whereby there is no need for use of the Prayer Hall.

4. An amount of half a lakh collected with no receipt is an offence. Do you agree?

As explained, this is something to be agreed between the Panthaki and the family. We, as the Prayer Hall Services & Maintenance Trust do not come into the picture at all. However please do bear in mind that the Rs. 48,000 is distributed amongst several priests although it may be collected by a single person. Please also bear in mind the practice followed at Doongerwadi, which is apparently no different. It is also to be stressed that none of the money collected by the Ervads is received by the Trust.

5. Can the Trust stop cash payments and allow payments by cheque if no receipts are issued?

Again, as explained above this is something to be agreed between the Panthaki and the family and the Prayer Hall Services & Maintenance Trust does not come into the picture. If it is your opinion that our priests today overcharge and exploit people who use their services, then please take up this issue with them generally but do not place this problem at our door.

6. Kindly provide breakup of the Rs 6000 charged towards incidental charges. As per Faramroz Mirza he had informed me that these have to paid to BMC staff. If I am asked to pay Rs 6000 compulsory I have a right to know in whose pocket this Rs 6000 amount is sitting. I will personally visit the BMC and sort it out. This amount is requested to be discontinued. Let the Trust bear such cost.

Again, as explained earlier, the Trust is by no means flush with funds and we rely on donor support in order to maintain the hall and provide this service which we render as an unmet need for Parsis wanting a choice other than Dokhmenashini for their departed loved ones. We have letters expressing the gratitude of users of the Hall.

It is common practice to pay gratuities to staff who are helpful and it is invariably done even at Doongerwadi after utilising their services. Although Er. Mirza may have said that these gratuities are meant for BMC staff, the amount collected is actually also distributed amongst our Security Guards, the cleaners employed at the hall and those who help with documentation and other formalities.

Though already mentioned above, it is again reiterated that none of the money collected by the Ervads is received by the Trust.

Please understand that the average utilisation of the Hall has been 6-7 times in a full month and this amount therefore is not a significant receipt in the hands of the recipient worker. Gratuities should be given with grace and dignity.

To sum up, I am sure you agree that based on the explanations provided above, your concerns were misplaced and you will desist from your attempted vilification of our Trust.

As most of the concerns addressed by you pertain to Er. Framroze Mirza, a copy of this communication is being addressed to him.

Also, in view of your having circulated WA messages in the public domain, we are constrained to share this communication in public domain as well as, uploading the same on our website.

Very Sincerely,

Dinshaw K. Tamboly.
Chairman"

FROM THE REPLY OF MR. TAMBOLY IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RS. 6000/ WHICH ARZAN IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE TIPS TO BE GIVEN TO THE MAINTENANCE AND ANCILLARY STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE TRUST FOR LOOKING AFTER THE PRAYER HALL. DON'T THOSE WHO USE THE DOONGERWADI PAY ASHO DAD FOR EVERY SERVICE GIVEN EACH TIME. WHY IS HE MAKING SUCH A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL. IT IS PRAYER

HALL STAFF WHO SHARE THIS 'ASHO DAD OR TIPS OR GRATUITY' THAT IS COLLECTED AS INCIDENTALS AND NOT BMC STAFF.

BESIDES MR. TAMBOLY NOT BEING VERY CONVERSENT TO WHAT UTHAMNA INVOLVES AND MOBEDS AND THEIR DUTIES MAY HAVE NOT INCLUDED THE COST OF SUKHAD FOR FOUR DAYS WHICH WE ARE INFORMED BY A PANTHAKI OF AN AGIARY WOULD

AMOUNT TO AROUND RS. 15,000/. ADD TO THIS THE COST OF FLOWERS, FRUITS, EGGS AND THE CHASNI AND FOUR MOBEDS REQUIRED FOR THE TWO UTHAMNAS AND HENCE THE CHARGES ARE REASONABLE.

FURTHER THE RATE CARD AVAILABLE FOR PRAYERS QUOTES THE COST OF EACH PRAYER AND DOES NOT FORCE ANYONE TO PAY FULL RS. 42,000/ FOR ALL FOUR DAYS PRAYERS.

HOWEVER, AFTER COVID DEATHS STARTED, INITIALLY NO AGIARY WOULD DO FOUR DAYS PRAYERS AS CREMATED. BUT THEN VADA DASTURJI KOTWAL GAVE HIS RULING THAT CREMATION WAS NOT OUT OF FREE WILL BUT DUE TO BMC AND GOVT. GUIDELINES AND HENCE MOST AGIARIES STARTED PERFORMING FOUR DAYS PRAYERS EXCEPT GEH SARNA WHICH CONTINUED TO BE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL.

NATURALLY THE MOBEDS PERFORMING AT THE PRAYER HALL FELT CHEATED AS THEY WERE DEPRIVED OF THE FOUR DAYS CEREMONIES PAYMENT. THEY COMPLAINED TO MR. TAMBOLY THAT UNLESS ALL PRAYERS WERE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL, THEY WOULD NOT PERFORM ONLY GEH SARNA. HENCE THE TRUST HAD NO OPTION BUT TO CONCEDE TO THE MOBEDS DEMAND THAT IF THEY DO GEH SARNA OF A COVID PERSON THEN ALL FOUR DAYS PRAYERS SHOULD BE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL AND IF THE RELATIVES WANT TO DO GEH SARNA AT PRAYER HALL BUT OTHER FOUR DAYS PRAYERS AT THEIR AGIARY THEN THEY SHOULD PAY THE FULL COST OF RS. 42,000/ TO THE MOBEDS.

THIS IS A REASONABLE PROPOSAL OF THE PRAYER HALL MOBEDS AND HENCE AGREED BY THE TRUST. ARZAN HAS TO UNDERSTAND THE LARGER RAMIFICATIONS OF THE DEPRIVATION OF THEIR INCOME BY DASTURJI KOTWALS INTERPRETATION. THERE IS NO ACT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PANDEMIC BUT TO ENSURE FAIR WAGES TO MOBEDS.

IF ARZAN FINDS THEM TOO HIGH HE IS FREE TO GO TO ANY OTHER BMC CREMATORIUM. ARZAN NOW EVEN BLACKMAILS THE MOBEDS GIVING SERVICES AT DOONGERWADI ON THE SAME THREAT OF INFORMING INCOME TAX FOR NOT GIVING RECEIPTS.

ARZAN GHADIALLY IS SO SHAMELESS AND UNGRATEFUL THAT EVEN AFTER RECEIVING A FIVE PAGE CLARIFICATION FROM MR. TAMBOLY ON EVERY QUESTION RAISED BY HIM, YET IN HIS WHATSAPP INFORMS JAMSHEDJI

SALAMAT IRANI THAT "THE ENTIRE FIVE PAGE RESPONSE (OF MR. TAMBOLY) HAS BEEN A WASTE OF TIME OFFERING NO SOLUTION!"

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? EACH AND EVERY QUERY OF THE SIX QUESTIONS RAISED BY HIM IN HIS MAIL DATED 1ST AUGUST HAS BEEN REPLIED IN DETAIL AND YET ARZAN WRITES THAT THE REPLY WAS A WASTE OF TIME.

WE GIVE BELOW HIS DISGUSTING AND DEMEANING MAIL IN REJOINDER TO MR. TAMBOLY'S REPLY:

"Subject:Prayer hall Tuesday 4-8

Jamshed uncle. The Parsee Trust has sent a 5 page reply based on my email which was based on your recording that went viral which completely exposed the myth that the prayer hall is free. **IT IS NOT FREE.**

They have offered no solution. Not answered any questions but have justified their actions. I will post the reply. Now that they are cornered, they tell us Rs 6000 are tips. Tips are voluntary and not compulsory by law. it is shameful collecting money under the guise of tips.

Even non parsees use our prayer hall. Does Faramaroz Mirza collect Rs 6000 from non parsees too for using the Hall?

A simple solution to Mr Dinshaw Tamboly. Give the hall free, no need for any priest to be a contractor. Let the priest so his duty as a priest and not that of a broker or a contractor.

The Parsee Trust's contractor in a voice call to you in clear words say the hall cannot be used without paying Rs 6000 and now the Trust do a damage control to defend the Contractor and endorse it is NOT free. Pay 6000 as tips for 'gratitude'. The BMC employees are paid a salary. Rs 6000 as gratitude? Are the Trust playing a joke on the community.

Both in 2017 and 2018 I had objected to this illegal collection and had even spoken to Mr Dinshaw Tamboly on these amounts.in his reply he states I paid without resistance which is totally a lie and misleading statement.

Now the flat figure of 48000 charged is attributed to Covid 19. to make money out of Pandemics is the best opportunity. Why not leave it to the family to decide. Do not make anything mandatory when you

advertise it's free. You are providing the hall for free. Stick to that. Trust should not be run as a business to make money from those who have no option but to pay.

The most important question remain unanswered.Will a person be allowed to use the prayer hall free without the Ra 6000 if he / she does not want the prayers to be carried out at the prayer hall? Yes or No.

The entire 5 page response has been a waste of time offering no solution.

Regards

Arzan J Ghadially

Will post their meaningless response?"

ARZAN GHADIALLY ACCUSES DINSHAW TAMBOLY AND ERVAD MIRZA AS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE MONEY FROM THE PANDEMIC. WHY DOES HE NOT READ MR. TAMBOLY'S EXPLANATION THAT DUE TO COVID, AGIARIES AND PANTHAKIES WHICH EARLIER NEVER DID FOUR DAY PRAYERS FOR CREMATED BODIES, HAVE NOW DECIDED TO DO THE FOUR DAYS PRAYERS OF COVID DEAD EXCEPT GEH SARNA WHICH IS TO BE DONE ONLY AT PRAYER HALL AND HENCE PRAYER HALL MOBEDS ARE DEPRIVED OF INCOME OF FOUR DAYS PRAYERS.

NATURALLY THEY HAVE THREATENED THAT IF THEY DO GEH SARNA THAN ALL FOUR DAY PRAYERS SHOULD ALSO BE DONE AT THE PRAYER HALL OR THEY WILL NOT DO GEH SARNA. HENCE THE TRUST WAS FORCED TO TAKE THE STEP THAT IF GEH SARNA IS DONE AT PRAYER HALL THEN THEY INSIST ON COLLECTING CHARGES OF ALL FOUR DAYS PRAYERS WHETHER DONE OR NOT AT THE PRAYER HALL. REASONABLE PROPOSITION! IF AGIARIES DEPRIVE MOBEDS DOING GEH SARNA OF COVID DEAD THEN THEY HAVE TO BE REIMBURSED.

IN VIEW OF OUR EXPOSURE OF THE ACTUAL EXPENSES INVOLVED FOR FOUR DAY PRAYERS, WE FEEL THAT ARZAN GHADIALLY OWES AN APOLOGY TO DINSHAW TAMBOLY FOR THE NEEDLESS ACCUSATIONS MADE BY HIM THAT THE CLARIFICATION WAS A WASTE OF TIME OFFERING NO SOLUTION.

WE MAY ADD HERE THAT INSPITE OF HIS BRAVADO THAT HE WOULD POST 'THEIR MEANINGLESS RESPONSE', ARZAN FAILED TO DO SO AND IT WAS THE TRUST WHICH POSTED IT IN VARIOUS WHATSAPP GROUPS.

INSTEAD HE NOW THREATENS THE TRUSTEES OF BOTH PRAYER HALL TRUST AS WELL AS BPP TO ISSUE AN OFFICIAL RECEIPT FOR CASH TRANSACTION OF 50,000/ TO 70,000/ OR HE WILL SNITCH TO THE INCOME TAX AND CHARITY COMMISSIONER AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE CASH COLLECTION.

FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT WE REPRODUCE HIS SAID MAIL SENT TO JAMSHEDJI ON 4-8-20 AS UNDER:

"Subject:Prayer hall
Jamshed Uncle.

I never singled off only to Crematory. The BPP too is requested to follow Govt regulations.

Both these Trust must have a single window policy. One payment takes care of all and issue a official receipt. Do away with Cash transactions of 50000 to 700000.

That is my next step. To get the Income

Tax people and the Charity comm in to this racket. Let these authorities endorse the practice.

All I requested is that the poor who can't afford should not be made to pay Rs 6000. Give the hall free to them. Do away with these brokers and contractors.

Regards

Arzan J Ghadially"

INSTEAD OF THREATENING MR. TAMBOLY AND BPP TRUSTEES OF INCOME TAX RAIDS, HE SHOULD SET UP HIS OWN PRAYER HALL AND GIVE IT FREE TO ALL AND SUNDRY.

ARZAN GHADIALLY IS A PROVED DOUBLE AGENT OF KERSI RANDERIA

In the Parsi Junction issue of 26th July 2020 we had devoted 9 pages towards the Open letter of Arzan Ghadially in conjunction with Phiroze Amroliwalla's crusade against the illegal levy of extra service charges on Tenants of Rs. 750/pm from February 2017 in breach of the RENT ACT.

Instead of both of them working together in the common interest of the good of the community, suddenly Arzan, probably under instructions of his mentor, Kersi Randeria, turns hostile to Amroliwalla for being added in the Trustees mails and then takes offence against Parsi Junction for not publishing his last mail and sends a dirty self centred admonishing mail to us. We fail to understand his angst against Amroliwalla and wants to take sole credit if service charges are waived/reduced. What hypocrisy and what Ego this man manifests.

Arzan questions us why Amroliwalla is being given so much importance when he has done nothing since 2017 till June 2020 whilst he has taken up the cause from June 2020 and is following it up and wants us to remove Amroliwalla and give credit only to him as and

when the extra service charges are revised.

We salute the man's ego but we need to expose his DOUBLE DEALING which he has indulged in so far. It is now obvious that so far he was working on behalf of Kersi Randeria and opposing any reduction or revocation of this extra burden of Rs. 750/ on our beneficiaries right from 2017.

One recollects when he attended the Albless Baug meeting of February 2017 called by Amroliwalla, late Parvez Driver and Dinshaw Mehta, he was the main nigger in the pie who in fact at that meeting was the only one who opposed the agitation against this levy of Rs. 750/pm and advised all present to pay the extra 750/voluntarily as it was justified, according to him.

Subsequently the actual Chairman, Yazdi Desai was kind enough to request Amroliwalla in April 2017 to come with office bearers of all BPP Baugs who were opposing this increase. As stated by Amroliwalla, Arzan's name was not in the list but he was present at that meeting where only Kersi Randeria spoke. Arzan was specifically called to the

meeting by Kersi Randeria to support the Trustees as a DOUBLE AGENT and justify the increase and get others to support the increase, which he did do at that meeting.

A False, manipulated and fabricated account of Each Baugs Income and Expenditure statement was circulated to the Baug office bearers who attended the Trustees meeting by Kersi Randeria and when Khan Estate and Gamadia Colony pointed out lacunas in the unsigned statement, Randeria brazenly admitted that there were likely to be mistakes done by the administration. Was he trying to fool the community with likely mistakes. Randeria promised that they would rectify the mistakes and give a fresh statement of Income and Expenditure which is still awaited till today.

At that meeting the I/E figures of Nirlon Colony and Godrej Baug were positive showing excess of Income over Expenditure and yet they too were subject to this extra levy and not a murmur was made by Arzan Ghadially to this injustice being done to them. Instead Arzan willingly accepted the increase without any objection and under instructions of Kersi

Randeria tried to break the unity of the Baugs by requesting some members to accept the increase. Perfect Gestapo tactics.

In fact even his open letter does not call for waiver or reduction of this unlawful levy but wants the Trustees to take action against Amroliwalla for not paying rent for three and a half years, as per instructions of Kersi Randeria.

In contrast Amroliwalla had meetings with Noshir Dadrawala and Zarir Bhathena as well as with Randeria as explained in his below reply and kept on badgering the Trustees to waive or at least reduce the extra levy. Due to his heart problem requiring urgent surgery and more after surgery treatment, he was in and out of Mumbai for health reasons but once back permanently he again started his agitation against this unlawful levy.

He took on the Trustees refusing to pay this extra service charges and defying the Trustees to take action against him. Against this Arzan willingly paid this levy without a murmur and now wants to climb the bandwagon.

It is now obvious that this turncoat behavior of Arzan was motivated by Randeria who advised him that with the present majority in their favor of the four Trustees who had submitted a Agenda item for waiver/reduction of this levy it was better to change his stance and like a DOUBLE AGENT Arzan now suddenly changed his stance from accepting the increase of Rs. 750/pm as justified and now wants sole credit for its revocation/reduction anticipating that would happen in view of the change of dynamics of the minority Trustees but unfortunately for him his lord and master stupidly did not attend the first board meeting on Zoom since the March lockdown.

Thus from 2017 till date Arzan Ghadi ally was responsible for not only accepting the increase of service charges without a murmur but in fact justifying it to others who challenged the same and tried to break the unity of those who were opposing these levy. Now that the minority have become the majority and the waiver/reduction is expected any day, Arzan like a true turncoat now wants to falsely and hypocritically portray that he is against the increase whilst his open letter talks of taking action against Amroliwalla for not paying rent along with the extra service charges for three and a half years. What a shameless bigot.

The DOUBLE AGENT Title fits Arzan Ghadi ally to a T when one recollects that on instructions of Kersi Randeria, he accompanied Dy.CEO Shenaaz Khambatta and illegally evicted Dorab Elavia and his wife by force from his brothers flat at Gamadia Colony even though his and his wife's name were registered in the Tenancy Agreement of the brother as persons to reside with the brother. He then used Randeria's influence and money power to neutralise the police.

The DOUBLE DHOLKI Arzan along with Kersi Randeria also complained to superior officers, after police in May 2015 cleared the over Rs. 21 lakhs cash found in late CEO's cupboard in October 2014 and unsealed the cupboard with directions to use the cash of over Rs. 21 lakhs for community welfare, that the investigation was shabby and the Rs. 21 lakhs belonging to BPP is once again in police custody till date.

The three Trustees—Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur have approved the full revocation of this unlawful levy for both Tenants and Licensees and its Implementation will be from 1st September 2020 after the next board meeting when the 29th July board meeting Minutes are approved and ratified. Of course Noshir Dadrawala has also signed the November 2018 letter to waive/reduce the levy.

THUS THE LONG AWAITED REVOCATION/REDUCTION OF THIS EXTRA LEVY OF Rs. 750/ IS NOW DONE. THE COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY THE OCCUPANTS OF BPP BAUGS HAVE TO THANK THE FOUR TRUSTEES AS WELL AS PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA FOR THIS REVOCATION.

However we do not expect Kersi Randeria or Arzan Ghadi ally to accept this fait accompli quietly. They, through one of their goons, will now try to force an agitation for Refund to all occupants of the extra Rs. 750/ collected from 2017 so far. Of course the occupants are aware of the cash crunch being faced by the Trustees and many will forego the Refund if further recovery of Rs. 750/ is stopped. But even for those who get carried away by Kersi Randeria's demand of Refund of the extra 750/ collected, the Licensees cannot do so as their LL Agreements provide for such increase. Only the Tenants can do so but the answer is very clear in the circular sent by Yazdi Desai that it was only a request for those voluntarily agreeing and

not a compulsion. Since Kersi Randeria instructed Custodians not to accept rent unless accompanied with this extra 750/, it should be recovered from him or suffer it since they stupidly paid without any objection though it was illegal.

In the alternative they may agitate to make all Tenants who defied the Trustees to pay up till July 2020. But that is hardly likely to stick as their agitation was based on the legal principle that this levy was illegal for Tenants protected under the Rent ACT and it continues to be illegal and hence it is unlikely for those who defied the Trustees for over three years will now pay the arrears. They took the risk of facing legal action at their cost and had the guts to defy this patently illegal levy.

We give below the Double Dealing mail of Arzan Ghadi ally against Parsi Junction and the reply to it from Parsi Junction and Phiroze Amroliwalla to whom we had sent Arzan's mail for his remarks thereon.

From: Arzan .JG <arzanjg@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, 26 Jul 2020, 9:40 pm
Subject: Misleading the Community by sensationalising headlines and suppression of truth.
To: <sethnakg@gmail.com>

Attn: Editor - Parsi Junction

Sub: Misleading the Community by sensationalising headlines and suppression of truth.

We all know that Parsi Junction needs to fulfil the need for sensationalising its content for survival. Hence the 'catchy' headlines, interspersed with editorial comment in red ink that reads like a blow by blow commentary!

However, does it give the editor carte blanche to suppress some of the emails in the reported 'chain of emails'? Even if you wish to give a spin to it, the Truth Must be told.

You as an Editor skipped facts. While Kerci Randeria stuck to recovering dues (Refer PJ) Viraf Mehta started diverting the subject by involving matters not related to Rs 750 viz a viz Union matter, squandering of Rs. 80 lakhs, etc besides other matters which had no bearing to Rs 750 . Thus Viraf Mehta shifted the focus from the increase of Rs 750 to Kerci Randeria thereby creating a diversion. When that did not work. He added Phiroze Amroliwalla to create a further diversion.

Phiroze Amroliwalla created further issues by deleting Kerci Randeria from my mails. i have never seen any Trustee behave childishly.

The decision to collect full dues including Rs 750 or no dues was taken by the full Board and not by Kerci Randeria as stated by Viraf. He as a Trustee should be aware of the decisions taken by the Board.

All custodians in all Baug were instructed to not accept rents without the Rs 750 hike.

This can be verified with Baug Custodians. Nevertheless Viraf Mehta blamed the Targeted Trustee as having given instructions to the Custodian. There is a limit to lying and distortion of facts. Going to a fire temple every week will not wash away your sins, Fear God. As an Editor it is your moral responsibility to verify facts before you publish.

In all my exchange of mails I had included only the Trustees and the Trustees responded to me. With no warning Viraf added Mr. Phiroze Amroliwalla on a childish pretext that Kerci had marked me in mails which compelled him to add Phiroze Amroliwalla. This was not true as the correspondence on email was initiated by me and common sense should prevail that I was a part of the exchange of all mails and I was not added by Kerci Ramderia. **The 'Twist in tale' started from the above action of Viraf Mehta. Things were going on smoothly before this diversion**

I wrote a mail to all Trustees on the above which you again skipped. Submitting the same herewith.

"Respected Trustees,

I strongly object to any person / persons being included in a private email conversation that I initiated.

I now realise that confidentiality of emails between Trustees and members is not being maintained by our respected Trustees. I have now also realised that Co Trustees don't mark their own colleagues while replying to mails and other Trustees follow suit. Knowingly or unknowingly.

The issue under discussion is the validity of the charges and equal treatment of all baug members. This is the only point that is requested to be discussed.

I request a clean resolution on the issue and a fair and equal treatment of all Baug members. To this end, I once again request that privacy of our correspondences should be maintained and look forward to your assurance of the same.

Awaiting a response to a resolution to the open

letter in the best interest of the community.

Warm Regards

Arzan J Ghadially"

Courtesy PJ. I would like to request Viraf Mehta that If he is sharing Pvt internal mails between Trustees, it should stop as this amounts to blatant misuse of power and position to share private mails with family members who are a part of PJ set up thus not allowing the Board to function. If true, PJ survives on your private mails - of the Trust - you share with your family member who is a stakeholder in PJ. If true it also amounts to Complete lack and disregard of professionalism. If true, Had you been an employee you would have been sacked from your responsibilities for Anti Trust activities.

I am herewith submitting one of the emails that your publication of 26th July 2020 seems to have conveniently ignored. You had published the email from Noshir requestung ME for my suggestions to which I had responded but you have skipped it to promote Phiroze Amroliwalla's suggestion which largely benefited tenancy right holders . The following is my response to Noshir's email in the chain of emails that you skipped and I request you to publish this letter in its entirety.

"Dear Noshir ,

We had come to the Board room for discussions sometime when the 750 increase was initiated. If you recall you even suggested to bring it down to Rs 350 or Rs 400 from Rs 750/- if the Board agrees.

My request to the Board to please bring the figure down from Rs 750 to Rs 300 or Rs 350 max wef Aug1, 2020. The Rs 200 collection over and above Rs 750 be stopped in any case wef Aug 1, 2020.

Yearly increase be changed to once in 2 years will be highly and truly appreciated.

Warm Regards

Arzan J Ghadially".

Instead of including my above mail suggestion which was part of the chain mail, you gave an impression that I had not made any suggestion instead you chose to publish a solution provided by Mr Phiroze Amroliwala which is neither here nor there. It appears that by publishing Phiroze Amroliwalla's email offering an unsolicited solution you are intending to project him as the saviour of the community. If you are a fair Editor why did you not publish the important emails with complete chronology. Why hide some mails?

Also, as a community paper, your headline does not focus on the Rs 750 service charge that is the subject matter of the issue under

discussion. You have used it to target Kerci Ramderia. This is the kind of diversion that I do not want hence my request to keep other issues out of it.

It is evidently clear that You and the promoters of PJ and Viraf Mehta are actively promoting Phiroze Amroliwalla by including him in the correspondence and using this as a pretext to shame a Trustee.

In his email, Viraf mentions ' ILLEGAL LEVY ' but uses it to target and fight Kerci Randeria and not to help the Community. Why was your Star Actor Phiroze Amroliwalla completely silent on the illegal levy for three and a half years on the Rs 750 increase until my open letter dated June 27,2020? Now all of a sudden PJ and a siting Trustee Viraf Mehta are projecting Phiroze Amroliwalla as a 'Main Person', 'Star Actor'. What is the agenda? Does it suit a Trustee to issue clean chits which is not in BPP Interest?

Looking forward to a meaningful and ethical journalism

Warm Regards

Arzan J Ghadially

IN REPLY TO THE BASELESS AND OBVIOUSLY MOTIVATED CHARGES LEVELLED BY THE DOUBLE DEALING AGENT ARZAN GHADIALLY AGAINST PARSI JUNCTION, TO PROTECT HIS MENTOR KERSI RANDERIA, WE GIVE BELOW OUR REPLY TO THE SAME:

From: kersi sethna <sethnakg@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 11:32 AM

Subject: Re: Fwd: Misleading the Community by sensationalising headlines and suppression of truth.

To: <arzanjg@gmail.com>

Cc: Armaity Tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Noshir Dadrawalla <noshirbpp@gmail.com>, xerxes dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, <viraf@viraf.com>, Phiroze Amroliwalla <phirozeamroliwalla@gmail.com>, <yazdidesai@hotmail.com>

Arzan, the community is well aware of your special relationship with your mentor the Dictator, Kersi Rnderia who suffers from the 'my way or the highway syndrome' and with whose help you always respond with twisted and fabricated facts to rescue him whenever Randeria finds himself in an embarrassing situation.

We are surprised at your accusing Parsi Junction of suppressing emails sent by

you. As far as we are concerned, we are not hypocrites who have one set of teeth for the Board and another for the public as a Trustee so aptly put it, in the case of Kersi Randeria

The mail you falsely allege that we skipped about

'I strongly object to any person/s being included in a private mail conversation that I initiated.....'

My God your ego is just as big as your lord and master, Kersi Randeria. In the first place we have received no such mail from you.

We inquired with Phiroze Amroliwalla whether he had received any such mail and he denies it too. Perhaps it must be the mail you sent to all the Trustees after objecting to and deleting Amroliwalla from your reply mails.

Since all the chain of mails published by us were sent to us by Phiroze Amroliwalla who received the chain of mails from the Trustees prior to this, obviously we could not receive your mail as you did not send it to him, which you wrongly allege we skipped. We feel you owe us an apology for your false and baseless allegation against our paper.

You then accuse Trustee Viraf Mehta of sharing private emails with Parsi Junction. Once again you make a false and baseless allegation against Viraf Mehta. We have already confessed that we have received email chains only from Phiroze Amroliwalla officially sent to him by the Trustees and that is why the mail sent by you Arzan without marking copy to Amroliwalla was not received by us. Hence you owe another apology to Trustee Viraf Mehta for your false and baseless accusation.

Arzan, as the proxy of Kersi Randeria, you then accuse Viraf of diverting subject from Rs. 750/ by involving matters of 'Union matter', 'squandering Rs. 80/ lakhs' which have no bearing on the matter of Rs. 750/. Either you are not understanding the subject or your reach of English language is only limited to what Randeria explains.

In his mail, Viraf explains that "But now that that Board is in constructive negotiations with the Union to reach a sensible arrangement with them, I am sure the Board can show the same benevolence to its own beneficiaries" meaning that we can waive or reduce 750/ to 350/. How is that diverting the subject.

As regards Rs. 80 lakhs, Viraf has tried to show that the present cash crunch that all complain about is mainly due to Randeria spending charity funds over legal expenses in the High Court to deny Armaity, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta equal rights as Trustees. How is that not relevant to the subject first of charging additional service charges of Rs. 750/ and the inability of waiving/reducing it due to cash crunch.

IS THAT SO DIFFICULT FOR ARZAN TO UNDERSTAND OR IS HE A FOOL GUIDED ONLY BY HIS LORD AND MASTER.

Arzan you want to take sole credit for initiating the discussion of 750/. God what an ego the man has. Phiroze Amroliwalla has been objecting and defying against this 750/ since 2017 when he called the Albless Baug meeting and then reactivated by him from 7th June 2020 and since then every week he has been attacking Kersi Randeria as the main criminal who through devious means has so far succeeded in not allowing its reduction even though 4 Trustees had given a signed Resolution for its implementation in November 2018 to oppose the increase, which only left Kersi Randeria and Yazdi Desai in support..

Arzan you try to rescue Kersi Randeria from the charges of Phiroze Amroliwalla by once again falsely stating that the full board had taken the decision. THREE Trustees had not supported the proposal to increase service charges and Randeria as the defacto Chairman had got Zarir Bhathena and Noshir Dadrawala to support his proposal.

But then Noshir in August 2017 sided with Viraf and Armaity to reduce it to Rs. 400/ and as Zarir was absent that day & the Resolution was passed 3:2. But the criminal mind of Randeria did not allow the Resolution to be acted upon by the office and in the next week when Zarir was present, the Resolution was set aside by Yazdi Desai's casting vote. Arzan you are obviously not aware how the Board functions and based on what he was fed you as the faithful goon you made this false statement of full Board supporting the increase.

Though you and Amroliwalla are fighting for the same cause of waiver or reduction of the Rs. 750/, yet you want to run down Amroliwalla and try to take all credit for yourself when you have in fact justified and supported the increase as well as succumbed to the threats of the Trustees to take action and paid the illegal increase whilst Amroliwalla has defied

them for three and a half years that for Tenants this increase is illegal. As an activist you should fight a cause for greater good of the community and not for yourself or your ego.

Arzan, again on instructions of his lord and master, avers that **'All Custodians in all Baugs WERE instructed to not accept rents without the Rs. 750/ hike'. Correct but by whom is the question. Assuming that to be correct, it is only Kersi Randeria, as the defacto chairman who gave the orders to the custodians.** Even assuming Zarir and Yazdi also supported him it is still only Randeria as the defacto chairman who instructed the Custodians.

BPP is not a commercial organisation that works in secret or secret instructions be carried out. BPP is a community charity Trust and before the elections all seven Trustees had promised Transparency and Accountability then why this sudden demand by you that the Trustees should behave in a secretive manner and not let community members know its decisions and the reasons for it or keep the infighting secret from the community. As a Trust every community member should become aware how their Trustees are functioning. But to keep a stranglehold on BPP affairs, Randeria uses his paper to project only himself and when Jame-Jamshed started exposing the misdeeds of the Trustees, Randeria paid a handsome amount to the Owner of Jame-Jamshed for its Editorial rights and since then the JJ exposures stopped. Now Randeria has started the Pol-Khol rag. It was only when Mumbai Samachar and now Parsi Junction started exposing the misdeeds of the Trustees that once again the faithful Arzan has again been called upon to discredit Parsi Junction to stop Randeria's exposure.

Arzan you claim to be activist but you want Trustees to function in a secretive manner perhaps to hide your own misdemeanors. We recollect how you under instruction of Kersi Randeria got Dorab Elavia and his wife to vacate from his brothers flat though his name and his wife's name were mentioned in the brothers Tenancy Agreement as person to reside with the brother. You then used your influence and money power of Randeria to ensure police took no action.

Once again when the police after proper investigation to the Rs. 21 lakhs cash found in CEO'S cupboard removed the seal and directed that the money be used for community welfare in May 2015, you and Kersi Randeria

again approached the superior officers and complained that the investigation was shabby and got the money again sealed in the cabin and thereafter got the money taken away by the police in 2016 where it is lying since then and doubtful if the BPP will see the Rs. 21 lakhs belonging to it again.

In Kersi Randeria's Pol Khol of 15th July 2020 where Arzan's open letter is published also contains the mails exchanged only between Trustees and Pol-Khol of 29th July which similarly contains the private mails exchanged only between trustees, but that Arzan has no objection as his boss has given the secrets to Kaikhushru Irani to print. What Double Standards!!

Similarly another goon like you, one Filly Bhathena forwarded private Trustees mails which were sent to him by Kersi Randeria but you had no objection and none of the Trustees took objection to its disclosure but Randeria cannot stand his exposure of his misdeeds to the community and hence uses you to shield him if you can, But you have failed miserably to protect your mentor from the onslaught of Amroliwalla.

I am sending a copy of my mail also to the Trustees & Phiroze Amroliwalla as I am sure you must have marked copies of your mail to all Trustees as also to Parsi Times who is likely to give a big exposure in Parsi Times this Saturday as the exposure of the multimillionaire Kersi Randeria's whole family have taken advantage of Charity flats has hurt his ego no end.

**KERSI SETHNA,
EDITOR.**

WE HAD FORWARDED A COPY OF ARZAN'S MAIL TO PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA FOR HIS REMARKS. WE GIVE BELOW THE REJOINDER OF PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA TO THE BASELESS AND MOTIVATED ALLEGATIONS MADE BY ARZAN

GHADIALLY WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF:

From: Phiroze Amroliwalla

To: Arzan JG

Cc: Yazdi Desai , armaity tirandaz , Noshir BPP , Viraf Mehta, CLSA , Xerxes V. Dastur , dinshaw dinshaw , Viraf Mehta

Date: Thu 16:53

I HAVE BEEN FORWARDED THE MAIL OF ARZAN FALSELY ACCUSING PARSI JUNCTION OF PREJUDICE AND SUPPRESSION OF HIS MAILS.

MY REPLY IS:

Our community suddenly is flooded with a plethora of newspapers and I welcome the developments as I subscribe to the freedom of the press. But the present sudden surge is borne out of compulsion, as Kersi Randeria a sitting Trustee, who controls both the community weeklies, Jame-Jamshed and Parsi Times, shows scant respect towards a dissenting viewpoint, and uses his own paper to blatantly lie and print scandalous and false allegations while claiming in the Masthead--- "The Truth. Delivered Weekly".

This Master Strategist, a trustee of the BPP, has once again used one of his current (many of his past friends have disappeared having seen his true colors) stooges, Arzan Ghadi ally, to further his own agenda. The other one is Kaikhushroo Irani of the just born or rather a still-born Poll Khol, who trustee Randeria has obliged with a gift of a flat worth several lakhs in Palm Lands, Contractor Baug, Mahim, and from whom Kersi is now seeking his pound of flesh to set up another rag through this stooge. Randeria, it is all this gifting by you at the cost of the BPP that you are now trying to recover by illegally increasing Service Charges on the hapless residents.

And Arzan, genuine activists support issues and NOT individuals and do not let themselves be used by anybody. Do you have the guts to question Randeria for this and for transferring his Kaka's flat to his mother in a BPP building at Byculla and also adding his sister's son's name in that flat when as a resident of Godrej Baug I am sure as an activist you must be aware that he along with the mother live in Godrej Baug?

I repeat Randeria has an inflated ego, is vindictive and can bulldoze his colleague

trustees, his appointed and chosen staff, and most beneficiaries who by nature are meek and timid. For those who he cannot subdue by threats, etc. he follows other means like cajoling, tempting, bribing, and offering sops as he did to me!

In the first place let me make it clear that all the chain of emails I received were forwarded to Parsi Junction for publishing in the interest of Transparency and Accountability so that the community and especially residents of BPP Baugs were informed of all the facts of the illegal demand of Rs. 750/ extra from Tenants protected under the Rent Act.

The missing mails Arzan complains about were not sent to me by Arzan and hence I could not forward it to Parsi Junction for publishing. So why blame PJ if Arzan himself decided not to forward his mail to me. **Let me add that I would have happily sent all these to the Parsi Times and Jame too if only Randeria gave a free hand to the Editors.**

Since the issue of the steep increase in Service charges keeps cropping up at varying times, it is imperative that the readers' memory is refreshed and therefore I am attaching a copy of the **BPP circular though dated 7 January 2017 but has no reference number and the same was distributed to colony residents only in the first week of February 2017. Readers, do you understand the implication?**

After reading the circular, I now leave it to the reader to judge whether the levy is legal, fair, and equitable to all parties more so as it is an admitted fact that residents are already paying separately for water, security, and property taxes besides service charges of a minimum of Rs. 150/-. Under the present board even the 50% that the earlier board contributed towards repairs has been dispensed with now. Besides the increase is "one size fits all" with no difference as to the size, number of rooms, location, facilities, amenities, in short without application of mind.

Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai in the penultimate para of the Circular dated 7th January 2017, says the "BPP is confident" that the "occupants will willingly agree to the proposed increase " and goes on to clearly state in the last sentence "It is hoped that the occupants in keeping with the tradition of cordial relations, will certainly cooperate in the matter." The very 'willingly agree' and 'co-operate' wording of the circular makes it clear that even the



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Trustees were aware that the increase in service charges for Tenants without their voluntary co-operation was illegal.

Whereas the Chairman Mr. Desai sought voluntary cooperation from his fellow community members, the dictatorial and defacto chairman Kersi Randeria went about enforcing the collection through threats and coercion by giving verbal instructions to the Custodians to not accept rents without Increased service charges.


Arzan Ghadially is right when he says in his email dated July 26, 2020, that " All Custodians in all Baug were instructed to not accept rents without the Rs 750 hike". Thank you Arzan for confirming my contention! If this increase was legal, then where was the need to instruct the Custodians verbally? The same should have been conveyed to the occupants and Custodians too through the circular and the Chairman would not have sought the co-operation of occupants. But doing that would have exposed the BPP, as landlords, to the charge of an increase in Rent which would be illegal and put them at risk of prosecution.

Unfortunately, Mr. Ghadially seems to be more interested in taking credit in championing this cause. I appeal to his good sense that it does not matter who did what. The important issue here is for residents to stay united and assert what is right in their interest and not allow any one single trustee to browbeat his fellow trustees who are sympathetic towards both tenants and Licensees. Even in my suggestions, I have NOT ignored the Licensee.

Where were you Arzan when I first raised this issue vide my email to the trustees dated February 14, 2017? Or were you offered by your mentor that you would be exempted from this payment if you remained silent just as I was offered to withdraw the protest and encash the Khareghat colony flat of my father-in-law when I was invited by Randeria to meet him on a Sunday afternoon at the Farmer Bros Dadar after my emails?

You now write in this email "As an Editor it is your moral responsibility to verify facts before you publish." I am sure you must have read about my accusations when your trustee friend and mentor Randeria surreptitiously and cunningly got his Kaka's flat in the BPP bldg. at Byculla transferred on to his mother's name though she lives

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Ref. No.

7 January 2017

Dear Occupants,

Sub: Service Charges

We, Parsi Irani Zoroastrians, are the beneficiaries of the BPP and Wadia Trusts and consequently enjoy the facility of extremely subsidized housing, whereby the rent paid is often as low as 1/100th the market rent in that area. The BPP and Wadia Trusts even pay 50% of the repairs. Therefore it is only fair that the tenants/ occupants must pay for the utilities they consume like water, common electricity, security, salaries of sweepers, malis, pumpmen and property taxes. Today there is a huge gap of Rs. 3.72 crores per annum between the income from Rent / Service/ Parking Charges and the expenditure on BPP colonies. This excludes the 50% contribution by the BPP / Wadia Trusts towards building repairs.

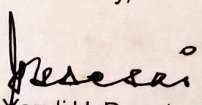
In view of the above, the Bombay Parsi Punchayet is constrained and compelled to increase the service charges with effect from 1st February 2017. The increase is Rs.750/-per month in the existing Service Charges. Even with this increase the BPP will be able to bridge only 65% of the deficit. So annual increases in service charges are an inevitable reality in the future.

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet is confident that comparing the prices of property in the vicinity, the amenities provided and the outgoings to be borne by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet, the occupants will willingly agree to the proposed increase. This increase is coming after 13 years and, hence, if the same is considered on year-on-year basis **it comes to merely Rs.57.69 paise per annum.**

Obviously, this increase is so negligible that it is incomparable with similar service charges prevalent in the neighbourhood of your Colonies. It is hoped that the occupants in keeping with the tradition of cordial relations, will certainly co-operate in the matter.

Good wishes for 2017.

Yours truly,



Yazdi H. Desai
Chairman

with his sister in Godrej Baug then instead wrote a completely scandalous and false article accusing me of wrongdoing on the front page of his paper which boasts "The Truth. Delivered weekly" and lacked both the courtesy and the guts to print my version of facts. Where was your conscience then? I again ask you Arzan, should you not question Randeria for this?

WHY DOES HE NOT SHIFT HIS MOTHER TO HIS PALATIAL DADAR PARSİ COLONY FLAT AND SURRENDER THIS TO BPP TO HOUSE A NEEDY PARSİ AS HE EXPECTS

OTHERS TO DO? To top it he even got his nephew's name added to the Byculla flat though he lives in Godrej Baug, so that the Byculla flat remains in the family to be profited from in future. And all this after becoming a trustee? SO THE WHOLE FAMILY OF MULTI-MILLIONAIRE KERSİ RANDERIA TAKES ADVANTAGE OF CHARITY FLATS.

And Randeria wants me and my family to vacate our flats because we visit our son in Toronto! Double standards by a trustee?

I was compelled to write the facts through the Parsi Junction to inform the community of the double standards of this trustee's shameful acts including denying a meal to a resident of Mahim because I raised the issue. Can anyone, especially Zarthostis who are known for their charity get more mean, vindictive, and shameless that to settle scores with me he would resort to inflicting punishment to an unrelated third party? Randeria did your Parsi times carry this story on the front page just as you published completely twisted and false stories about me and my family?

Coming back to the service charges, it was I who continuously followed up at all levels by having meetings in Colonies, not just Khan Estate as you seem to be concentrating on Godrej Baug alone.

The first time that I came to know of your, Arzan Ghadially's, interest in the issue was when you arrived at the meeting convened by me along with the late Parvez Driver which was attended by more than 50 representatives of Baug/colony association office bearers and activists on April, 9, 2017 at the Albless Baug, **where you expressed no objection but in fact willingness to pay the increase of Rs. 750/ as being justified and tried to persuade others to do so too..**

This meeting was followed up by my several emails and finally, it was the courtesy of Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai that he invited me to submit the names of all those who wanted to meet the board and I was requested to lead that delegation. I do not recollect your name in that list though you did show up at that meeting at the special invitation of your mentor, Kersi Randeria, to assist the Trustees to impose this increase and convince those who were opposing the increase to accept it as being justified. **Thus you were like Randeria's spy to disrupt the agitation and break the unity of the affected Colonies against this illegal levy.**

At this meeting too it soon became very evident that only Randeria would speak to the delegation with hardly any others allowed that privilege. When challenged by activists from Khan Estate as well as Gamadia Colony about the figures in the Income and Expenditure statement of each Colony he was referring to and the need to share these statements with us, he had the audacity to say that they were not signed as there were some likely mistakes by the administration. Not signed even after three months of preparation? Was he trying to

fool the community with likely mistakes and did he expect to get away with that? Speaks very highly of his integrity? The minutes of this meeting were recorded in a Whatsapp message that very night and forwarded by an activist from Khan estate.

I followed this with a meeting I arranged with Noshir Dadrawalla at Gaylords on May 2/3, 2017 when we met along with ex-Chairman Dinshaw Mehta and late Parvez Driver when Noshir was honest enough to admit that this issue needed to be reviewed. In my earlier emails, I have referred to the exchange of the Whatsapp messages between Noshir and me, and Noshir, Kersi and late Zarir who too admitted that he was not present when this was decided and that there was non-application of mind. Noshir thereafter left for his tour of Iran and promised to follow up on his return, which he did but to no avail.

Shameless Randeria even after that kept calling me and succeeded in fixing a meeting with me at Mahim on a Sunday evening when I refused to come to Dadar. And that Sunday, May 7, which I thought was his birthday, was, in fact, his Wedding anniversary when he took time off from his family to again try and persuade me to accept his offer of a complete waiver of service charges on all the flats of mine, plus the 50% share from the sale proceeds of the Khareghat flat of my in-laws as well as my Mahim flats, and ventured to suggest that I move and settle down in Toronto with my family and take care of my health. He in his PT of June 27, 2020 claims that I tried to bribe him! In what way may I ask and did he come to Mahim to collect that bribe which is even worse? A sitting trustee coming to Mahim to collect a bribe from a resident of a Mahim Colony. Though the photo in my possession does show a guilty Randeria!

Because he tried to persuade me and silence me with his offers in private, I insisted on him meeting me in the presence of Noshir and Zarir, from his own panel of contestants and repeat them which he did. Today he must be feeling pretty stupid to have agreed. We met on May, 25 or 26, 2017 at the Grand Maratha in Lal Baug at 8.30 am when he repeated his offers in their presence and even cited the example of a retired ACP from Andheri who had accepted the offer. When I again questioned about the needy and deserving cases Randeria then said that I should write a letter in PT, informing that since I had to proceed to Canada for my rehab program after my heart surgery, I had a meeting with

some trustees and it was decided that those wanting a reduction or subsidy would have to apply in a format prepared by me and this letter was published in the PT of Saturday, May, 26, 2017. A few cases which found favor with Randeria were given a subsidy while others were denied.

In August 2017, when Zarir was absent and Muncherji Cama was not allowed to attend by the majority Trustees; Noshir, Armaity, and Viraf passed a Resolution to reduce the increase to Rs. 400/ from 750/ by 3:2 majority but once again the Defacto Chairman, Kersi Randeria, instructed the administration not to implement this reduction and in the next meeting when Zarir was present, the decision was reversed with the casting vote of the Chairman.

Due to my heart problems and surgery being done in Canada, I was flying in and out repeatedly and hence was not able to concentrate on the issue of extra service charges.

It is incorrect to say that I had not suggested any solution. Even the latest exchange of emails demonstrate that I have made constructive solutions so that the BPP does not face a situation of refunds by suggesting that the increase could be reduced prospectively and payment should be voluntary without the diktat of non-acceptance of rents.

From the above it can be seen that I have been following up this issue at the risk of my personal health, reputation, and that of my family.

And for the record, my family and I have again sent the payment cheques for all rents and legally payable dues, but not the increased service charges, amounting to Rs.1,21,848/- under cover of our letters dated July 15, immediately after the resumption of postal services and which has been delivered at the BPP office on July 21, 2020, but to date, the rent cheques have not been encashed.

Arzan, as one senior in age a piece of advice: It is better to stand on one's own strong feet with one's head held high than to depend and stoop before a shameless, an egoistic selfish person who is only interested in promoting his own ego. You will realize this soon as many of his erstwhile associates have learnt only because they trusted him and mistakenly thought that he was an honest person.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

WE HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER SENT BY A RESIDENT OF KHAN ESTATE TO THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OVER A MONTH BACK COMPLAINING OF USELESS SECURITY OFFERED BY BPP HIGHLY PAID PERMANENT EMPLOYEES.

SINCE BPP IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE PROPER SECURITY TO KHAN ESTATE INSPITE OF RESIDENTS PAYING ADEQUATE SECURITY CHARGES, THEN IT IS ONLY FAIR TO APPOINT

AN AD-HOC SECURITY COMMITTEE AND HAND OVER THE COLLECTED SECURITY CHARGES AND LET THEM HANDLE THEIR OWN SECURITY.

IN ALL BPP COLONIES AS WELL AS WADIA BAUGS, SECURITY PAYMENT IS SHARED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE BPP AND RESIDENTS. TO ILL TREAT THE WHOLE COLONY FOR THE WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN A TRUSTEE AND A RESIDENT IS NOT FAIR TO THE COLONY RESIDENTS.

CYRUS BHARUCHA OF KHAN ESTATE COMPLAINS ABOUT NON-PAYMENT TO SECURITY THOUGH MONEY COLLECTED FROM RESIDENTS

To,
Mrs Armaity Tirandaz (Acting Chairman
Trustee)
Bombay Parsi Panchayet Funds and
Properties,
For, Mumbai 400 001

Respected Madam,

**Subject: Security of our Khan Estate
Colony at Mahim.**

I am Cyrus R. Bharucha of Mehta Building, Khan Estate, Mahim. At the onset, let me clarify myself. I do not favour or belong to any of the groups of the Colony. Like most of the tenants, I am a very peace loving and co-operative tenant, who is grateful to the BPP for the roof over my head & believes in staying on the right side of the law and not causing any inconvenience to those in authority. I have always, whenever approached, assisted the Custodians in the smooth working of the systems getting incorporated from time to time. This letter may please be considered as a synopsis of a long story cut short. Please do go through it patiently and give it a thought. **This is after a futile effort of having approached all the Trustees earlier, knowing well that our pleas have fallen on deaf ears.**

Our Colony has been facing a problem of Security Guards since the past 20 months or so. There was a very smooth functioning Security Committee formed by the colony residents and was carrying out their work efficiently for 10 long years, until a few anti-social elements interfered showing authority uncalled for and that's when the trouble started. The members of the Committee got much troubled and resigned in due course. Thereafter, the Security is handled by the BPP office and the salaries of our Guards are not paid on

time by the Contractor, under whom they are enrolled.

We had a squad of 4 Guards working for 12 hours in pairs w/o any weekly offs or other benefits of leave or extra remunerations besides their monthly salary of Rs. 8,500/- per month. Due to their salaries not being paid on time, two of the Guards left the job and we were left with only two. These two Guards viz. Kayum and Wasim, have been with us for over 10 years and have their credentials verified by the police since the time that they have been employed.

When we requested the BPP for another 2 Guards to cover the shortfall, the BPP sent us 3 of their regular Guards from their squad working at the Doongerwadi and also decided to terminate the services of our existing Guards saying they do not come under the BPP umbrella as no Contractor was willing to absorb them. **The new Guards deputed by the BPP are your permanent employees and thus enjoy all the perks and benefits of paid leaves and Public Holidays as well as their weekly offs. On the days they have their offs or their rightful leaves, or proceed on PL, our colony is left w/o any security for either the entire period, a full day or for one full shift. Moreover, there is one major bone of discontentment and that is lack of toilet facility in our Colony.** Initially the Custodian Mr. Faroukh Bharucha and Mr. Kurush Randeria convinced them that this will be looked into but it's over a year now and so far nothing seems to have moved. The Guards themselves have been assured by their Union Office that there will be toilets for them soon. Whenever we approach the Custodian with any of our grievances, we get a standard reply that we should give our problem in writing. Having done that, the

follow-up is meted with another standard reply that we have done our bit now it's for the Trustees to reply. If they don't reply, you speak to them directly. So we are snubbed and made to stay quiet.

The present 3 Guards, are M/s Chandrakant Sawant (the smart, work to rule and a self styled leader), Sudhir Dhabholkar (folk driven with no brains of his own) and Tulsidas Haryanvi (a loner). Of the 3, Tulsidas refused to attend third shift citing his back problem and not being able to squat in the toilet at Contractor Baug. He was accommodated for quite sometime by Sudhir alone and subsequently got transferred to Contractor Baug and we were given Tejas (an absolute good for nothing guy, who dwells more in his cell, than things happening around).

Initially these guards were made to sign at my place at the behest of the Custodian. They used to hang their bags and clothes on the gates at the entrance of the building which was objected to by the building tenants. They were offered a place along the corridor of J.J. Building to keep their belongings and their clothes to which they refused. It was a place with a proper grill and a lock. Then, one fine day the Guards told the Custodian that they will change their clothes and sign at the Contractor Baug Office. **This was the day from when errands to the Contractor Baug became a regular feature. This somehow went on with these hiccups and we getting troubled by their stupid and erratic work culture of frequent errands to Contractor Baug for toilet breaks, lunch break and reporting late and leaving early on the pretext of signing 'in' and 'out' there. This went on till March 2020.**

Come the period after the lockdown, things have taken an ugly turn. The BPP Guards on resuming in June 2020, refused to do 3rd shift, (instigated by Chandrakant Sawant), on the pretext of no toilets in the Colony and leaving at 9pm instead of 11pm in 2nd shift due to curfew at night. This has been in connivance with the Custodians. **The BPP has been kind enough to provide the Guards with an accommodation at Contractor Baug to enable them to report to work daily. This instead of a boon has become a nuisance to us. Chandrakant who comes all the way from Godrej Baug side, signs before 7am but walks in at Khan Estate only after 7:30am, this is followed by 2 toilet breaks of 30 minutes each b/w 9am and 3pm, a lunch break of 1 hour from 12:30pm to 1:30pm and a final walk out b/w 2:30 and 2:45pm to change and sign out at Contractor Baug. Of the 8 hours duty, the Guard is missing from his place of work for 3 hours. Had he been working for a factory on the production line, would this attitude be tolerated? The same is the pattern of the guy in the 2nd shift, with an additional facility of him walking away at 9pm because of curfew. It may be noted that he is not going to travel more than half a kilometre from Khan Estate to Contractor Baug. With authorised permission, those returning home from duty in 2nd shift are never questioned. All this is happening with the blessings of the Custodians who are playing second fiddle to these Guards. We are lucky to have our old Guard Wasim who has been doing 3rd shift ever since he has resumed from his leave in 2019.**

The lethargy of these guards was very vivid when an untoward incident took place on the 23rd June 2020, at 7pm under the very nose of the 2 guards Sudhir and Tejas for which no action has been taken or even an enquiry made by the Custodians. The entire incident has been captured by me on my CCTV where both the guards were seen watching the strangers enter the colony on a mobike, go up the Mehta Building, complete their task and leave. This was brought to the notice of the Trustees by a letter from me, dated 26th June 2020. No action seems to have been taken by them either. I am attaching a scanned copy of the letter sent to your office by me with regards the same. This would not have been brought to light, had it not been for our faithful old Guard Wasim who happened to come there though a little late.

Tejas who was earlier a pump operator at Contractor Baug and has been given to our colony as a replacement for Tulsidas, is not at all interested in his assignment as a Guard. He positions himself in a chair at the entrance of Mehta Building and does not move an inch from there except for his designated toilet and dinner breaks. The colony in his regime becomes a thoroughfare as no one entering or leaving the colony is questioned. He is presently proceeding on a long leave again. Our old pumpman Sajid who is with the BPP on extended service mans the Colony but that too is upto 10pm when his duty hours are over and he leaves.

Once during a casual chat with Chandrakant, I commented on their erratic behaviour and the reply I got was "We will now work like this only. If our toilet and cabin requirements are not attended, this is what we will do. Come what may, w/o a toilet we will not work in the 3rd shift. You are free to report this to the BPP".

Madame, we have never raised our concerns so far but now things are really becoming extremely bad. We are regular with our payments of Security Charges but there is no Security of any sort provided to us and we are feeling the pinch. Our Colony comprises of 90% Senior Citizens and it is imperative that we get the type of Security we expect. The wall height is extremely low all around and can be easily scaled by a 10 year old. Also, there are no CCTV cameras to act as a deterrent. The Mahim police have taken note of this when they visit the Colony at night on their regular beat rounds and have intimated your office vide a letter to increase the wall height and also fit CCTV cameras .

I believe there is a lot of bickering going on among a Trustee and one of the resident of the Colony for which we and our poor guards Wasim and Kayum are suffering. All we ask for is 2 more guards willing to work for 12 hours like our earlier ones under a good Contractor and take the BPP guards away as they are more of a liability than of any use to us. Their physical presence would have been of use to us if they are to be found at their place of work but here, they are away for most of the time and attacks by anti-social elements will be timed accordingly.

Would not have troubled you had our phone calls been received and answered by Ms Shernaz Khambatta (the Dy CEO). She

simply refuses to offer any help in this regard. I had once visited her at your office for a discussion on this subject but to no avail. The Custodians have raised their hands as far as the Security matters are concerned and say that we contact Madam Khambatta for it all. Would also like to bring to your

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During this unprecedented time, as a leader, what new flavor of leadership have you allowed your flock of sheep to enjoy? Would love to hear your thoughts.

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Dadabhoy Naoroji
As well Madam Cama
Hadh't fought for freedom
Some you would not
Had the pleasure
Of practicing
Your principles of
Racism Discrimination
Bigotry as well Segregation
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Of this miniscule
Zarathoshti Community

If you think you
Are going to win
This race then you
Have misjudged
Ahura Mazda's
Will power and grace

Next time when a
Pandemic or some
kind of virus hits humanity
Do not go crying
Beg & plead for his mercy
Or by doing humbandagis
Lighting Divos at agiaries

He too can be deaf ears
No amount of pleading
Even when one
Is on bended knees
Will ever change His mind
So respect his
Pristine Teachings
That is meant
For all human kind
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Farida
Ps Feed back please

notice in advance that all the 3 guards will be proceeding to their native place during the Ganesh festival next month. Then once again our colony will be at the mercy of none other than our faithful old guard, Wasim during the night and at the mercy of God during the day.

I still guarantee you that things will run smooth with another 2 guards for 12 hrs each in addition to our Kayum and Wasim under a responsible Contractor with the

BPP like in all other Colonies. These two faithful men have served us for over 10 years without any reason for complaint. It's just that some personal vengeance of parties with vested interest that is putting a spoke in the smooth functioning of the Colony's Security. Also a toilet block constructed within the colony will help in further smoothening the process. I am sure you will agree that it is more of a necessity at any place of work.

Hope you will give our request a patient reading and some concrete steps will be taken by you with regards to getting some discipline among the workforce and their legitimate demand. You may call on me for a discussion or for any assistance you may need.

Regards,

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